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AN
ETYMOLOGICAL DICTIONARY
OF
MODERN ENGLISH

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Each language alters the by occasion
Of traf which, causi g mutuall commutation
Of th earths and Oce nt wares, w th h rdy lack
Doth words for words barter each nge and i tru k:
Or elue beca e f m-th r t i g w th, that toyl
In gol len termes to trick thal gr iou tie
With new found be ttes praik e ch e r mstance
Or (at the les t) one n w e ynd w l lance
W th currant freedom and agn e r sto e
Th oyl, rusy mould worme gna ne worl fyore
(Sylvester *Bahy/w*)

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ELSI, 'What's that, Daddy?' FATHER, 'A cow.' ELSE, 'Why?'
(*Pm*, Jan 17, 1906)

SPORING OLD PARSON, 'I didn't ask you what a "yorker" was,—
(*with dignity*)—I know that as well as you do. But why is it
called a "yorker"?'

PROFESSIONAL PLAYER, 'Well, I can't say, sir. I don't know what
else you could call it.'
(*u* Sept 23, 1882)

PREFACE

THIS DICTIONARY is offered to those lovers of our language who without wishing to stumble about in the dim regions which produce prehistoric roots and conjectural primitive-Teutonic word forms have an educated interest in words and an intelligent curiosity as to their origins and earlier senses. That is to say it is meant for the class whose feeling for words is intermediate between the two extreme attitudes illustrated on the opposite page. It represents the results of etymological studies which may be said to have begun when the author having reached the disyllabic stage of culture acquired the habit of theorizing about words and worrying his elders with unanswerable questions. In form and scope it attempts to supply the help which many word lovers as distinct from philological experts are still seeking. In the course of time it has gone through several metamorphoses. Conceived many years ago as a glossary of curious etymologies an offshoot of which was the author's *Romance of Words* (1912) it has gradually grown in the same unintentional way as Topsy until it has become from the point of view of vocabulary the most complete Etymological Dictionary in existence. It may seem presumptuous for one who is by trade a student of foreign languages to essay the task of compiling a dictionary of his own but the extenuating circumstance may be urged that the central Anglo-Saxon patch which is the nucleus of Modern English has been so long and so thoroughly worked by competent hands that not much remains to be done at any rate from the unambitious point of view of the present writer. On the other hand the huge and ever growing foreign accretions can perhaps be not unprofitably investigated by one whose philological studies have been largely out of English.

Indeed one of the forms through which this book has passed was that of an *Etymological Glossary of the foreign elements in the language*. This glossary was to have excluded not only the native element but also all those words of Latin origin which as Skinner say non-obscure Romanum redolent prosapiam. But reflecting that after all most people's Latin has a way of getting rusty and that at no distant date a Soviet Board of Education may send Latin to join Greek in the limbo of useless studies the author decided to rope in all the Latin words as being likely to have at least an antiquarian interest for the rising generation. The difficult problem of demarcating strictly the native element from the early Scandinavian and Low German contributions was solved or rather dodged by the final decision to include everything both native and foreign. The author thus finds that he has produced something much more ambitious than he originally intended. He can only plead like Jo that he didn't go far to do it.

The vocabulary dealt with is, roughly speaking, that of the "Concise Oxford Dictionary" (1911), collated, during the printing of the book with that of Cassell's "New English Dictionary" (1910). These two marvels of completeness and compression include, however, a great number of scientific and technical words which can hardly be regarded as forming part of the English language, while omitting, either by accident or design, others which, in my opinion, have acquired civic right. As our language grows with the same majestic and unnoticed progress as our empire, it results that every dictionary is, strictly speaking, out of date within a month of its publication, and many words will be found here which are not recorded in either of the above compilations.

I have included the whole of the literary and colloquial vocabulary, so far as the former is not purely archaic and the latter not purely technical or local. In the matter of archaisms some economy has been extended to Scott, whose picturesque, too often shrim-antique, vocabulary made the author a word-hunter before his age had got into double figure. A certain number of Shakespearean words which still re-echo more or less unintelligibly in phrases to which Shakespeare gave currency are also included. Many slang words and expressions hitherto passed over by etymologists are here historically explained. In the past the slang of one generation has often become the literary language of the next, and the manners which distinguish contemporary life suggest that this will be still more frequently the case in the future.

In the matter of "scientific" terms, often coined with complete indifference to linguistic laws and the real meanings of words, I have made it a rule to exclude everything which the "New English Dictionary" quotes only from technical treatises and dictionaries. But, as almost all the elements from which such terms are composed are found in more familiar words, the intelligent reader will have no difficulty in finding enlightenment; e.g. anyone who has not enough Greek to interpret *photomicrography* has only to look up *photo-*, *micro-*, *graph-*, and the search will do him no harm. Here again, it is impossible to predict what words may be promoted from Algebra to English in the course of the next few years. A European war may familiarize the public with unimagined lethal products of Kultur, just as a comic opera plot against a Prime Minister may turn the name of an obscure Indian poison into a temporary household word. On the whole it will be found that I have leaned rather towards inclusion than exclusion, though neologisms of Greek origin are bunched together as concisely as possible wherever the alphabetical order allows of this being done.

Foreign words are included, if, though still sufficiently "foreign" to be usually printed in italics, they are likely to occur in reading and in educated conversation; and their etymology is traced as fully as that of the other words, i.e. just as far back as the ground seems firm and the author believes himself a competent guide. Among such foreign words are many neologisms due to the Great War, a certain number of which may successfully resist that demobilization of the war-words which is now actively proceeding. The more

recondite foreign technicalities of war have been avoided but the Anglo-Indian vocabulary of the British army much of which is already to be found in the works of Mr Kipling and other Anglo-Indian writers has been drawn upon freely. Purely Latin words and phrases are usually explained without comment. Latin etymology except where it rests on quite sure foundations or shows interesting parallels with our own language being outside the scope of this work.

As a rule the proper name is only admitted to the etymological dictionary when it has attained the small initial. This seems rather an artificial distinction and one not always easy to establish. My own interest in the etymology of personal names and my conviction that the part they have played in the creation of our vocabulary is not yet realized by etymologists have led me to include here a much larger proportion of them than is usually found in etymological dictionaries. The boundary line between names and words is hardly real. It is constantly being crossed before our eyes as it has been crossed throughout the history of language and I cannot see why *Guy Fawkes* should be admitted to the dictionary as *guy* while *Tommy Atkins* remains outside. It will be found that I have proposed personal name origins for many of the hitherto unsolved problems of etymology and that in general I have brought the two classes of words into closer connection than earlier etymologists. In the case of derivatives of proper names I have omitted the obvious (*Dantesque Mosaic Shakespearean* etc.) but included the less familiar.

The word etymology is used here in a wider if shallower sense than in previous etymological dictionaries. These usually limit themselves to answering the question 'Whence?' It has always seemed to the author that the living word is of more interest than its protoplasm and that 'Whence?' is only part of the problem the real solution of which involves also answering the questions 'How?' 'What?' 'Why?' and even occasionally 'Who?'

Few people at least of those who care for words need the help of a dictionary to elucidate *agnostic*¹ or *demarcation* but many may be interested to learn that we owe the first to Huxley and the second to a Papal bull of 1493. Nor is it at first sight apparent why a large furniture van should bear a Greek name signifying a collection of all the art.

In the matter of etymology strictly speaking the method has been as follows. For the small nucleus of Aryan words the parallel forms are given from the other languages Teutonic and Romance together with some indication of the existence of the word in Celtic and Slavonic, Persian and Sanskrit. It is in dealing with this small group that the author has felt most out of his depth and inclined to be apologetic especially for inconsistencies in transliteration. Words of Common Teutonic origin are accompanied by the Dutch (German Old Norse and (if recorded) Gothic forms while for West Germanic words the Dutch and German cognates are given. The classification of the Anglo-Saxon and

¹ Though the etymology from Latin *agere* has been ascribed to more than one eminent man.

Scandinavian element into these three groups (Aryan, Common Teutonic, West Germanic) is not a simple matter, and no doubt some errors will be found

For words from Old or Modern French, or from the other Romance languages, I give the Latin original¹, tracing this a little further back when it can be done with certainty. The parallel French, Italian and Spanish forms are usually given, and sometimes those of other Romance languages. It is well known that nouns and adjectives of these languages are usually derived from the Latin accusative case. It seemed unnecessary to repeat this information for every word, the more so as both cases would often give the same result, e.g. Old French *maistre* represents Latin *magister* as well as *magistrum*, while *pater* and *patrem* would both produce *père*. I have usually, for simplicity, given the nominative, showing the stem of imparisyllabics, e.g. *custom*, OF *coustume* (*coutume*), L *consuetudo*, *-tudin-*. For words adopted early from French the Modern French

form is given when it does not differ essentially from Old French. Where the citation of the Old French form seems desirable², its current representative is added in brackets, and the same course is followed for the other modern European languages. Everybody knows that our words of French origin are chiefly from Old French, and it is just as simple and true to say that English *dame* is French *dame* as to insist on the "Old"

In cases where it seems of interest the approximate date of appearance in the language is given for foreign words, as also for many apparently native words which are not recorded until the Middle English period or later. But it must be understood that such dates, usually based on the quotations of the "New English Dictionary," are subject to revision. The actual written record of a word is largely a matter of accident, and the author's researches into the history of surnames have revealed the fact that hundreds of words and compounds are some centuries older than their first appearance in literature. Also, during the progress of the "New English Dictionary," numerous documents have been published which carry back the history of many words far beyond the dates which were known a few years ago. I have occasionally called attention to such cases. I have also tried to show how or why certain foreign words were introduced into the language, or what writers may be regarded as having coined, or given currency to, a new word or to an old word used in a new sense. Sometimes the honour belongs to a forgotten scribbler, but Shakespeare's share in such creations is enormous.

No definitions are given, except the brief indications which are needed to distinguish homonyms or to suggest the region of ideas to which an unfamiliar word belongs. I learn from the "New English Dictionary" that to *kiss* is "to press or touch with the lips (at the same time compressing and

¹ Throughout the Dictionary the word "from" is used to indicate a connection which does not amount to exact phonetic equivalence, e.g. *poplar*, OF *poplier* (*peuplier*), from L *pōpulus*.

² Where the English word is identical with the Old French the latter is not repeated, e.g. *haste*, OF (*hâte*).

(then separating them) in token of affection or greeting or as an act of reverence and from Skeat that *twenty* is twice ten. So much knowledge I ask every reader to possess. On the other hand I have tried to trace the meanings of each word as well as its form to account for or at least indicate the various directions which the sense has taken and to explain the chief figurative uses and the process by which they have become part of the living language passing over of course all that is obvious to average intelligence. Hence this Dictionary includes in a way a dictionary of phrases. This has involved a very rigid system of selection. To deal fully with the phraseology connected with any common verb would be an enormous task. This may be illustrated by the fact that the New English Dictionary recognizes fifty different senses for the locution to *take up* which again is only an item in the mammoth article devoted to the verb to *take*. But it seemed possible within reasonable limits to supply an answer to a question addressed to the author much more frequently than any of those mentioned on p vii viz. Why do we say? I have seldom touched on proverbs the common inheritance of the nations though expressed in a notation which varies according to national history tradition pursuits and characteristics. All of us constantly use phrases which starting from some great or perhaps small writer or orator have become an inseparable element of colloquial English but which we often find it hard to localize. These reminiscences I have tried to run to earth without however aspiring to furnish a complete dictionary of popular misquotations. It will be noticed that a very large number of such expressions belong to the vocabulary of sport¹ and still more of them perhaps to that of the sea the Englishman's second language. Among my authorities (p xx) and sources for quotations (ib) nautical literature accordingly holds a large place. I am aware that all this is not usually regarded as etymology but I see no reason why it should not be. A reader who is left cold by the words *bean* and *feast* may be interested in their collocation most of us use habitually the expression *foregone conclusion* in a sense remote from that intended by its coiner and the current sense of *psychological moment* is altogether different from its original use.

It will be seen from what precedes that this Dictionary whatever its defects or merits is something of a new departure. In some respects it accidentally resembles no doubt *longo intervallo* the German edition of Falk and Torp's Etymologisk Ordbog over det Norske og det Danske Sprog from which however it differs by the modesty of its philological ambition and by the inclusion of quotations. It has always seemed to the compiler that a dictionary without quotations is too unrelieved in its austerity. Those included here range chronologically from the Venerable Bede to Mr Horatio Bottomley and represent the results of nearly fifty years omnivorous reading stored away in a rather retentive memory. Some are given to prove the early occurrence of a word

United States metaphor is more often expressed in terms of the backwoods the mine and the railway

others to illustrate an interesting phase of meaning or an obsolete pronunciation, others again as *loci classici* or for their historic interest, and a few no doubt because their quaintness appealed to the compiler. Some are given with only vague reference, having been noted for private satisfaction at a time when the project of a dictionary had not been formed. For many I am indebted to the "New English Dictionary," though coincidence does not by any means always

indicate borrowing. On p. xx will be found a list of works specially read or re-read for the purpose of the Dictionary, the reason for their

selection being, I think, fairly obvious. I have made much use of the Bible translations, from the Anglo-Saxon Gospels to the Authorized Version, which have so strongly influenced the vocabulary and phrasing of modern English, and also of the medieval and 16-17 century Latin-English dictionaries, so valuable for the light they throw on the contemporary meanings of words. It did not seem desirable to add to the already too great bulk of the Dictionary by giving a list of all works quoted. Such a list would be almost a catalogue of English literature, with the addition of a very large number of non-literary sources, such as early collections of letters, private diaries, household accounts, wills and inventories, state papers, documents dealing with local administration, and most of the early travel records published by the Hakluyt Society. Matter of this kind, constantly published by antiquarian societies and by the Government, supplies a linguistic Tom Tiddler's Ground for the word-hunter. All quotations are given unaltered, except that *u* and *v*, *i* and *j* are distinguished, and *th*, *g* (or *y*) substituted for obsolete Anglo-Saxon and Middle English symbols¹. From c. 1600 (Shakespeare and Authorized Version) modernized spelling is usual, but this depends usually on the edition consulted. Occasionally (e.g. *cozen*) the original Shakespearean spelling is given for etymological reasons.

There are at present two schools of etymologists, the phonetic and the semantic. The former devote themselves to the mechanical explanation of speech-sounds and believe that "the laws of sound-change admit of no exceptions." The latter are guided in their investigations by the parallelisms and contrasts to be observed in sense-development in different languages. The present writer belongs, in his humble way, to the second school. He has every respect for the laws of phonetics, a science which has, within the last forty years, transformed the methods of the qualified etymologist, but he is at one with the greatest representative of the semantic school in declining to regard these laws as though they had been delivered to mankind on Mount Sinai. So it will be found that the minutiae of phonetics occupy little space in this Dictionary, and that occasionally, though with a caveat, etymologies are proposed which actually run counter to phonetic theory. A good many accidents happen to words in the course of their lives, and individual fancy is not without influence. Phonetics will explain general laws, but can hardly tell us by what

¹ Foreign symbols, other than Greek, are replaced throughout by transliteration into English letters. Such transliteration is necessarily sometimes of a rough and ready character.

press the schoolboy converts *smile* into *ser* how *bicycle* becomes *bike* or why the *Prize of Wales* should be known to his Oxford intimates as the *Prigzer Waler*. It is possible to recognize the great debt that etymology owes to the phonetician without necessarily regarding the study of the velps and grunts of primitive man or his arboreal ancestors as the be all and end all of linguistic science.

The chief authority used in this compilation is of course the *New English Dictionary* the noblest monument ever reared to any language. ^{Authorities} But in the nearly forty years that have elapsed since the inception of that great national work and largely as a result of it inspiration a great deal of good etymological work has been done and new sources of information have been opened. It will consequently be found that the etymologies given here sometimes differ from or modify those put forward by the *New English Dictionary* and uncritically repeated by other compilation. Besides the dictionaries recognized as more or less authoritative enumerated on p. xvii I have had as mine of new knowledge many essays and monographs by eminent continental scholars together with the numerous philological periodicals published in Europe and America. I have worked through all of these so far as they touch immediately or remotely on English etymology and venture to hope that not much of real importance has escaped me. No should I omit to mention a a store house of curious lore our own *Notes and Queries*. Considerations of space have limited the list of authorities (pp. xvii-xx) to the essential tools with which I have worked day by day but no reputable source of information has remained unconsulted. As a rule authorities are not quoted except for an occasional reference to the views of the *New English Dictionary* or in disputed etymologies of Skeat. In some few very ticklish cases I have sheltered myself behind the great name of Friedrich Kluge my sometime chief and teacher and in dealing with the strange exotics which come to us from the barbarian fringe I have now and then invoked the authority of my old schoolfellow James Platt whose untimely death in 1910 deprived philology of the greatest linguistic genius of modern times.

The various preliminary drifts and the final shaping of this Dictionary having extended over many years it is inevitable that there should be some unevenness not to say inconsistency and needless repetition in the final performance. There are moods in which conciseness seems most desirable and others in which the temptation to be discursive gets the upper hand. My own impression is that the book improves as it goes on. The kind of shorthand which has to be used in compressing so vast a matter into one moderate sized volume must lead to occasional obscurity but I hope and believe that this has tended to diminish with the progress of the work. Scaliger compares the lexicographer with the convict—

Si quem dura manet sententia iudicis olim
 Damnatum aerumnis supplicisque capat
 Hunc neque fabrillassent errastula massa
 Nec rigidas vexent fossa metalli manus
 Lexica context, nam cetera qui moror? Omnes
 Poenarum facies hic labor unus habet

This is too gloomy a picture. There are, in dictionary-making, desolate patches, especially those that are overgrown with the pestilent weeds of pseudo-scientific nomenclature. There are also moments when the lexicographer, solemnly deriving words from Aztec, Maori or Telugu, languages of which he knows no more than the man in the moon, is more conscious than usual of being a fraud. But, as far as this book is concerned, the greater part of the work of compilation has been a labour of love, the end of which had in it as much of regret as of relief.

There remains to me the pleasant duty of expressing my thanks to the learned friends and confrères who have assisted me in watching over the Dictionary in its progress through the press. The compiler of a work of this kind must inevitably take much at second-hand and deal with many subjects of which his own knowledge is superficial or non-existent. Thus he is bound occasionally to give himself away badly unless his work is criticized by specialists in the various branches of linguistic science. It is not without a shudder that the author recalls certain precepts from which he was kindly but firmly pulled back by helpers more learned than himself. Professor Allen Mawer, of the Armstrong College, Newcastle, has most kindly read the whole work in proof and emended it from the point of view of the scientific Anglist. His assistance has been invaluable. My friend and Cambridge contemporary, the late Dr E. C. Quiggin, had undertaken to verify all Celtic forms and etymologies but he had only read the first few sheets when his tragically sudden death robbed me of his help and the learned world of a scholar of rare attainments. Professor T. H. Parry-Williams, of Aberystwyth, at once responded to my invitation to replace Dr Quiggin and has untiringly given me the help of his specialist knowledge throughout. Professor Edward Bensly, formerly of Aberystwyth, has read the whole of the proofs. Readers of "Notes and Queries" will readily understand that no words can express what the Dictionary owes to his vast and curious erudition. My colleague, Mr E. P. Barker, has acted especially as classical corrector. He has called my attention to many points of Latin and Greek etymology, and in collaboration with Professor Bensly and the reader of the Cambridge University Press, will, I trust, have gone far to create the illusion that the compiler of this Dictionary really knows something about Greek accents. In dealing with Slavonic words I have always had at my service the remarkable linguistic knowledge of my colleague, Mr Janko Lavrin. Practically all my scientific confrères at Nottingham have been occasionally pestered by me with inquiries as to the words specifically associated with their barbarous pursuits. Professor E. H. Parker, of Manchester, has enlightened me as to the origin of a few Chinese expressions, and Dr J. Rendel Harris has advised me on the transliteration of some Semitic words. It would no doubt have been better for the Dictionary if I had had the audacity to trouble these two high authorities more frequently. My especial thanks are due to my colleague, Mr R. M. Hewitt, who has not only given me his assistance in many languages of which I know little or nothing, but has also taken the keenest interest in my work from the beginning of its final shaping and has made to it contributions which amount to collabora-

tion. The later sheets have had the advantage of being read by Professor Paul Barbier of Leeds whose authority on European fish names is unique. To all these distinguished scholars some of whom I have never seen in the flesh and all of whom would probably regard an eight hour day as approximating to the existence of the Lotus eaters I offer my most sincere thanks for the help so generously and untiringly given together with my apologies for such blunders as may be due to my ineptitude in applying their learning. Finally I have to acknowledge the very great debt I owe to the care and accuracy of Mr W. H. Swift reader to the Cambridge University Press.

Although this Dictionary is intended chiefly for the educated man (and woman) in the street or as Blount puts it for the more knowing women and less knowing men it may also conceivably fall into the hands of scholars in this country or abroad. I need not say that criticisms and suggestions from such will be welcome to the author. If some of the more austere are scandalized by an occasional tone of levity most unbecoming in such a work I would remind them that its production has coincided with the sombre tragedy of the War and the sordid tragedy of the Peace and that even a lexicographer may sometimes say with Figaro *Je me presse de rire de tout de peur d'être obligé d'en pleurer*.

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ABBREVIATIONS

abbrev abbreviation

abl ablative

abstr abstract

acc accusative

act active

adj adjective

adv adverb-ial-ly

aeron aeronautics

AF Anglo-French

Afr Africa-n

agent agential

AL Anglo-Latin

alch alchemy

Alp Alpine

Amer America-n

anat anatomy

Anglo-Ind Anglo-Indian

Anglo-Ir Anglo-Irish

antiq antiquarian

aphet aphetic

app apparently

Arab Arabic

Aram Aramaic

arch architecture

archaeol archaeology

Armen Armenian

art article

AS Anglo-Saxon

AS Gosp Anglo-Saxon Gospels (see p ㄨㄨ)

assim assimilation

Assyr Assyrian

astrol astrology

astron astronomy

attrib attributive

augment augmentative

Austr Austrian

Austral Australia-n

auxil auxiliary

AV Authorized Version of Bible

Bav Bavarian

Bibl Biblical

bibl bibliography

biol biology

Boh Bohemian

bot botany

Bret Breton

Brit British

build building

Bulg Bulgarian

Byz Byzantine

c *circa*=about

Camb Cambridge

Canad Canadian

carpent carpentry

Cath Angl Catholicon Anglicum (see p ㄨㄨㄨ)

Celt Celtic

cent century

cf *confer*=compare

Chauc Chaucer (see p ㄨㄨ)

chem chemistry

Chin Chinese

Chron Chronicle

class classical

cogn cognate

collect collective

colloq colloquial-ly

commerc commercial

compar comparative

compd compound

Com Teut Common Teutonic

conj conjunction

contemp contemporary

contr contraction

cook cookery

Coop Cooper (see p ㄨㄨㄨ)

Corn Cornish

corrupt corruption

Cotg Cotgrave (see p ㄨㄨ)

crim criminal

Croat Croatian

Coverd Coverdale (see p ㄨㄨ)

Cumb Cumberland

Dan Danish

dat dative

def definite

demonstr demonstrative

Dev Devonshire

dial dialect

Dict Dictionary

Dict Cant Crew Dictionary of the Canting

Crew (see p ㄨㄨ)

Dict Gén Dictionnaire Général (see p ㄨㄨ)

dim diminutive

dissim dissimulation

Du Dutch

Duc Du Cange (see p ㄨㄨㄨ)

E East

EAngl East Anglia-n

eccl ecclesiastical

econ economics

EDD English Dialect Dictionary (see p ㄨㄨ)

EFris East Frisian

e.g. *exempli gratia*=for instance

Egypt Egyptian

EInd East India-n

electr electricity

ellipt elliptical-ly

eng engineering

entom entomology

equit equitation

erron erroneous-ly

esp especial-ly

Est Estienne (see p ㄨㄨㄨ)

ethn ethnology

etym etymology, etymological-ly

euph euphemism, euphemistic

Europ European

exc except

F French

facet facetious

Falc Falconer (see p ㄨㄨ)

falc falconry

f, fem feminine

fenc fencing

feud feudal-ism

fig figurative-ly

financ financial

fl *floruit*=flourished

Flem Flemish

Flor Florio (see p xix)
folk-etyrn folk-etymology
fort fortification
frequent frequentative
Fris. Frisian
fut future

G Greek
Gael. Gaelic
gard gardening
gen. generally
Gent. Dict. Gentleman's Dictionary (see p xx)
geog. geography
geol. geology
geom. geometry
Ger. German
gerund. gerundive
Godef. Godefroy (see p xviii)
Goth. Gothic
gram. grammar

Hakl. Hakluyt (see p xx)
Hall. Hall's (see p xii)
Heb. Hebrew
her. heraldry
Hind. Hindi
hist. history historical
H. of C. House of Commons
Hor. Horace
hort. horticulture
Hug. Hungarian

Icel. Icelandic
id. identical
ie. identical
imit. imitation imitative
imper. imperative
impers. impersonal
improp. improperly
incept. inceptive
incorr. incorrectly
Ind. Indian
ind. indefinite
Infia. infinitive
init. initial
instrum. instrumental
intens. intensive
inter. interrogative
int. interjection
intrans. intransitive
Ir. Irish
iron. ironical
irreg. irregular
It. Italian

Jap. Japanese
joc. jocular
Johns. Johnson (see p xviii)
Ital. Italian (see p xix)

L. Latin
lang. language
leg. legal
legisl. legislative
Lesc. Lesscliber (see p xx)
Let. Letter
LG. Low German
ling. linguistics
lit. literary
Litt. Littleton (see p xii)
loc. locative

log. logic
Ludw. Ludwig (see p xi)
LXY. Septuagint

m. n. s. masculine
Manip. Voc. Manipulus Vocabulorum (see p xvii)
masc. masculine
math. mathematics mathematical
ME. Middle English
mech. mechanics mechanical
med. medicine medical
MedL. Medieval Latin
Merc. Mercantile
metall. metallurgy
metaph. metaphysics
metath. metathesis
meteorol. meteorology
metr. metre metrical
Mex. Mexican
MHG. Middle High German
mil. military
Mit. Milton
m. n. s. masculine
Mish. Mishna (see p xviii xix)
mistransl. mistranslation
MLG. Middle Low German
Mod. modern
Mol. Molecule
MS. manuscript
mus. musical
myth. mythology mythical

N. North
Namer. North America-n
naut. nautical
nav. naval
Nav. Accts. Naval Accounts (see p xx)
NED. New English Dictionary (see p xii)
neg. negative
neol. neologism
neut. neuter
nom. nominative
Norm. Norman
north. northern
Northumb. Northumbrian
Norw. Norwegian
NT. New Testament
num. sm. numismatics

O. Old
obj. objective
obs. obsolete
occ. occasional
OD. Old Dutch
OF. Old French
offic. official
OFris. Old Frisian
OHG. Old High German
OIr. Old Irish
OIt. Old Italian
OL. Old Latin
OLG. Old Low German
ON. Old Norse
ONF. Old North French
onomat. onomatopoeia
OPers. Old Persian
OProv. Old Provençal
OPrus. Old Prussian
opt. optical
orig. originally
ornith. ornithology
Ox. Old Saxon

OSlw Old Slavonic
 OSp Old Spanish
 OSw Old Swedish
 OT Old Testament
 OTeut Old Teutonic
 Oxf Oxford

paint painting
 paleont. palaeontology
 Pal-gr Palgrave (see p. xviii)
 part participle
 pass. passive
 Pastori Lat. Pastori Letters (see p. xx)
 path pathology
 PB Prayer-Book
 perf. perfect
 perh. perhaps
 Pers. Persian
 pers. personal
 Peruv. Peruvian
 phil. philology
 philos. philosophy
 Phoen. Phoenician
 phon. phonetics
 phot. photography
 phys. physics
 physiol. physiology
 Pic. Picard
 Piers Plowm. Piers Plowman (see p. xx)

pl. plural
 pleon. pleonasm, pleonastic
 poet. poetical-ly
 Pol. Polish
 pol. political-ly
 pop. popular
 Port. Portuguese
 posit. positive
 possess. possessive
 p.p. past participle
 prep. preposition
 pres. present
 pres. part. present participle
 pret. preterite
 print. printing
 prob. probably
 Prompt. Parv. Promptorium Parvulorum (see p. xviii)
 pron. pronoun
 pronunc. pronunciation
 prop. properly
 Prov. Provencal
 pugil. pugilism
 Purch. Purchas (see p. xx)

quot. quotation
 q.v. *quod vide*=whence see

Rac. Racine
 R.C. Roman Catholic
 redupl. reduplication
 ref. reference
 reflex. reflexive
 reg. regular
 rel. religion, religious
 rhet. rhetoric
 Rom. Romance, Romanic
 Rum. Rumanian
 Russ. Russian
 RV Revised Version of the Bible

S. South
 SAfrDu : South African Dutch

Sard. Sardinian
 Sc. Scottish
 sc. *scilicet*=understand
 Scand. Scandinavian
 scient. scientific
 sculpt. sculpture
 Scrit. Serbic
 Serb. Serbian
 Shake. Shakespeare
 Sic. Sicilian
 sing. singular
 Slav. Slavonic
 Slov. Slovenian
 Sp. Spanish
 spec. special, specifically
 Spens. Spenser
 subj. subjunctive
 superl. superlative
 surg. surgery
 s.v. *sub voce*=under the word
 Sw. Swedish
 swim. swimming
 Sylv. Sylvester (see p. xx)
 synon. synonymous
 Syr. Syriac

Tasm. Tasmanian
 techn. technical
 temp. : *ten fore*=in the time (of)
 Teut. Teutonic
 theat. theatre, theatrical
 theol. theology, theological
 topogr. topography
 Torr. Torriano (see p. xx)
 trad. traditional-ly
 trans. transitive
 transl. translation
 Trev. Trevisa (see p. xx)
 Turk. Turkish
 Tynd. Tyndale (see p. xx)
 typ. typography

ult. ultimate-ly
 univ. university
 US. United States
 usu. usually
 var. variant
 ven. ventry
 Venet. Venetian
 vet. veterinary
 v. *vide infra*=see below
 Virg. Virgil
 viz. *videlicet*=namely
 VL. Vulgar Latin
 Voc. Vocabularies (see p. xviii)
 vol. volume
 v. *vide supra*=see above
 Vulg. Vulgate
 vulg. vulgar

W. West
 Westm. Westmorland
 WGer. West Germanic
 Wyc. Wyclif (see p. xx)

zool. zoology

*. unrecorded form
 † died
 x: combining with

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Malus brevius omnia persequi et leviter attingere qua nemini es e
 ignota suspicari possint quam quasi per se perque locos communes
 identidem expatiari

(Claud Minos Division in p aefat commentar
 Alciat Emblematic)

a See *an*
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 an on (asleep twice a day etc) less fre
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 (Jhn xxi 5)

A Symbol used in Lloyd's Register to de
 scribe a ship as first class the A referring
 to the hull and the 1 to the stores Cf *first*
rate (see *rate*)

A prop r A r copper bott ml
 (Tmes Oct 6 1911)

aard wark S Afr quadruped Du *aarde*
 earth wark pig (e ferro c) Cf *aard wolf*
aasvogel [S Afr] Vulture Du lit carrion
 fowl cf Ger *aas* carrion prob cogn with
essen to eat

ab L from away cogn with *of* (q v)
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aba e a low ong or bow (Bailey)

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abandoned is from earlier *abandoned*
 given up to (not necessarily to wickedness
 etc in ME)

T estate E paig i rt hoiea fur ba dun
 (Rol 04)

The Scottis m n da g on so fast
 And sch t as tham at abandoun (Barbour)

ab ad b adon free licence full libertie for
 others t us a thu r (Cotg)

abase F *abaissier* VL **ad-bassiare* See
base

abash OF *esbatr esbaliss* (*ebahir*) to as
 tound make to gape from L *ex* and a
 second element which may be *bah* ex
 clamation of astonishment (see *bay*) The
 -iss of F inchoative verbs regularly be
 comes *ish* in E (*cherish flourish* etc) but
 in ME we find also forms in *iss* (*cheriss*
furiss) so that *abash* has been confused in

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S mon Peter saith unto them I go a fishing
(J hn xxi 3)

A r Symbol used in Lloyd's Register to de
scribe a ship as first class The r referring
to the hull and the i to the stores Cf first
rate (see rate¹)

A proper A r copper bottom l e
(Times O t 26 191)

aardvark S Afr quadruped Du arde
earth wark pig (see farrou) Cf aard wolf
aasvogel [S Afr] Vulture Du list carnion
for l of Cer aas carnion prob cogn with
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T est t E paigne i th i e lurba d n
(Rol 2704)

The Scott men dang on so f st,
And schot on thaim t abando ne (B rbour)

As d bandon free l e n fill libert e for
oth rs to use a th r (C tr)

abase F abaisser VL *ad-bassiare See
base¹

abast OF esbafr esbaiss (ebahir) to as
tound make to gape from L er and a
second element which may be bakt ex
clamation of astonishment (see bair²) The
-iss of F inchoative verbs regularly be
comes ish in Γ (cherish fi urish etc) but
in ME we find also forms in iss (cherish
fluriss) o that abash has been confused in

form with *abase* (q v), in ME also *abaiss*, and this confusion has influenced the sense of *abash* Cf *bashful*

And thei weren abaicht [Fulg obstupuerunt] with greet stoneving (Wc Mark, v 42)

abate F *abattre*, lit to beat off, from *battre*, to beat, VL **battere* for *battucie* See *bate*¹. Cf to *knock something off* (the price)

abatis, abattis [mil] Defence made of felled trees F *abatis*, from *abattre*, to fell (v s) The ending *-is*, OF *eis*, represents L *-aticus*, added to verb-stems

abattoir Slaughter-house F, from *abattre*, to fell See *abate*

abba [Bibl] See *abbot*

Abbassides [hist] Caliphs of Baghaad (749-1258), claiming descent from *Abbas*, uncle of Mohammed Most famous was Haroun-al-Raschid

abbé, abmess, abbey See *abbot*

abbot AS *abbod*, L *abbas*, *abbat*-, G *āββās*, Syriac *abbā*, father (Mark, xiv 36), applied in East to all monks and in West restricted to superior of monastery, cogn with Arab *abū*, father, so common in personal names Ult a word from baby lang.; cf. *papa*, *baby*, *babble*, and see *pope* Other words of this group come via F, e.g. *abbé*, *abmess* (Late L *abbatissa*), *abbey* (Late L *abbatia*), or are of later and learned formation, e.g. *abbatial*, *abbatical* Vague use of F *abbé* for ecclesiastic, esp one not holding Church office, dates from 16 cent

abbreviate From L *abbreviare*, from *ad* and *brevis*, short Cf *abridge*

abc From 13 cent Cf *alphabet*, *abecedarian*

Abderite Democritus (q v), who was born at *Abdera* (Thrace) Cf *Stagirite*

abdicate From L *abdicare*, to proclaim off

abdomen L, from *abdere*, to hide away, from *ab* and *dare*, to give

abduct For earlier *abduce* From L *abducere*, *abduct*-, to lead away

abeam [naut] Abreast, level with, i.e. neither ahead nor astern The *beams* of a ship are at right-angles to the keel, cf *beam-ends*

abear [dial] AS *āberan*, from *bear*² Obs from c 1300, exc in dial

"Territorial" is a word that the dunderheads of the War Office "cannot abear"

(Sun day Times, Aug 25, 1918)

abecedarian Alphabetical, concerned with the alphabet Still used in US for begin-

ners at school Cf MedL *abecedarium*, barbarously formed from ABC

abecedarium an absec (Loop)

abed [dial] For *on bed* See *a-able* White poplar Du *abeel*, OF. *aubel*, Late L *albellus*, from *albus*, white

aberglaube Ger, superstition, from *glauben*, to believe, with pejorative prefix as in *abgott*, idol

aberration From L *aberrare*, to wander off See *cir*

aberruncator Incorr for *averruncator* (q v)

abet OF *abeter*, to egg on, from OF. *beter*, to bait, ON *beitta*, to cause to bite See *bait*, *bet* First in Shaks (v 1), but the noun *abetment* is found in ME

Abetting him to the art me in my mood

(Com of Errors, ii 2)

abeyance OF *abeance*, from *abeer*, to gape at, compd of *bayer*, *béer*, to gape Now usu of a right or estate which is regarded with (gaping) expectancy See *bay*²

abhor L *abhorere*, to shrink from, from *horere*, to bristle (see *horrid*) The *abhorers* (hist) expressed in various petitions to Charles II their *abhorrence* of Whig and Nonconformist views

abide AS *ābidan*, from *bīdan*, to bide (q v), remain Followed by *gen*, it meant to wait for, hence, to endure, put up with, as still in dial (*can't abide*) Shaks use in the sense of pay for, expiate (v 1) is due to confusion with obs *abye*, AS *abyegan*, to expiate, from *byegan*, to buy, pay for

If it be found so, some will dear abide it

(Jul Caes iii 2)

abiet [chem] From L *abies*, *abiet*-, fir

abigail Waiting-maid Name of character in Beaumont and Fletcher's *Scornful Lady* (1616), this perh suggested by 1 Sam xxv 24 sqq

ability Re-fashioned, after ModF *habileté*, from ME & OF *ableté* See *able* Often *hability* in 16-17 cents

abiogenesis [biol] Generation of living organisms from dead matter Coined (1870) by Huxley from G *ā*-, neg, *βίος*, life So also *biogenesis*, its opposite

abject From L *abdicere*, *abject*-, to cast away, from *jacere*

abjure L *abjurare*, to swear off See *jury*

ablactation Weaning From L *ablactare*, from *lac*, *lact*-, milk

ablative Lit bearing away. F *ablatif*, L *ablativus*, from *ablat*-, (*auferre*) Coined by Julius Caesar, there being no ablative in G

ablaut [*ling*] Change of vowel Ger from *laut* sound with prefix cogn with off Cf *umlaut* Introduced by Jakob Grimm (1819)

ablaze Fr on *blaze* See *a* and *blaze*¹ and cf *aba k abel* etc

They setten all on blaze (Gower)

able OF (replaced by *habile*) L *habilis* fit apt, from *habere* to have hold Cf *capable* for sense-development

ablution From L *abluer* *ablut* to wash away Orig a chem term (Chauc)¹ the rinsing of chymical preparations in water to dissolve and wash away any acrimonious particles (Johns)

abnegate From L *abnegare* to deny off Cf *negative*

abnormal Few words show such a series of pseudo-etymological perversions G *anomalos* L *anomalis* having been altered in Late L after *norma* to *anormalis* whence F *anormal* and E *anormal* the latter referred to L *abnormis* and altered to *abnormal* It has displaced the earlier *abnormous* (NED) See *normal* *anomalous* **aboard** [naut] F *a bord* of Teut *orion* (see *board*) With *to lay aboard* cf orig meaning of vb *to board* (see *board* *accost*)

abode From *abide* cf *road* (rôde) from *vide* **abolish** F *abolir* *aboliss* from L *abolescere* from *abolire* to destroy Hence *abolition* *ism* *ist* orig coined by opponents of slave trad (c 1800) Some connect the L word with G *ἀλλῶμι* I destroy

abominable L *abominabilis* from *abominari* to deprecate shrink from the omen (cf *absit omen*) Strong meaning is due to error medieval derivation from *ab homine* as though inhuman unnatural Hence usual MedL OF & ME spelling *ab hom n* So *Holofernes*

Thi abhom abl which he would call abomin bi (Lore's *Lab* Lot v li)

aborigines L from *ab origine* First applied to original inhabitants of Greece and Italy

abortion From L *aboriri* *abort* to mis carry from *oriri* to appear

abound F *abonder* L *abundare* to overflow from *unda* wave Cf *superfluous*

about AS *on bułan* for *on be utan* on by outside *utan* being adv from prep *ut* Cf *above* All senses spring from primitive meaning e.g. a man *about* fifty is in the neighbourhood of fifty (cf *simular* use of F *environ*)

above From AS *buſan* for *be uſan* by upward from *uſ* up First element added later by analogy with *abaft* *about* (q v) Hence *abore-board* a figurative expression borrowed from gamblers who when they put their hands under the table are changing their cards. It is used only in familiar language (Johns) Cf F *jouer cartes sur table* to play fair

abracadabra Cabalistic word used as charm first occurs in 3 cent ² From G ἀβραξ cabalistic word composed of letters whose numerical values give 365 the number of successive manifestations attributed to the Supreme Being by the gnostic Basilides

abrade L *abrader* to scrape off See *razor* **abram** to sham [naut] To feign sickness Hotten's explanation is very doubtful

An Ab aham man is he that walketh bare arm d a ll legged and f yvth hymself mad

(Awd l y k te yvte fia ho d 36)

It appe is to ha been the pat o f t mer d stoalow certain inmates f Bethleh m hospit l tch fixed days t g begg e H n unpst rs we s ad to sh m Ab lara (th Abraham Wa d in Beth m h t g f its iun t s thes m id cant iunatics) when th y p te ded th y w e l used beggars on beh l f th hosp t l (Hotten)

abbranchiate [biol] Without gills Cf *branchiopod* See *a*

abreast F rh orig of *breast* cf F *aller de front* See *aneu*

abridge F *abréger* L *abbreviare* from *ad* and *brevis* short Cf F *allé* *er* to lighten V L *alleviare* from *levis* light

abroach to set [archaic] Ong to pierce a cask. See *broach*

abroad Altered on adj *broad* from ME *on brede* on breadth widely scattered etc Mod sense of foreign travel is evolved from ME meaning of out of doors Cf *travel* *voyage* for similar sense development characteristic of sea faring race

abrogate From L *abrogare* to call off Cf *repeal*

abrupt From L *abruptere* *abrupt* to break off See *route*

absciss L *abscissus* from *abscedere* *ab* *cess* to go away from *cedere* to go

abscissa [math] L (sc l nea) from *abscindere* *abs* *iss* to cut off

abscond I *abscondere* to hide away Orig trans mod use being for ea tier reflex

The poo m a fled f om pl e to pl al second: g h nself (VED 1721)

absent F L *absens* *absent* pres part of *abesse* to be away (see *entity*) First records

for *absentee* (Camden, Blount, Swift) refer to Ireland.

absentee a word used commonly with regard to Irishmen living out of their country (Johns)

absinthe F, L *aosintheum*, G *ἀψίνθιον*, the herb wormwood In this sense used in E in 1612, while the liqueur is first mentioned by Thackeray

abst [vnu] L, let him be absent Cf *excat*
absolve L *absolvere*, to set free, replacing from 16 cent earlier *assol* (q v) Hence *absolute*, freed from restraint or conditions. Much earlier (12 cent) is *absolution*, in eccl sense

absorb L *absorbere*, to suck away, swallow up

absquatulate [US] To make off, skeddaddle
Facetious US coinage, perh suggested by *squat*, to settle

Rumour has it that a gay bachelor, who has figured in Chicago for nearly a year, has skeddaddled, absquatulated, v amosed, and cleared out
(Rocky Mountain News, 1862)

abstain From F *abstener*, VL **abstener* for *abstinere*, to hold away Orig reflex (cf. *abscind*)

Wrote unto them that they absteyne them selves from fylthynesse of idols (Coverd *Acts*, xv 20)

abstemious From L *abstemius*, from *temetum*, strong drink Wider sense in E partly due to association with *abstain*

absterge L *abstergere*, to wipe away.

abstinence F, see *abstain* Total *abstinence* in spec sense dates from c 1830

The passionate Eastern character, like all weak ones, found total abstinence easier than temperance
(Kingsley, *Hypatia*)

abstract From L *abstrahere*, *abstrahere*, to draw away As adj, withdrawn from matter, opposite of *concrete*

abstruse From L *abstrudere*, *abstrus-*, to push away.

absurd F *absurde*, L *absurdus*, from *surdus*, deaf, dull, dissonant.

abundance See *abound*.

abuse F *abuser*, VL **abusare*, from *abuti*, *abus-*, to misuse Sense of reviling first in Shaks (*Oil* v 1)

abut Mixture of two F. verbs, viz *abouter*, to join at the end (*bout*), and archaic *abuter*, to join exactly, reach the aim (*but*) But *bout* and *but* are ult ident

aby [poe*]. See *abide* Revived by Scott

abyss. OF *ab.sme* (*ab.sme*), VL **abismus*, altered, after words of G. origin in *-ismus*, from *abyssus*, G *ἄβυσσος*, bottomless,

whence *abyss*. Mod pronunc is due to spelling, the -s- becoming mute in early OF

Feele such a case, as one whom some abisme,
In the deep ocean kept had all his tyme
(Drummond of Hawthornden, 1616).

abyss. See *abysm*

ac- For *ad-* before *c-*

acacia L, G *ἀκακία*, prob from *ἀκή*, point
academy F. *académie*, L, G. *ἀκαδημία* Orig grove near Athens where Plato taught, named after a demi-god Ἀκαδημος Sense of learned assembly after It *accademia*

Acadian F *acadien*, from *Acadie*, Nova Scotia (see *Evangeline*), from native name.

acanthus L, G *ἄκανθος*, from *ἄκανθα*, thorn, from *ἀκή*, point Cf *acacia*

Accadian [ing] Lang preserved in cuneiform inscriptions earlier than Assyrian and prob obs c 2000 BC From *Accad* in Shinar (*Gen* x 10)

accede L. *accedere*, to move towards See *cede*

accelerate From L *accelerare*, from *celus*, swift

accent F, L *accentus*, from *ad cantus* (see *chant*), orig. translating G *προσῳδία*, from *πρός*, to, *ᾠδή*, song, in sense of song added to instrumental music Used in E of diacritic signs from 16 cent.

accept F, L *acceptare*, frequent of *accipere*, *accept-*, from *capere*, to take

access F *accès* or L *accessus*, from *accedere*, *access-*, to approach, come to Cf *accession*, coming to (the throne), *accessory*, coming as addition

accidence For *accidents*, pl of *accident*, in sense of grammatical phenomenon. Cf *occurrence*

Not changing one word for another, by their accidents or cases

(Puttenham, *Art of English Poesie*, 1589).

accident F, from pres part. of L *accedere*, to happen, befall, from *cadere*, to fall Orig. chance, hap

Moving accidents by flood and field (*Oil* i 3)

accipitral From L. *accipiter*, hawk, associated with *accipere*, to take for oneself, but prob for **accipiter*, sharp winged, with second element cogn. with G *τρεπών*

acclaim From L *acclamare*, to shout to. See *claim*

acclimatize From F *acclimater*. See *climate*
acclivity. From L *acclivitas*, upward slope, from *ad*, to, *clivus*, rising ground Cf *declivity*.

accolade [hist] *F* It *accolata* from *accolare* to embrace from *L. collum* neck.

a *collade* a collar clippings embracing about the neck hence the dubbing of a knight or ceremony used then in (Cotg.)

accommodate From *L. accommodare* to fit to See *commodious*

accompany From *F. accompagner* See *companion*

accomplice For earlier *complice* *F. L. complice* *complice* lit woven together Mod form may be a mistake for a *complice* or be due to some fancied connection with a *complot*

Your brother the book-binder and his accomplices at Burie (Nash 1573)

accomplish *F. accomplir* a *compliss* from *OF. complir* *VL. complere* for *complire* to fill Current sense of *accomplishment* & some study accomplished & such accomplishments the student (VED)

accept Restored spelling of *account* (qv)

accord *I. accorder* *VL. accordare* from *corda* harp-string but affected in sense by association with *cor cord* heart. Cf *concord discord* Hence *accordior* invented at Vienna (1829) with ending imitated from *clarion* *Of one's own accord* i.e. consent was in *MI. by one's own accord*

accost *F. accoster* *VL. accostare* from *ad. and costa* rib. Orig. to border on come in contact with Cf *F. aborder* "to approach accost aboard board or lay aboard come or draw near unto (Cotg.) See *coast*

accouchement *F.* from *accoucher* to bring to bed See *couch* Early 19 cent euph.

account *OF. acouter* *VL. accomputare* from *comptare* to reckon See *count* *Account* is from the *OF.* pres. part For two groups of meanings (also in *recount*) now represented in *F.* by differentiated forms *compter* *compter* of those of tell

accoutre *F. accouter* orig. to fit out equip in any way For mod restriction of meaning cf *dress* Of obscure origin ? From *F. coule* ploughshare *L. culter* with orig. sense of equipping a plough ? or from *F. accutere* seam *VL. consutara*

accredit *F. accredite* from *credit* credit (qv)

accretion *L. accretio* from *acrescere* to grow to grow to (v. 1)

accrue Orig. pp. form of *F. accrotire* to grow *L. accrescere* (v. 2) Cf *value* *issue* etc. and *we* *grow* *seem* etc.

accumulate See *sum*, etc.

accurate From *L. accurare* to give care to See *cure*

accursed Perverted spelling of *accursed* where the *a* is intense as in *au* the See *curse* For intrusive *e* cf *acknowledged*

accuse *F. accuser* *L. accusare* to call to account *causa* Hence *accusative* translating *G. ari* *twy* from a *ri* *cause*

ace *F. as* *L. as* a unit said to be Tarentine a for *C. es* one Oldest sense is side of dice with *en pip* the lowest throw Hence *ambace* (j v) *ace* *ace* (ee *deuce*) and *within an ace of* With sense of crack airman after Mod *F.* cf *fig* use of *trump*

Your lord has the most patient man he has, the most oldest that ever turned up (cf m. 1. 3)

Acelanda *G. A. Aðama* representing *Aram* *haild na* field of blood (*Acts* 1. 19)

acephalous From *G. d. neg.* *φαλ*, head

acerbity *F. acerbite* *L. acerbitas* from a *erbus* harsh to the taste from *acer* keen

acetic [chem.] From *L. acetum* vinegar from *acere* to be sour (v. 2) Hence *acethylene*

Achates Faithful friend *L. fidus* *Achates* companion of *Aeneas* (Virg.)

ache The verb *IS* a *an* (2 cogn. with *L. agere*) was earlier and correctly *ake* the noun was *ache* (ch as in *charch*) whence dual *eddare* headache cf *lake* *baik* *speak* *speech* etc. and note pronounc. in quot. below The noun was influenced by the verb and both became *ake* while in the 18 cent. the spelling *a* *he* was introduced

For this paradoxical result Dr Johnson is mainly responsible ignorant of the history of the word and erroneously deriving them from the Greek *αχος* (with which they have no connection) he declared them more grammatically written *ache* (VED) The verb was one strong (past)

I lra k show w th old r mp

Fi all thy bones wi h a bee make three to t

(Temp. 1)

acherontic Gloom moribund from *C. Acheron* river of infernal regions Cf *stygian*

achieve *OF. a hie* *toni* stem of a *heter* *VL. accipere* from *ad* and *capere* head or formed in *F.* from *d* and *chef* Cf *I. essir* *d. chef de* to succeed in

Achilles tendon. Great tendon of the heel Allusion to vulnerable heel of Achilles by which his mother held him when dipping him in the Styx

achromatic Colourless From *C. ἀχρωατος* See *chroma*

acid F *acide* or L *acidus*, sharp, sour, cf. *acies*, edge, *acus*, needle

ack emma Mil slang for A V, letters easily confused on the telephone being perverted in the interests of clearness, e g *pip* for P, *lock* for T, etc

Not so much of your ac, ac, ac, and your O pip Emma Wot's the blooming message?

(Impatient Coastguard, in *Punch*)

acknowledge Artificial spelling for *a-know-ledge* This is app due to confusion between the ME verbs *knowlechen* and *aknoven*, AS *oncnāwan*, to perceive See *know*, *knowledge*

acme G *ἀκμή*, point Usu printed in G letters up to 18 cent

acne [med] ? From G *ἄκνη*, small particle, e g froth, chaff, down on fruit

acolyte MedL *acolitus* for G *ἀκόλουθος*, following For facet sense cf *myrmidon*, *satellite*

aconite Monkshood L *aconitum*, G *ἀκόνιτον* Origin unknown (see Pliny, *Hist Nat* 27 10)

acorn Mod spelling is due to the word being regarded as oak (AS *āc*) *corn*, but app it is related to neither of these words AS. *acern*, Ger *ecker*, Goth *akran*, are supposed to be related to AS *acer*, field (see *acre*), and to have meant orig wild fruit in general, then mast of forest trees, the meaning of the E word becoming limited later to the most important kind of mast for feeding swine Cf OF *aigrun*, collect name for fruit and vegetables, from Teut

acotyledon [bot] Without seed-lobes See *cotyledon* and *a-*

acoustic F *acoustique*, G *ἁκουστικός*, from *ἀκούειν*, to hear

acquaint From Norm form of OF *acoimter*, to make known, from *acoim*, Late L *accognitus* See *quant*

acquiesce L *acquiescere*, incept formation from *quies*, quiet

acquire L *acquirere*, from *quaerere*, to seek Acquisition is L *acquisitio-n-*, from *acquisit-*

acquit F *acquitter*, VL. **adquitate*, from **quitus*, for *quictus* Orig to discharge a debt, obligation, etc See *quit*

acre Earlier *aker*, AS *æcer*, field, without ref to dimension Com. Teut ; cf Du *akker*, Ger. *acker*, ON *akr*, Goth *akrs*, cogn with L *ager*, field, G *ἀγρός* Mod spelling is due to MedL *acra*, OF *acre*, but the more correct *aker* survives in some surnames, e g.

Hardaker, *Whittaker*. As a measure of land it at first meant as much as a yoke of oxen could plough in a day, but was afterwards fixed by statute God's *acre*, churchyard, is a mod adaptation, due to Longfellow; of Ger *Gottesacker*

I was jeered at [in 1880] as the apostle of "Three acres and a cow" (J Collings)

acid From L *acer*, *acr-*, sharp, sour Irieg formation due to analogy with *acid*

acrimony L *acrimonia*, from *acer* (v s).

acroamatic Of oral teaching, esoteric, esp. in ref to Aristotle's intimate lectures G *ἀκροαματικός*, from *ἀκρόαμα*, from *ἀκροᾶσθαι*, to hear

acrobat F *acrobale*, G *ἀκρόβατος*, tip-toe walking, from *ἄκρος*, topmost (as in *Acropolis*), and *-βατος*, from *βαίνειν*, to go

acropolis G, from *ἄκρος*, highest, *πόλις*, city across For *on cross*, or suggested by F *en croix*, rendered in *crosse* by Caxton

acrostic Also earlier *acrostich*, F. *acrostiche* (cf *distich*), from G *ἄκρος*, extreme, and *στίχος*, a row, line of verse

act F *acte* and L *actus*, from *agere*, *act-*, to do Verb is much later than noun Theat sense is in L, legislat sense appears in E. from 16 cent In some senses partly superseded by later *action*

actinia Sea-anemone Coined by Linnaeus from G *ἄκτις*, *ἄκτιν-*, ray Cf *actinic* (phot)

action F, L *actio-n-*, from *agere*, *act-*, to do Leg sense is earliest (c 1300) Cf *active*, F *actif*, L *activus*, and *activist* (neol), app from F

acton [hist] Orig quilted garment worn under armour, later, leather coat with plating OF *auqueton* (*hoqueton*), Sp *alcoton*, Arab *al-qūṭun*, the cotton, in allusion to the padding Revived by Scott (Lay, iii 6)

actor Orig *doer* L, from *agere*, *act-*, to do In current sense from 16 cent

actual Late L *actualis*, pertaining to *acts* Mod use of *actuality* in the sense of realism, contact with the contemporary, is due to F *actualité*, from *actuel*, which does not mean actual, real, but now existing, up to date.

actuary L *actuarius*, recorder of items, proceedings, etc Current sense is 19 cent

actuate From MedL *actuare*, from *actus*, act acuity From MedL *acuitas*, from *acus*, needle

aculeate From L *aculeatus*, furnished with a sting, from *aculeus*, dim of *acus*, needle

acumen L, sharpness, from *acuere*, to sharpen

- acute** L *acutus* p.p. of *acuere* to sharpen
See *acid* and cf *ataxia*
- acushla** [Ir] Darling Short for a *chuisle*
mo chroidhe O pulse of my heart
- ad** L *ad* to cogn with E *at* (q.v.) L *u*
assimilated to following consonant (*achieve*
acquaint affect a vandine announce etc.)
Often restored from earlier *a* (*adventure*
adjourn etc.) and sometimes wrongly substituted (*advance admiral*)
- adage** F L *adagium* from *ad* and root of
ais I say
- adagio** [mus] Slowly It *adagio* at ease
See *agio ease*
- adamant** OF L *adamas adamant* G
adamas invincible from *ad* neg *dapnō* to
tame (q.v.) In earliest uses applied to very
hard metals and stones and later spec.
to the loadstone or magnet and the diamond
In the first of these meanings medieval
scholars connected it with *ad-amare* to
attract (cf *aimant* magnet) Its popular
form has given *diamond* (q.v.)
- Adam's apple** Allusion to the forbidden fruit
supposed to have stuck in Adam's throat
In most Europ. langs
- adapt** F L *adaptare* from *aptus* fit
- add** L *addere* to put to from *ad* and *dare* to
give Hence *addenda* things to be added
- adder** AS *nadder* snake Com Teut. cf Du
adder (earlier *nadder*) Ger *natter* (var. of *c*)
ON *nattr* Goth *natts* cogn with OIr *nathair*
Wel *h nadyr* and perh with L *natrix* water
snake Now limited to the common
viper The initial *n* was lost in MF *a*
natter being understood as an *adder* Cf
apron aiger and for the converse *neut*
Nedler is still in dial. use
- naddy* or *natty* serpent (Pronounced *P* re)
- addict** Orig. alj L *addictus* adjudged
made over p.p. of *addicere* from *dicere* to
say tell
- The number of drug addicts in the United States
is estimated to be in the range of 2,000,000
(1971) *Y* *Hera* 1 Jun 1971
- additament** L *additamentum* from *addere*
addit- to add (q.v.) Cf *addition* F L
additio-n
- addle** AS *addela* patrid mud filth cogn
with Dan *adla* urine of cattle Now only in
compounds *addle-egg addle-pate* etc. In
later *addel* cf *newfangled*
- address** Orig. to make straight F *a resser*
from *resser* See *dress* and cf *senses* of
direct With *addres* skill cf *adroit* (q.v.)

- Golf *ense* is a survival To *addres* accept
is for earlier reflex. to *address oneself* to
- adduce** L *adducere* to bring to
- ade** F suffix in loan word representing
Prov. Sp. Port. *ada* It *ad* L *ad* which
gave F *é* In 16-17 cent. often changed
into pseudo Sp. form e.g. *imbu ad* *pal*
sado and the surviving *bastinado*
- ademption** (leg.) L *ademptio* from *ad*
mere *adempt* to take to oneself take
away
- adenoid** [med.] From G *adēn* acorn fig
gland (q.v.) See *-oid*
- adept** L *adptus* p.p. of *adipisci* to attain
Orig. used by medie. alchemists of those
who had attained the great secret
- adequate** From L *adæquare* to make equal
to
- ad eundem** (sc. gradum) *in it* Admission of
graduate to the same (degree) at another
university
- adhere** L *adhaerere* to stick to
- ad hoc** L for this (specific purpose)
- adiantum** [bot.] Fern From G *a neg*
daiva to *et*
- adieu** I OF *a Dieu* Orig. said to the party
left as *farewell* was to the party setting
forth
- adipose** From L *adeps adip* fat unex-
plained alteration of C *adeps* unguent.
Il *rev. pak* of *t* *t* *t*
But *adeps* *d* *pos* *t* *t* *t* *t*
- adit** Approach to mine I *aditu* from
adire to go to
- adjacent** From pres. part. of L *adjacere* to
lie by
- adjective** F *adjectif* I *adjective* from *a*
icere *adject* to add from *icere* to throw
- adjourn** To put off orig. fix a way for a
person I *journer* VI *ad-journ* *na*
from *d* *urnus* *auj* from *dies* day or
possibly formed in OF from *d* and *jour*
(*jour*) L *d* *rnus* To *adjourn* *d* *is*
strictly speaking a *bull*
- adjourn* to *t* *urnus* *urn* *t* *appeal* *t*
serve a *pro* *urn* *urn* *urn* *urn* *urn* *urn*
- adjudicate** From L *adjudicare* from *judex*
judic judge from *ius* law *dis* *eye* to say
- adjunct** From L *adjuvare* *adjuvare* to
join to
- adjure** From L *adjurare* to swear to
- adjust** Two F verbs are included here viz
OF *ajuster* (*ajuster*) to all put together
VL *ajustare* or *ajustare* in OF from *d*
and the prep *ad* (I *justis*) and *ajuste*
formed from *d* and *juste* or representing

the above verb refashioned under the influence of *juste*, just, exact

ajouter to adde, adjoyne, set, or put unto, also, to increase, augment, eke, also, as *adjuster*
adjuster to adjust, place justly, set aptly, couch evenly, joyne handsomely, mix fitly, dispose orderly, severall things together (Colg)

adjutant From pres part of L *adjutare*, frequent of *adjuvare*, to help Prob not straight from L, but a remodelled form of Sp *ayudante* Cf Ger *adjutant* (17 cent), a Sp loan-word from the Thirty Years War The *adjutant-bird*, a gigantic Indian crane, is so named from his stiff military gait Cf *marabout*

ad lib Short for L *ad libitum*, from *libere*, to please

admiric Auxiliary, corroboration L *admiriculum*, prop. from dim of *manus*, hand

administer Orig with province, estate, etc., as object Hence to furnish, supply, e.g. castor oil or a thrashing See *minister*

admiral Artificial spelling of *amiral*, F Oldest sense in F & F is emir, Saracen chief Arab *amīr*, commander, is commonly followed by *al*, as in *amīr-al-bahr*, commander of the sea, and many other compds, from which a clipped noun *amiral* resulted Mod maritime sense is due to the office of *amīr-al-bahr* or *amīr-al-mā*, created by the Arabs in Spain and Sicily Explained by a 16 cent etymologist, with ref to Columbus, as L *admirans mare*, admiring the sea From 16 cent also applied to the admiral's ship or flag-ship, the admiral himself being called the general

Keeps the admiralty,
That we be masters of the narrow sea
(*Libel of I nelson's Policy*, 1472)

admire From L *admirari*, to wonder at, from *mirus*, wonderful Cf *marvel*, *miracle*

And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints
and when I saw her I wondered with great admiration (Rev xlii 6)

admission L *admissio-n-*, from *admittere*, *admiss-* (v 1)

admit ME *amit*, OF *amete* (*admettre*), remodelled on L *admittere*, to send to

admonish ME *amonist*, OF *amonisher* (*admonester*), VL **admonestare*, an unexplained derivative of *admonēre*, from *monēre*, to advise It has been assimilated to the large class of verbs in -ish Cf *astonish*, *distinguish*, etc.

ado Orig infin *at do*, the prep *at* being used in ON with infin. like E. *to*. This usage

long survived in northern E dial Cf *a great to do* and F. *affaire* (*à faire*), *avoir affaire à*

-ado. See *-ade*

adobe Unburnt brick dried in the sun US, from Mexico, often made into 'dobe From Sp *adobar*, to plaster Cf F *adonner*, to put in order, arrange ? Same origin as *dub* (q v.), ? or Arab *al-tub*, the brick,

adolescent From pres part of L *adolescere*, to grow up, from archaic L *olēre*, to grow old Cf *adult*, from p p

Adonis G. name from Phoenician *adōn*, lord Cf Bibl name *Adoni-Bezek* (Judges, i 5)

adopt F. *adopter*, or L *adoptare*, to choose for oneself Cf *option*.

adore L *adorare*, to play to Replaced ME *aoine*, OF. *aorer*.

adorn L *adornare* Replaced ME. *aoine*, OF *aornet*

adown [archaic] For of down, AS *of dūne*, lit off hill See down¹

adrift Prob for *on drift*. See *a-drift* F, orig adv, *à droit*, rightly Cf E. *to rights* *Droit* is L *directus* See *dress*

adscitious, *ascitious* Supplemental, unsanctioned Came from L *adscit-*, from *adsciscere*, to acknowledge, from *scire*, to know

ascript, *ascript* Chiefly in pedantic unit of L. *ascriptus gl'bar*, enrolled to the soil, used of serfs

Practically he [the working-man] is as firmly ascript to his trade as the medieval serf was to the soil (Fortnighly, Aug. 1919)

adsum L, I am here

adulation From L *adulari*, to flatter, ? orig. to wag the tail, and ult cogn with Ger *wedeln*, to wag the tail (see *wheelde*)

Adullamite [hist] Nickname given (1866) to group of M.P.s who seceded from Liberal party. Made current by a speech in which John Bright likened them to the discontented who rallied round David in the *Cave of Adullam* (1 Sam. xxi), but recorded as pol nickname for 1834 Cf *cave*

adult See *adolescent*

adulterate From L *adulterare*, to commit adultery, corrupt, from *alter*, other (*ad alterum convertere*)

adumbrate From L *adumbrare*, to fore-shadow, from *umbra*, shadow Almost obs. in 18 cent, but now overworked

adust L. *adustus*, p p. of *adurere*, to burn, scorch. Parched, sunburnt hence, gloomy in temperament.

advance Bad spelling for earlier *atance* F
a ancer to put forward VL **abantiare*
 from *ab ante* whence F *avant* before
advantage F *acantage* VL **abantatium* or
 formed in OF from *avant* with suffix *a e*
L. aticum See *odiance tanta e*
advent L *adventus* from *advenire* to come
 to arrive Cf F *avent*
adventitious From L *adventicius* coming
 from abroad (vs)
adventure For earlier *aventure aunter* re
 spelt on L *adventura* from *advenire advent*
 to happen See *venture*
adverb F *adverbe* L *adverbium* *cujus* ig
 nificatio verbi adicitur (Priscian) trans
 lating G *επιρρημα*
adverse From L *adversere advers* to turn
 against Hence *adversary* in ME esp the
 Devil
advert Earlier *avert* OF *avertir* VL **ad*
vertire for *advertere* to turn to See *ad*
vertise
advertise F *avertis* lengthened stem of
avertir to warn from L *advertere* to turn
 to (vs) The *ad* is a restoration and the
 survival of the *ise* form (cf *advert cor vert*
revert etc) is prob due to noun *advertise*
ment F *avertissement* (cf *aggrandize*)
 Mod sense developed from that of public
 announcement is unknown in F
 Jo chym king of J da depraived th admon
 t m ts, ad vert sement s and th doctrines of
 God (VED 1475)
 My greifs cry louder than adv rtisement
 (Muck 4d v 1)

advice advise Earlier *avise* F *avis* counsel
 opinion warning It *aviso* Sp *aviso*
 point to VL *advis* s from *ad* and *videre*
vis to see but in OF the two elements
 occur apart as in the colloquial *Ce mest*
avis for *Ce mest d vis* (*ad visum*) The
 differentiated spelling (cf *prophesy prac*
tise) is artificial The oldest meaning of the
 noun is opinion of the verb to look at or
 reflex to consider F *s a iser*
advocate First as noun ME *avocat* F L
advocatus called in ASleg title no usu Sc
 advowson Right of presentation to a bene
 fice Earlier *arouseson* OF *avoceson* L *ad*
vocatio-n from *advocare* to call to summon
 adytum Sanctum L G *advor* from *ad*
neg *δαν* to enter
adze Often spelt *advis* *advice* as late as 17
 cent AS *adesa* of unknown origin
aedile [hist] L *aedilis* commissioner of
 work from *aedes* building cogn with G

a the to burn (with suggestion of hearth
 as nucleus of home) Cf *edify*
aegis I G *α γ* shield of Zeus or Pallas
 From G *αι* *α γ* goat orig applied to
 g at kin shield belt of Zeus
aegrotat [univ] L *he* is sick *aeger* Cf *exit*
affidavit etc
Aeolian (1) Mode of music from *Aeolis* or
Aeolia Greek colony in Asia Minor Cf
Doric (2) Natural harp from L *Aeolus*
 god of the winds (Ien 15)
aeon L G *αιω* age cogn with L *aevum*
 See *age*
aerate From L *aer* air after F *acrer*
aerial From L *aer* air after *ethereal* An
 aerial ship London to Paris was adver
 tised in 1835 but burst during inflation
aero- From C *αερ* *αερ* air *Aerodrome*
 (neol) is after earlier *Hippodrome* (19 v)
velodrome *Aerolite* is for *aerolith* from G
λιθος stone *Aeronaut* F *a onaut* from
ναυτης sailor pilot *aerostat* F *adros* tal
 from *στατος* supported both date from
 1783 (cf *Mont oliver*) *Aeroplans* (neol) is
 F *adropians* *Aerobatics* stunts is after
acrobatics *Aerobus* is mod (Feb 1919)
cr na lica the p t ded t of lung in
 vessel thro the a r o tmosph
 (Ch mbers Cy opa d a 1753)
 Th *aerop* k (may I in th word) had many
 li ely time dur g th retire t
 (Co b tt Sm th M e a d after)

aery eyry F *aire* an aerie or nest of
 hawks (Cotg) dubiously connected with
 L *ager* field which app took the sense of
 home place of origin whence Prov *agre*
 nest. See *debonair* Spelling *eyry* is app
 due to Spelman's attempt to connect the
 word with ME *ey* egg The spec asso
 ciation of the word with the eagle suggests
 that it may rather be connected with the
 Teut. name for the bird (see *erne*) which
 has cognates in Celt (Corn Bret *er* Welsh
eryr)
Aesculapian Esculapian Of *Aesculapius* G
Ασκληπιος god of medicine Cf *galeni* of
aesthete G *αισθητης* from *αισθη* to
 perceive First recorded by VED for 1881
 (aesthetic craze) but *aesthetic* dates from
 1798 having been introduced by Baum
 garten into German philosophy (c 1750)
 with the sense of criticism of taste The
 word suffered (c 1880) a temporary de
 preciation from which it has now recovered
 I m broken b rted troubr our
 Whose mind s aestheti and whose t tes are pur
 (Gulbe t Pat ence)

aestival, estival Of summer L *aestivalis*, from *aestas*, summer Cf *aestivate*, opposite of *hibernate*

aetiology, etiology Study of causation L *aetologia*, from G *aíria*, cause

afar AS *feor*, far, compd with *of* and *on*. Both of *fer* (cf F *de loin*) and *on fer* (cf F *au loin*) became in 14 cent *a fer*, whence *afar*. Thus from *afar*, *afar off* are sometimes pleon

afear [dial] Very common in Shaks, but now considered vulgar, having been supplanted by *afraid* (q v), with which it is quite unconnected. It is the p p of obs *asear*, to terrify (see *fear*)

Fie, my lord, fie! a soldier and afeard!
(Macb v. 1)

affable F, "easily spoken to by, willingly giving ear to, others" (Cotg), L *affabilis*, easy to be spoken to, from *adsari*, to address

affair F *affaire*, OF *asaire*, for a *faire* Cf *ado* (q v), to do

affect F *affecter*, L *affectare*, to aim at, frequent of *afficere*, to apply (oneself) to, from *ad* and *facere*, to do. Hence *affection*, orig (13 cent) any mental state, the more mod *affection* preserving better the etym sense. *Affect*, to influence, impress, etc., is rather directly from L *afficere*, *affect-*

affiance OF *afiance*, from *asier* (*assier*), VL **affidare*, from *fidus*, faithful Cf *affidavit*. Or OF *afiance* may be a compd of OF *fiance*, VL **fidantia*. The oldest meaning was trust, then, pledging of troth, and finally the word was made into a verb

affiche F, from *afficher*, to affix, from *ficher*, to fix, ult from L *figere*

affidavit Lit "he has pledged his faith," from VL **affidare*, for which see *affiance*. Rogue Riderhood (*Our Mutual Friend*) makes it *Alfred David*, and it appears also in the vulgarnism to *take one's davy*. In leg lang the deponent swears it and the judge takes it

affiliate From L *affiliare*, to adopt as son, *filius*

affinity F *affinité*, L *affinitas*, from *affinis*, bordering on, from *finis*, end, boundary

affirm F *affirmer*, L *affirmare*, to make firm, *firmus*

afflatus L, from *afflare*, to inspire, from *ad* and *flare*, flat-, to blow

afflict From L *affligere*, *afflict-*, from *figere*, to strike

affluence F, L *affluentia*, from *affluere*, to flow towards

afflux MedL *affluxus* (v s) Cf *influx*

afford Earlier *asforth*, AS *ge-forþian*, from *forth*, forward. Orig to "further," promote, then, supply, furnish. For prefix of *aware*, for consonant change cf *burden*, *burthen*, *murder*, *murther*

aforest MedL *afforestare*, from *ad* and *foresta*. See *forest*

affray First as verb, to frighten, OF *esfreier* (*esfrayer*), VL **exfridare*, from OHG *fridu* (*friede*), peace, thus a "breach of the peace." The noun is now aphetized to *fray*, and of the verb only the p p *afraid* (*affrayed*) survives, its success in supplanting the unrelated *afear* being due to its regular use in the AV

affright Bad spelling of *afright*, from p p of AS *āfyrhtan*, to terrify. See *fright*. Cf *accursed*

affront F *affronter*, VL **affrontare*, to strike on the forehead, hence to insult, from *frons*, *front-*, forehead. In ModF. it means also confront, as *affront* does in Shaks

That he, as 'twere by accident,
May there affront Ophelia (Hamlet iii. 1)

afloat AS *on flote*. See *float*. So also *afield*, *afire*, *afoot*, etc. See *a-*

afoot For *on foot*. See *a-*. The game's *afoot*, i e on the move, is after 1 Hen IV 1.3

afore AS *on foran* (see *fore* and *a-*) or *æt foran*. Now dial, but once literary equivalent of *before*. Cf *pinasfore*, *aforesaid*. Hence *aforethought*, in *malice aforethought*, transl of *malice prepense*

As I wrote afore in few words (Toph iii. 3)

afraid For *affrayed*, p p of *affray* (q v). **afreet, afrit** Evil demon of Mohammedan mythology. Arab *'ifrit*. First in E version of Beckford's *Vathek* (1786)

afresh From *fresh*, after *anew* (q v).

Afrkander [SAfr] For Du *Afrikaner* influenced by Du *Englander*

aft AS *æftan* (adv), behind (cf *abast*). *After*, AS *æfter* (adv & prep), was orig compar of a prep cogn. with Goth *af*, off, not of *aft*, though the words are related

aftermath *After* (the first) mowing AS *mæth*, mowing, from *māwan*, to mow. NED has no AS or ME record for the compd. It was also called *lattermath*. Cf. Ger *grummet*, for *grun mähd*, green mowing,

also called *na hheu* 'after hay' and *spatheu* 'late hay' Cogn with *mead*? Now usu fig
 aftermost AS *aftemest* triple superl *le*
me -est from prep cogn with Goth *af*
 off But this seems to have died out and
aftermost was perh refashioned from *after*
 on *foremost* etc See *mo t*

afterward AS *aftanward* which became
afward (naut) current form being due to
after See *ward*

aga Turk *a hā* master Orig mil title
 again AS *orgegen* *onæin* mod *g* being due
 to O^h influence cf Ger *enigegen* *against*
 is for earlier *again* with spurious *i* (cf
amongst betwixt) It is a genitive formation
 in *-es* from *again* which it has replaced as
 prep Older use of *a ain* as prep survives
 in *agen* *agin* (*agin the govern ment*) southern
 forms now considered vulgar See also
gai isay

agamous [biol] Asexual cryptogamous
 From L Gr *αγαμος* from *a neg* *γamos*
 marriage

agapanthus African hly Coined from G
ἀγαπη love *θος* flower

agapē Love-ferst of early Christians G
ἀγαπη brotherly love Hence *agapemone*
 abode (G *μονη* stopping place) of free love
 founded (1845) near Taunton by H J
 Prince and imitated in more recent times

agaric fungus L G *ἀγαρικός* Said to be
 from *Aga ia* in Sarmatia

agate¹ Stone F L *αχάτης* G *ἀχάτης* In
 OF we find also *agate* and in E *achate*
 Said to have been named from river
Achades in Sicily

Acate tceste pelée
 For un e [eau] u el est truvee
 (Lap la de Ma bod 12 c 1)

agate² [norih dial] On the go From *gate*³
 way

agave Plant G *ἀγave* myth name fem of
αγave illustrious

age F *d e* OF *aage* eage earlier *edag* VL
**aetia* cum from *aetas* *aetia* for *aetitas*
 from *aetium* age cogn with G *αἰων* A
 good example of the expulsion of a native
 word (*old q v*) by one of F origin

age F L *at cu -aticum* cf It *-aggio*

agenda Things to be done L *neut pl of*
gerundive of agere to do

agent From pres part of L *agere* to do act

agglomerate From L *agglomerare* *g* from
glivus *glomer* bunch mass

agglutinate L *aglutinare* to glue together
 from *gluten* *glutin* glue Applied to lins

which stand midway between monosyllabic
 (eg Chinese) and inflexional (Arvan
 family) Cf such tape we're monstrosities
 of mod chemistry as *trinitroben enca o*
chloronitrodiphenylhydrazine

Su i w rd s u tr n th f i preserv an gglu
 tinat e har et r (White)

aggrandize From F *a grandir* It *a grandire*
 from L *grandis* For *la* cf *advert se*

aggravate From L *a gravare* to make
 heavy *gra is* Cf *agrieve*

aggregate From L *a regere* to form into a
 flock *grex* *greg* Cf *e regous* *grega ion*

aggress From L *a gredi* *a gress* to ad
 vance towards from *grad is* step

aggrieve See *grief*

aghost Larh r *aga t i p of a a en* to
 frighten from AS *gæsta* to terrify Mod
 spelling is due to association with *ghost*
 (q v) See al o *ghastly*

Now dere ust nym wh t m t h
 That me agast th nav d m q od sh
 (Chauc Let Good Wom)

agle F L *agilis* from *agere* to act

agio [financ] Percentage charged on certain
 kinds of exchange It *agio* ease con
 venience Hence *a iota* (from *i*) specu
 lation stock jobbing See *ease*

agist Orig to admit cattle to pasture for a
 fixed period Hence also *agistment* OF
a isser from *a* and *gistle* (i.e) resting
 place from archaic F *gêsi* to lie L *jacere*
 Cf *cgist* seen on old tombstones See also
gist *joist*

agitate From L *a litare* frequent of *agere*
 to do in sense of drive The earliest *agi*
tators were the delegates of the pri ate
 soldiers in the Parliamentary army (1647
 -9)

aglet aglet [archaic] Orig tag of a lace or
 point then ornamental tag or cord esp
 on uniform In this sense now replaced by
 its F original *aiguille* (OF *a uille*)
 dim of *aiguille* (OF *a uille*) needle VL
acucula (for *acici la*) dim of *acus* needle
 *for a little pl t of an n tal a ts of a point
 (B unt)

agley agly [Sc] Askew From ME *glien* to
 squint Only in *to gang (go)* *agley* after
 Burns

to gl e limare (Calk twel)

The best i is hemes o m ce a d m
 Gang aft agley (B m)

The m t rgs of the pl t t r were orges of talk
 and naturally th e best-just plan w t ll ley
 (Ref-free Aug 11 1917)

agnail [*dial*] Orig corn on the foot, later, painful swelling of any kind. Now used in *dial* of loose skin or soreness at root of finger-nails. This meaning, like the corrupted forms *hang-nail* and *anger-nail*, is due to mistaken association with the *finger-nail*. The metal *nail* and the human *nail* are etym ident, but in *agnail* the former is referred to. It is AS *angnægl*, corn, where the first element means compressed, painful (cogn with L *angustus* and Ger *eng*, narrow) and the second is AS *nægl*, nail. Cf F *clou*, nail, also used of a swelling.

clou a navle, also a corne (in a foot, or toe) (Cotg.)

agnate Kin F *agnat*, L *agnatus*, from *agnasci* (*ad gnasci*), to be born to

agnomen L, from *ad* and (g)nomen, name. Added to cognomen as result of some exploit, etc., e.g. Publius (praenomen) Cornelius (nomen) Scipio (cognomen) Africanus (agnomen).

agnostic Coined (1869) from G *ἄγνοστος*, unknowing, unknown, unknowable, by Huxley, to whom it was suggested by Act, xvii 23 (*ἀγνώστω θεῷ*). From *ἀ-*, neg., *γινώσκειν*, to know.

Agnus Dei L, Lamb of God

ago Earlier also *agone*, p.p. of AS *āgan*, to pass (of time).

O he's drunk, sir Tob, an hour ago.
(Twelfth Night, v 1)

agog Earlier also *og* *gog*. OF. *en gogues*, of unknown origin. Cf *goguenard*, playful.

en ses gogues to be frolicke lustie, lively, wanton, game-some, ill-a-hoit, in a pleasant humour, in a vein of mirth, or in a merrie mood (Cotg.)

agony Oldest in Bibl sense (Wyc Luke, xxi 43). Prob adopted from L *agonia* (Vulg.), G *ἀγωνία*, from *ἀγών*, assembly for the public games, from *ἄγω*, to lead. F. *agonie* means throes of death. First NED record of *agoni* column is 1880.

agouti Small rodent of guinea-pig tribe (Sämer & Wind). F, Sp *aguti*, from native name.

agra, **agrad** [*Ir*] Darling. Voc. of Ir *grádh*, love.

agraffe [*archaic*] Clasp. F *agrafe*, also OF *agrappe*, from OHG *krapfo* (*krapsen*), hook, via VL **grappa*. Cf *grape*.

agral [*reol*] Portmanteau-word for agricultural railway.

A little while ago the Minister of Reconstruction invented "arraals" (*Observer*, Jan 19, 1919).

agrarian From L *agrarius*, from *ager*, *agri*, field. Hence spec. form of crime in Ireland, pol. party in Germany.

agree F *agrée*, VL **adgratare*, from *gratus*, pleasing. Etym. sense survives best in *agreeable*.

agriculture F, L. *agri cultura*, from *ager*, field, and *colere*, *cult-*, to cultivate. See *culture*. Cf *agronomy*.

agrimony Plant. L *agrimonia*, corrupted (? by association with *ager*, field) from G *ἀγριμόνη*. Some of the ME forms are due to F *agrimoine*. Perverted forms are found in other Europ. langs, e.g. Ger *ackermennig*, Norw. Dan *agermaane*.

aground For on ground, cf *afloat*, *ashore*. See *a-*.

ague OF *ague* (*aigue*), sharp, L *acuta*, in *fièvre ague*. In E. applied first to the burning or feverish stage of disease, then to the shivering stage, and finally to a spec. malarial fever.

ah Natural ejaculation. Cf F *ah*, MHG *ā*, ON *æ*, also E *ay*, *ey*, *ha*.

ahead Orig naut. Cf *abeam*, *astern*.

ahem Imt. of calling attention by clearing the throat. Cf *to hem* and *ha*.

ahoy ? From *hoy*, vessel. But cf OF *aoi*, interj. which ends each stanza of the *Chanson de Roland*.

Ahriman Spirit of evil in OPers. mythology. F, L, G **Ahrimānos*, Pers. *Ahriman*, Zend *anra-maanyu*, spirit that beats down.

Dark Ahriman, whom Irak still
Holds origin of war and ill (*Talisman*, ch. iii).

ahungered See *an-hungered*.

ai Brazilian sloth. Native name, from cry aid. F *aider*, L *adjutare*, frequent. of *adjuvare*, *adjut-*, to help. Cf *adjutant*.

aide-de-camp F. In E. from 17 cent.

agrette Orig. lesser white heron, or *egret* (q.v.), then its crest, and later applied to various similar tufts.

aguillette See *aglet*.

ail AS *eglan*, to afflict, cogn. with Goth *agljan*, and ult. with *awe*. Orig. trans (cf *What ails you?*), and in early ME. impers. What ailed thee, o thou sea, that thou fleddest? (Ps. cxiv 5).

aileron [*aeron*] End of wing. F, from *aile*, wing, L *ala*, for *axilla*. Ong. term of falconry.

aim Earlier *eyne*. App. due to two OF verbs, *esmer*, L *aestimare*, *aesmer*, L *ad-aestimare*. The oldest meaning is to esteem, then, to calculate with a view to action,

while the sense of directing a missile or blow does not appear till 16 cent

Or the some of man for thou eymest hym

(Wye Ps cxlii 3)

air *F* *L* *aer* *G* *app* from *aer* to blow
Subsidiary sense of manner taken from *F* may have been developed from orig sense in allusion to the atmosphere of a person or environment (cf sense-develop ment of *L animus spiritus*) but some regard it rather as belonging to a separate word (see *drbonair*) For mus sense from *It aere* (now replaced by *aria*) cf Ger *aere* manner tune and mus sense of *mode mood* In *airs* and *graces* there is prob a secondary mus allusion a *grace* being an embellishment added to a tune The nu merous neologisms in *air* (*aircraft airman airmanship airworthy* etc) are modelled on the naut vocabulary *Air raid* is of about the same date as *baby killer Air drome* occurred in the published abstract of the peace terms (May 1919)

aer th al e Also an poet countenance
cheere a look or apperance in the face of man
wom n Also a tune *r aere* of a song or ditty

(Flor)

As soo a our men got th r air l g (if there s
ch a thin) th ports th bro ght back we
un luable (Corbett Smith *Ma e i after*)

airedale Terrier from valley of the *fire*
Bradford district of Yorks Name regis tered by Kennel Club (1886) for earlier *Bingley* (where first bred) or *broken haire* terrier

airt [*Sc*] Direction point of the compass
Gael *aird* Ir *ard* point common in place names A late introduction in literary E due to Burns

Of a the airts the wind can blaw
I dearly lik the west

aisle Orig *ele* OF (*aisle*) wing I *ala* for *avilla* I rop a lateral division of a church usually separated from the nave by rows of pillars The curious spelling *aisle* which Johns attributes to Addison is partly due to ModF *aisle* but also to confusion with E *isle* MF *il* island This seems in credible but is certified by the fact that *insula* was its usual rendering in MedL while *island* or rather its older and more correct form actually occurs in the same sense The word has also been confused with *alley*¹

Orate pro a limo Roberti O b gh q istud i
fi rife-rit (NED c 1370)

In th porch in th south yland of the burch
(b 1390)

ait Small island esp in Thames Now often spelt *eief* or *evot* App AS *igath* of ob scure formation related to AS *ieg* island The ME form is *eit* *ait* but the NED has no record between 1205 and 1649 Cf Anglesey Sheppey and *Eig* (Hebrides)

aitch bone For *nache* or *na e* the *n* being lost as in *adder* (q v) ME *nache nage* buttock OF *nache* still used by F butchers VI **natica* for *natis* *Nachebo* ie occurs in Craven Gloss (1828) The existing form is perh due to a fancied re emblance of the bone to the letter H Among other per versions in dial use *ire edge bone ice bone* etc But some of these are rather connected with Du *ysdeen* hip bone with which of LG *isden* Ger *eisbein* (from LG) the first element of which may be C *σχ* or hip-joint

ajar Formerly *on char* on the turn See *charuoman chare* Cf synon Du *op een hier* from *heeren* to turn Confused in quots 3 4 with *jar*¹ (q v)

Th d o char it stude (Gav n Doula c 1513)

On the what? x laun ed th l ttle judge

I arly op n my lo d said Berjeant Sn bb n

Sh id on th j s said the little j dg w th a
cun ng look (P *hutch*)

Thou b t t my fath and him t jar s

(L dv R II ghbv 1505)

My temp was so thoro ghly)

(H Martin a)

akumbo ME *on henebouwe* For *can bou* the *bow* or handle of a *can* or vessel Cf synon L *ansatus* from *ansa* handle and F *faire le pot à deux anses* to stand with arms *akumbo* lit to play the pot with two handles The same very natural metaphor is found in Du C'er Sp and prob other langs

a at h m on th t in braxing man strow
teth up and down with his armes a-c ne-bow

(Thma 1644)

j ra pot with a g t bell and two ha dies
(St veins)

nda enj fr s to set one s arma a k mbo

(Sevan)

akin For *of kin* cf *next of kin* Cf *aneu*

Akkad an See *Accad an*

al In some words chiefly of Sp origin represents Arab *dal* art

alabaster OF *alobastre* (*albitre*) L *ala baser* C *ἀλαβαστρος* Said to come from *Alaba tron* (Egypt)

alack Prob arbitrary alteration of *ails* re corded two centuries earlier by association with *lack* in older sense of failure shame

Chiefly in *alack-the-day* or *alack-a-day*, whence *lack-a-day* and *lachadaisical*
alacrity From L *alacritas*, from *alacer*, brisk
 Cf *allegro*

alamode Esp in *alamode silk*, beef F *à la mode*, in the fashion

alanna [Ir] Voc of Ir *leanbh*, child

alar L *alaris*, from *ala*, wing

alarm F *alarme*, OF *à l'arme*, It *all' arme*, a call "to (the) arms" With rolled -r- it has given *alarum* With aphet *larum* cf Ger *lärm*, "an alarm, alarum" (Ludw) Cf *alert*

It was nothing but a false larum, given of purpose to see how every one would be found in a readinesse (Purch)

And so to bed, to be up by times by the helpe of a larum watch (Pepys, July 14, 1665)

alarum See *alarm*

alas OF *a las*, he *las* (*hélas*) or *lasse*, the adj agreeing with the speaker The first element is an interj, while *las*, weary, is L *lassus* Cf It *ah! lasso* or *lassa*

alate L *alatus*, from *ala*, wing

alb Eccl vestment AS *albe*, early loan from L *alba* (sc *vestis*) Cf F *aube*, alb, also found in ME

albacore, **albicore** Fish Port *albacor*, Arab *al-bukr*, the young camel, from the size of the fish In Haki

Albanian Aryan lang of *Alabama*, allied to Greek, but containing much Slav and L admixture

albatross Corrupted from obs *alcatras* (16 cent), frigate-bird, under influence of *albus*, the name being extended from the frigate-bird, which is black, to a larger and white sea-bird (cf *penguin*) Recorded in present form in 17 cent *Alcatras* (Hawkins' *Voyage*, 1564) is Sp Port *alcatraz*, sea-fowl, pelican, orig Port *alcathuz*, bucket of a water-wheel, Arab *al-qādūs*, borrowed from G *kādōs* (L *cadus*), jar App first applied to the pelican, from its storage capacity Cf Arab *sagqā*, pelican, lit water-carrier

alcatraces a kind of foule like a seamew that feedeth on fish (Percyvall)

albeit For *all be it*, a survival of the ME use of *all*, in sense of *although*, with a sub-junctive

albert (chain) Named after *Prince Albert*, Consort of Queen Victoria Cf *victoria*, and hundreds of words created in the same way

albicore See *albacore*

Albigenses [hist] Southern F protestants, orig of *Albi* (Tarn), persecuted (13 cent) at instigation of Innocent III

albino Sp or Port, from L *albus*, white
 Orig. applied in Port to "white negroes"

Albion G name for Great Britain; cf L *Albion* (Pliny), Gael *Alba*, Scotland Perh "white land"

album "A book in which foreigners have long been accustomed to insert the autographs of celebrated people" (Johns). Neut of L *albus*, white, blank Still in italics in *Ingoldsby*

albumen L., from *albus*, white

alburnum Sap-wood, L, from *albus*, white

alcade, **alcalde**, **alcayde** Magistrate Sp, from Arab *al-qādī*, the judge (see *cadi*)
Alcayde, prison governor, is, strictly speaking, a different word, Arab *qā'id*, leader (see *card*), but the titles have been confused by E writers

alcalde a sheriffe, or cunstable (Percyvall)

alcahest See *alkahest*

alcaic Metre employed, e g by Horace, in imitation of Greek poet Ἀλκαῖος (fl Mytilene, c. 600 B C) Cf *Sapphic*

alcazar Palace, fortress Sp, Arab *al-qaṣr*, from L *castrum*

alchemy OF *alchimie*, MedL *alchimia*, Arab *al-kīmīā*, G *χημεία*, *χημεία*, transmutation of metals (3 cent) This has been connected with G *Χημία*, Egypt (in Plutarch), and with G *χυμεία*, pouring (*χέειν*, to pour), whence the archaic spellings *alcumy* (Shaks), *alchymy*, *chymist*, etc The medieval forms, due to folk-etym, are numerous It seems clear that the word came from Alexandria via the Arabs into Europe

alcohol Arab *al-koh'l*, the fine metallic powder used to darken the eyelids (see *kohl*) Later applied to fine chemical powders and then to subtle essences and quintessences Current sense occurs first in *alcoool of wine*

It will be a consolation to Americans to know that there is one place where they may enjoy an alcohol holiday (P M Murphy, June, 1919)

alcoran F, Arab *al-qorān*, the reading Now usu *koran*

alcove F *alcôve*, Sp *alcova*, *alcoba*, Arab *al-qobbah*, the vault

alcoba a closet, a close roome for a bed (Percyvall)

alder AS *alr*, with intrusive -d-, as in *elder* (tree) Com Teut, cf Du *els*, Ger. *ele*

(OHG *elira*) ON *elr* Goth *alisa* (whence Sp *aliso*) cogn with L *alnus* Earlier and dial forms of *alder* appear in place and surnames e.g. *Alresford Allerton Ollerton Ollershaw Ollershaw Lightowlers* etc

He advises that you plant willows or owl is about it (the fishpond) (Compil at 4 *elr* ch xx)

alderman AS *ealdormann* First element though early confused with the compar of *eald* ofl orig meant patriarch prince formed from *eald* with the noun suffix -or It is used in AS to translate any title of high rank but had also the spec meaning now represented by *earl* (q.v.) which tended to displace it under the Dan dynasty

aldine [*tyf*] From *Allias Manusius* Venetian printer (†1515) Cf *el elir*

ale AN *alu* cf ON *el* See also *bridal aleatory* Hazardous L *aleat-rius* from *alea* die (dice)

electryon Cock G *αλεκτρον* youth changed into cock

alegar [*d al*] Vinegar from ale From ale by analogy with *vinegar* (q.v.)

Alemannic HG tribe and dial of Upper Rhine now represented chiefly by Ger Swiss OHG *alaman* prob all man whence F *allemand*

alembic F *alambic* Sp *alambique* Arab *al anbiq* the still C *αμβίξ* *ἀμβίξ* beaker Aphet. form *l mbeck* is obs

Cucu t tes and alan bikes oek (Chauc G 94)

alambix a lumbecke a tilitori (Percy II)

allerton allerton [*her*] Small spread eagle without beak or claws F *al'tron* formed with L suffix *io son* from MHG *adelar* (adler) eagle orig compd *adel-a* noble eagle Cf MedL *alaris*

alert OF *a lerte* (*alerle*) It *al erta* for *alla erta* to the height, L *erecta* Thus on the alert is pleon Cf *alarm*

eria a craggi place an upright sent a high watch tower (Flor)

Alert et sur es gardes (L Font. F b vii 22)

Alexandrian Alexandrine Of the school of G learning at *Alexandria* (n c 323-A.D 640)

alexandrine [*met*] Line of twelve syllables Prob from its use in a 13 cent F poem on *Alexandre le Grand*

An dies al andrin nds th song

Th t line a wou ded t ake drags t slow length along (Pope Ess on Critism 339)

alfalfa Kind of clover Sp from Arab *fachfacha* lucerne

al fresco It in the fresh (air) See *fresco*
algarobba Sp Arab *al kharrubah* the carob tree

algebra It Arab *al-jabr* the reunion of broken parts In early use also in the sense of bone setting

a *gibr* th arte of figurati bers rith m tuck Also th art i bone etting (Flax)

algia From G *alynos* pain

algid Cold L *algidus* from *al re* to be cold

Algonkin Group of Amer langs F *algonquin* from native name

algorism [*arclane*] Arab or decimal system of notation hence arithmetic OF *algorisme* MedL *algorismus* Arab *al kha wa azmi* i.e. the man of *khawarizm* (I hiva) famous Arab mathematician (fl. 9 cent) through whose works the Arab numeral became known in Europe ModF *algorisme* refashioned on *lo a rith* also occurs in E There was a MF *augrime* corresponding to OF *var ou orime*

Hu a trelabi longyng f hu art

Hu a grym st es layen f ur p t

(Chauc A 209)

alguazil Sp police officer Sp *alguazil* (*al'guazil*) Arab *al uazil* the *uazir* (q.v.) *al-wazil* huide b luf het er tice (Percy II)

The School Board and th i alguazil

(D i Tel 20)

algum [*Bibl*] Kind of tree (z *Chro* i ii 8)

Incorr *al mug* (t *Am* s x ii) Heb *algum*

Alhambra Short for Arab *al andalus al hamid* the red city palace

alias L otherwise from *ali us* other

alibi L for *ali ubi* elsewhere

alien OF L *alienus* of another country (see *deport*) Sense of insanity in *alienat* on is found in L

D th wey lyen goddi (Wyn. Gen xx 2)

alight Verb AS *a l'htan* to spring down orig to lighten from *lhtan* to alight

alight Adj Orig p.p. of obs verb *ali ht* to et on fire AS *onlhtan* Owing to influence of *alre* *afire* etc it is used only pred catively

align [*mil*] F *ali ner* from *l ne line* (q.v.)

alike MF *gliche* usu for AS *glic* (cf Ger *gleich* OHG *geli*) with prefix altered as in *aware* But AS also had the less common *anlic* *onlic* and cogn ON *allikr* which would give the same result. See *like*

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quite made out OF *eslegier* represents
VL **ex-ledig-are*, from Ger *ledig*, free
See *allegiance* and *liege* *Alléguer* would
have given F *alleague*

allegiance Corrupt of ME *legaunce*, OF
ligeance, from *lige*, whence E *liege* (q v).
This was latinized as *ligantia*, as though
from *ligare*, to bind Mod form is due to
confusion with another (obs) *leg* term,
allegeance (from *allege*)

ligence hegemony, allegiance, faith, loyalty

(Cotg)

allegory L *allegoria*, G *ἀλληγορία*, from
ἄλλος, other, *ἀγορεύειν*, to speak, from
ἀγορά, place of assembly

allegro. It., irreg from L *alacer*, "cheerful,
quicke of sprite or witte" (Coop)

alleluia L, G *ἀλληλούια*, LXX. transliteration
of Heb *hallēlū-yāh*, praise ye Jah, i.e.
Jehovah

alleviate From L *alleviare*, from *levis*, light

Cf *aggravate* Replaced (17 cent) ME

allegi, F *alléger* Cf *abbreviate*, *abridge*

allerion. See *alerion*

alley¹. Way, walk F *allée*, pp fem of *aller*,
to go

alley². Marble (18 cent) Prob short for
alabaster, of which such are sometimes
made Cf. OF *cassidoine*, chalcedony,
similarly used, and *marble* itself

alliacious Of garlic, L *allium*

alligator Sp *el lagarto*, the lizard, L *lacertus*.

Earlier forms *lagarto*, *alagarto*, etc *Alli-*
gator (also *avocado*) *pear* is corrupted from
Aztec *ahuacatl*, via a Sp form *alvacata*

A fish called by the Spaniards *lagarto*, and by the
Indians *cayman*, which is indeed a crocodile

(Hall x 216)

alliteration Coined from L *ad* and *lit(t)era*,
letter

alliteration a figure in rhetoric, repeating and
playing on the same letter (Blount)

Ap't alliteration's artful aid

(Churchill, *Prophecy of Famine*, 76)

allocate From VL *allocare*, from *locus*, place

allocation L *allocutio-n-*, from *alloqui*, to
address, from *loqui*, *locut-*, to speak

allodial [*hist*] Of lands held in absolute
ownership MedL *allodialis*, from *allodium*

(in *Salic Law* and *Domesday Book*), OHG
allōd, all possession Hence also F *alleu*

OHG *ōd* is cogn with AS. *ēad*, wealth,
bliss, etc, which is the first element in so
many AS names Thus our *Edgar*, AS

Eadgar, corresponds to F. *Oger*, OHG
Odgar, now represented by the surname

Odgers It is uncertain whether Ger *pleinod*,
jewel, contains the same element Cf *udal*

allopathy Ger *allopathie*, coined by Hahne-
mann (1843) to express the opposite of

homoeopathy (q v) From G *ἄλλος*, other,
πάθος, feeling.

allot. OF *aloter* See *lot*.

A vineyard and an allotment for olives and herbs

(NED c 1745)

The small greengrocer is up against the allot-
menter (Ev News, June 8, 1918)

allotropy [*biol*] Variation of physical pro-
perties without change of substance From
G *ἄλλος*, other, *τρόπος*, manner.

allow F *allowier* representing both L. *allau dare* and VL *allocare* Cf F *louer* to prase L. *laudare* and *louer* to let L. *locare* From *allaudare* comes the notion of permission based on approval from *allocare* that of allocated provision The US use of the word in the sense of granting stating an opinion still survives in E dial

alloy F *alos* from *aloyer* L. *alligare* to bind In OF also *ales* (whence obs. E *allis*) from *alensis* The same word as *allier* to unite (cf F *plâtre* *ployer* both from L. *phicare*) It has been suggested that the meaning of the word has been affected by some popular connection with *aloi* OF *let* thus a mixture according to legal standard See *allay*

For if that they were put to swiche assayes
The gold of here hath a w so badd alayes
With bras, that th gh the coyne be f r at eye
It w lde rather breste a two than ply

(Ch. E 1166)

allspice So called becau e supposed to combine the flavour of cinnamon nutmeg and cloves

allude L. *alludere* from *ludus* play Cf to *play on* (a word)

allure See *lure*

alluvial From L. *alluvius* washed against from *luere* to wash See *deluge*

ally¹ To unite F *allier* L. *alligare* from *ligare* to bind (see *alloy*) The noun is from the verb the latter being recorded for 13 cent

ally² Marble See *alley*²

alma Fgyptian dancing girl (Byron) Arab *almah* learned Cf F *alnde*

almagest [arabica] Orig astrol treatise by Ptolemy (2 cent) OF *almageste* Arab *almajeste* the greatest borrowed from G *μεγιστη* greatest See Scott Lay vi 17 His *Almagest* and bookes grete and smale

(Chauc. A 3 8)

Alma Mater L. gracious mother title of the bountiful goddess (Ceres, Cybele) from *alere* to nourish

almanac From 13 cent in Me IL and Rem langs First in Roger Bacon App from Sp Arab *al manakh* but this is not an Arab word Eu ebius (4 cent) has G *αλμαναχ* calendar perhaps from C *σημαιο* month but there is a great gap between this and the medieval forms Probabilities would point to ult connection with Aryan root of *moon* or *month* but the

word in spite of very numerous conjectures remains a puzzle

In e posit me tabularum quae almanac vocantur
(Rog r Bacon 1267)

almandine Kind of garnet Earlier *alabandine* L. *alabandina* from *Alabanda* city of Caria A poet word (Beddoes Tennvson Browning) but app never in general use

alm ad a certa n ston l'le a rubie (Cotg)

almighty AS *eallmæhtig* applied to God (9 cent) as rendering of L. *omnipotens* See *all mæht*

almoign almon [hist] Vms OF *almosne* (*aumône*) See *alms* Now only in archaic *frank almshouse* perpetual tenure by free gift of charity

Fr *Almo* le (le bera eleemo vna) n French (*fr* t a smon) sgn both in o r common law a t n re or titl of land. (Cox f)

almond OF *alamande* (*amande*) from L. *amygdala* G *αμυγδαλη* The forms are difficult to explain but L. *anardula* (Phny) is perh altered on *maniere* to chew The *al* is prob due to confusion with numerous Arab words in the Rom langs. This is lost in It *mandola* and Ger *mandel*

A. al maunde tre (Wag amygd lus) sch l floure
(Wvc. Etilc. 2. 5)

almoner See *alms*

Almoravides Arab dynasty See *marabout*

almost AS *eallmæst mæst eall* most (nearly) all (cf IS *most all*)

alms AS *almesse* L. *elemosyna* C *ἐλεησιν* from *ἐλεος* compassion Early Church word with numeron early compds *Almoner* is later through OF *almosnier* (*aumônier*) To account for the forms of the word (OF *almosne* Ger *almosen*) contact with L. *alimonia* from *alere* to support feed has been suggested Sc *almous* *awmous* is not a corrupt but a separate introduction from ON *almusa* *Alms* though ing (*Arts* iii 3) has sometimes been wrongly regarded as a pl

For alms are but th relicts of prayer
(Dryden *H nd* 4 Pa lker L 106)

I thank yo- for your awmous sal 1 Ochiltree
(1 t q any ch x)

almug [B bl] Corrupt. (t *Kings* x) of *almug* m (q v)

alnager [hist] Official measurer of cloth abol shed temp Will III OF a l ageour from *aluna* a (*aunage*) measurement from *au(f)ne* ell (q v)

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See *allegiance* and *hege* *Alléguer* would
have given F *alleague*

allegiance Corrupt of ME *legaunce*, OF
ligeance, from *lige*, whence E *hege* (q v)
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from *ligare*, to bind Mod form is due to
confusion with another (obs) leg term,
allegeance (from *allege*)

ligence ligemanship, allegiance, faith, loyalty

(Cotg)

allegory L *allegoria*, G *ἀλληγορία*, from
ἄλλος, other, *ἀγορεύειν*, to speak, from
ἀγορά, place of assembly

allegro. It, irreg from L, *alacer*, "cheerful,
quick of spirit or witte" (Coop)

alleluia. L, G *ἀλληλοῦῖα*, LXX. transliteration
of Heb *hallelū-yāh*, praise ye Jah, i e
Jehovah

alleviate From L *alleviare*, from *levis*, light

Cf. *aggravate* Replaced (17 cent) ME
allege, F. *alléger* Cf *abbreviate*, *abridge*.

allerion. See *alerion*.

alley! Way, walk F *allée*, pp fem of *aller*,
to go.

alley². Marble (18 cent) Prob short for
alabaster, of which such are sometimes
made Cf OF *caissidone*, chalcedony,
similarly used, and *marble* itself

alliacious Of garlic, L *allium*

alligator Sp *el lagarto*, the lizard, L *lacertus*.
Earlier forms *lagarto*, *alagarto*, etc *Alli-*
gator (also *aiocado*) *pear* is corrupted from
Aztec *ah-uacatl*, via a Sp form *ah-uacatl*.

A fish called by the Spaniards *lagarto*, and by the
Indians *cayman*, w ich is indeed a crocodile
(Hickl v. 216)

alliteration. Coined from L *ad* and *lit(t)era*,
letter

alliteration a figure in rhetoric, repeating and
playing on the same letter (Blount).

Apt alliteration's artful aid

(Churchill, *Prophecy of Famine*, 76)

allocate From VL *allocare*, from *locus*, place

allocation L *allocutio-nis*, from *alloqui*, to
address, from *loqui locut-*, to speak

allodial [*hist*] Of lands held in absolute
ownership MedL *allodialis*, from *allodium*
(in *Salic Law* and *Domesday Book*), OHG
allōd, all possession Hence also F *alleu*.
OHG *ōd* is cogn with AS *ēad*, wealth,
bliss, etc, which is the first element in so
many AS names Thus our *Edgar*, AS
Eadgar, corresponds to F *Oger*, OHG
Odgar, now represented by the surname
Odgers It is uncertain whether Ger *kleinod*,
jewel, contains the same element Cf *udal*.
allopathy. Ger *allopathie*, coined by Hahnemann
(†1843) to express the opposite of
homoeopathy (q v.) From G. *ἄλλος*, other,
-ἄθος, feeling.

allot OF *aloter* See *lot*

A vineyard and an allotment for olives and herbs

(NED c 1745).

The small greengrocer is up against the allot-
menter (Ev News, June 8, 1918)

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(*It ust i t 43*)

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amb dexter Late L from *ambi* (v.s.) and *dexter*. See *dexterous*

fifth brother," in the *Arabian Nights*, lit "the lawyer," who has visions like those of the milkmaid in the fable

aloe AS *aluwe*, L, G *ἀλόν* Early med word Hence *lignaloës* (Chauc), *lignum aloës*, aromatic wood, coined like *rosewood*
aloft ON *ā lopt*(1), in the air, on high, cogn with AS *lyft*, air (cf Ger *luft*) Naut sense is later, but is combined with the original meaning by Dibdin

There's a sweet little cherub that sits up aloft,
 To keep v atch for the life of poor Jack

alone Orig *all one*, quite solitary (cf Ger *allein*) Hence *all alone* is pleon By aphesis *lone*, whence *lonely* *Alonely* occurs up to c 1600

[Athelstan] regned first al on in Engeland
 (Trev ii 109).

along AS *andlang* (cf Ger *entlang*), first element cogn with G *ārti*, against (cf *ansuer*) But in dial *along of*, meaning on account of, owing to, it represents AS. *gelang*

And when I lay in dungeon durt,
 Of Nav orth Castle, long months three,
 Till ransom'd for a thousand mark,
 Dark Musgrave it was long of thee

(Scott, *Lay*, v 29).

aloof Adapted from Du *te loef*, to windward. Orig naut, but no longer used by sailors See *luff*

The Dolphin lay a loofe off and durst not come nere (Hakl vii 37)

A coward, voide of valours prooffe,
 That for deaths feare hath fled, or fought a loofe
 (Sylv i 7)

aloud From *loud*, after earlier *ahigh*, *alow*, etc See *a-*

Alp L *Alpes*, prob Celt Cf Gael *alp*, Ir. *ealp*, hill In Switzerland used of a mountain pasture, as also in MHG Hence *alpenstock* (Ger)

alpaca Peruv llama, having long, fine, woolly hair Sp *alpaca*, or *alpaco*, from *el*, the, and *paco*, native name of animal, *al-* for *el-* being due to association with numerous words in *al-* from Arab. Cf *alligator*

alphabet L *alphabetum* G *ἀλφα βῆτα*, A B, Heb *āleph*, ox, and *bēth*, house, from Phoenician symbols First found in 16 cent, though *alpha* and *beta* both occur in ME Cf *abecedarian*

Alphonsine tables [*astron*] Compiled (1252) by *Alphonso the Wise*, king of Castile already Orig adj, *all ready*, quite prepared

Alsatia Latinization of F *Alsace*, Ger *Elsass*, seat of strangers, cogn with *else* and *sit* Cant name for Whitefriars (Lond'), sanctuary for law-breakers See *Fortunes of Nigel*, ch xvi. Perh from Alsace being regarded as a kind of No Man's Land.

All that neutral ground of character, which stood between vice and virtue, or which in fact was indifferent to neither, where neither properly was called in question, that happy breathing-place from the burthen of a perpetual moral questioning--the sanctuary and quiet Alsatia of hunted casuistry--is broken up and disfranchised (Lamb, *On the artificial Comedy of the last century*)

alsike Kind of clover From *Alsike* near Upsala

Alsirat Razor-like bridge over hell to Mohammedan paradise Arab *al-strūh*, from L *strala*, street

Though on al Sirat's arch I stood
 Which totters o'er the fiery flood (*Glaour*)

also For *all so*, AS *call-swā* See *as-*

Altaic Name of group of agglutinative langs, Ugro-Finnish, between *Altai Mountains* (Central Asia) and Arctic Ocean.

altar L *allare* ME has usually *awter*, OF *auter* (*autel*) An early Church word in most Europ langs, but AS. usu. has *wēofod*, for *wīg-bēod*, idol-table Mod spelling was fixed by rel disputes of 16 cent, the Protestants preferring *Lord's table*

altazimuth [*astron*] Instrument for determining *altitude* and *azimuth* A port-manteau-word

alter F *altérer*, MedL *alterare*, from *aller*, other The F. word now always implies degeneration.

alterer to alter, change, vary, turne from what it was; also, to adulterate, falsifie, sophisticate (Cotg)

altercation From L *altercari*, to dispute, speak to each other (v1).

alternate. From L *alternare*, to take turns, from *alternus*, from *alter*, other.

althaea Mallow L, G *ἀλθαία*, cogn: with *ἀλθαίειν*, to heal

althing [*hist.*] Icelandic parliament, abolished 1800 *All thing*, general assembly. Cf *storting* and see *thing*

although *All though* Orig. more emphatic than *though*. Cf *albeit*

altitude From L *altitudo*, from *altus*, high

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ambiguous From *L. ambiguus*, from *ambigere*, from *amb-* and *agere*, lit to drive both ways Cf *desultory*, *prevaricate*

ambit *L. ambitus*, going round (v i)

ambition *F. ambition*, *L. ambitio-n-*, lit. going about (for votes), from *ambire*, from *amb-* and *ire*, *it-*, to go

ambire to goe about, to sue or stand for an office (Coop)

Agrippa and Bernice camen with moche ambicioun [*G. με-α πολλῆς φαντασίας*] (*W₃c Ads*, xxi 23).

amble *F. ambler*, *L. ambulare*, to walk

ambo [*hist*] Reading-desk in early Christian churches *L.*, *G. ἄμβω*, from *ἀβαβαίω*, to go up

Amboyne wood From *Amboyne*, one of the Moluccas

ambrosia *L.*, *G. ἀμβροσία*, food of the immortals, from *ἄμβροτος*, immortal, from *ἀ-*, neg, *βροτός* (for *μβροτός*), cogn with *L. mortuus* Hence *ambrosial*, divine, often with reference to the fragrance associated with the gods

ambry, aumbry [*dial*] Storehouse, cupboard Earlier *armary*, *almery*, OF *armarie*, *almarie*, *L. armarium*, "where bookes are layd or other stuffe of household" (Coop), orig place for arms and tools The *-l-* of OF *almarie* is due to dissim, but there has also been confusion with *almonry* Cf also Ger *dial almer* ModF *armoire*, cupboard, is the same word with change of suffix.

almoire an ambrie, cup-board, box Look *armoire* (Cotg)

The Eleemosinari, or Almonry, now corruptly the Ambry, for that the alms of the abbey were there distributed to the poor (Stow)

ambs-ace, ames-ace [*archaic*] OF *ambes-as* (*L. ambos asses*), two aces, lowest throw at dice See *ace* Still in gen use in Munster in *within an am's-ace of*

ambulance *F. ambulance*, earlier *hôpital ambulant*, from *L. ambulare*, to travel. Introduced into E during Crimean War (1854-5)

ambury See *anbury*.

ambuscade *F. embuscade*, It *imboscata* or Sp *emboscada*, p p fem of *imboscarse*, *emboscar*, to "enbush" (see *bosky*) The form *ambuscado* (*Rom & Jul* 14), common in 17 cent, is a specimen of the pseudo-Sp words then popular Cf. *camerado*, *camisado*, etc See *ambush*

ambush. OF. *embusche* (*embüche*), from *em-*

buscher, to hide in the woods, now replaced, under the influence of *embuscade*, by *embusquer*

embuscher. to belay, to lay in ambu-cadoc for, to waylay (Cotg.)

âme damnée *F.*, familiar spirit, orig. soul damned by compact with controlling demon

Ameer Of Afghanistan See *emü*

ameliorate From *F. ameliorer*, OF. *ameillorer*, from *à* and *meilleur*, *L. melior-em*, better.

amen *L.*, *G. ἀμήν*, Heb *ā-mēn*, certainty, truth, used as expression of consent, etc In AS transl by *sōthlice*, soothly, or *sūā hit sȳ*, so let it be Cf *sobert* and *F. ainsī soit-il*.

amenable Orig hable to be brought before jurisdiction *AF*, from *F. amener*, VL **ad-narare*, from *mirari*, to threaten, whence *mener*, *amener*, to lead The transition in sense of the VL word was prob from cattle-driving

amend *F. amender*, VL **amendare* for *emendare*, from *mendum*, fault Hence *aphet. mend*, which has supplanted *amend* in most senses *Amends*, as in *make amends*, is *F. amende*, from the verb The earliest meaning in both langs is pecuniary reparation, fine The prevalence of the pl form in E is curious, but it is usu treated as a sing

amende a penalty, fine, mulct, amercement, an *amends* made by an offender to the law violated, or partly wronged (Cotg)

amenity From *L. amoenitas*, from *amoenus*, pleasant Orig of places, as still in *loss of amenity* (as result of industrial operations)

amercé [*archaic*] Earlier *amercy*, *AF. amercier*, to fine Formed from *merci*, *mercy*, grace The phrase *estre a merci*, to be at mercy, i e at the discretion of the tribunal, was corrupted to *estre amercé*, and thus a verb was evolved which, at first, in accordance with its origin, was used only in the passive For a similar case of a verb formed from an adv phrase see *abandon*

Frans hom ne seit amerciez pour petit forfet (*Magna Charta*).

American In 16 cent American Indian; current sense from end of 18 cent *Americanism* (of speech) is recorded for 1794 The continent is named from *Amerigo Vesputici*, 15 cent navigator.

Another Italian, Americus Vesputius, carried the name away from them both (Columbus, Cabot) (Purch)

ames-ace See *ambs-ace*

amorphous From G *ἄμορφος*, shapeless, from *ἀ-*, neg, *μορφή*, shape
amortize F *amortir*, *amortiss-*, from *ā* and *mort*, death For form cf *advertise* and MedL *amortizare* In ME to alienate in mortmain Sense of extinguishing a debt is quite mod (NED 1882) and is imitated from F *amortir une dette*

amount First as verb OF *amonter*, to mount up, from *amont*, up hill, L *ad montem* Earlier used also in sense of *mount*

So up he rose, and thence amounted streight

(*Faerie Queene*, I ix 54)

amour F, L *amor-em* A common ME word for love, later accented *amour* (cf *enamour*) Now with suggestion of intrigue and treated as a F word

The amours of Lotharius Learoyd

(Private Ortheris)

ampère Unit of electricity Adopted by Paris Electric Congress (1881) from name of F electrician (†1836) Cf *ohm*, *volt*

ampersand [*archaic*] The sign &, formerly &, ligature of *et* This ended the "criss-cross row" of the hornbook, which was repeated aloud by children—"A per se A, B per se B, and per se and" Common in dial with numerous vars

The pen commandeth only twenty six letters, it can only range between A and Z, these are its limits—I had forgotten and pussy-and (Southey)
 Tommy knew all about the work Knew every letter in it from A to Emperzan (Pett Ridge)

amphi- G *ἀμφί*, on both sides, cogn with L *ambi-* Hence, *amphibia*, L, G *ἀμφίβια*, neut pl, from *βίος*, life, *amphibiology*, F *amphibologie*, Late L, from G *ἀμφιβολία*, ambiguity, from *βάλλειν*, to cast, *amphibrach*, metr foot, e.g. *āmālā*, L, from G *βραχύς*, short (on both sides), *amphictyonic*, orig council of Greek States, G *ἀμφικτύονες*, those dwelling around

amphigouri, **amphigory** Rigmorole F *amphigouri* (18 cent) Origin obscure ? Coined from G *ἀμφί* and *γῆρος*, circle (cf *roundabout*, *circumlocution*)

amphimacer Metr foot, e.g. *cārilās* L, from G *μακρός*, long (on both sides), cf. *amphibrach*

amphisbaena Fabled two-headed serpent G *ἀμφίσβαινα*, from *ἀμφίς*, both ways, *βαίνειν*, to go

amphitryon Host, entertainer From Molière's *Amphitryon*, adapted from Plautus

Le véritable Amphitryon est l'Amphitryon où l'on dine (iii 5)

amphora L, two-handled vessel, from G *ἀμφί*, on both sides, *φέρειν*, to bear In L also *amphora*

ample F, L *amplus*, from prefix *amb-*, *ambi-*, about, and *-plus* as in *duplus*, double
ampulla Globular vessel L, dim of *amphora* (q v)

amputate From L *amputare*, from *amb-*, about, and *putare*, to lop, prune Thus, metaphor from gardening

amuck, **amok** Malay *amog*, rushing in a state of frenzy to the commission of indiscriminate murder First Europ form (c 1500) is Port *amouco*, *amuco*, used of a frenzied Malay Now only in to *run amuck* Sometimes erroneously understood as *a muck*.

amoucos a sort of rash people in India (Vieyra)

Frontless and satire proof, he scours the streets,
 And runs an Indian muck at all he meets

(Dryden, *Hind and Panther*, iii 1187).

Thy cliffs, dear Dover, harbour and hotel,
 Thy custom-house, with all its delicate duties,
 Thy waiters running mucks at every bell

(*Don Juan*, x 69).

The German submarines have been running amok among Norwegian trading-vessels

(*Daily Chron* Oct 26, 1916).

amulet F *amulette*, L *amuletum*, ? for *amolithum*, from *amolithi*, to avert, used to translate G *φυλακτήριον*, from *φύλαξ*, *φυλακ-*, guard (see *phylactery*)

amuse F *amuser* (see *muse*) Not in Shaks Orig to make to muse, occupy the attention, and even trick, delude So also *amusement*, distraction, orig rather loss of time The sense-development has been curious, and more of the orig meaning is found in *bemuse*

amuser to amuse, to make to muse, or think of, wonder, or gaze at, to put into a dumper, to stay, hold, or delay from going forward by discourse, questions, or any other amusements (Cotg).

This if well heeded, might save us a great deal of useless amusement and dispute (Locke)

Le moindre amusement [delay] peut vous être fatal
 (*Tartuffe*, v 6)

amygdaloid [*geol*] Igneous rock Lit almond-shaped See *almond* *Amygd-* in med terms refers to the tonsils, pop called "almonds"

amyl- [*chem*] From G *ἄμυλον*, starch

an¹ Adj Orig ident with *one* (q v), AS *ān* Cf. double use of F *un*, Ger *ein* *An* was reduced early to *a* before a consonant In Sc *ane* has survived both as numeral and art

an² Archaic conj In *an it please you*, etc See *and*

an- As G prefix for *ana-* (q v.) or for *ā-* neg before vowel

anchoress, representing the same word borrowed by AS, and surviving up to c 1600 Cf the 13th cent *Ancien Rule*, or *Rule of Nuns*, in which the name is pseudo-etym explained as a metaphor, the nuns being "anchors" of Holy Church Shaks uses *anchor* (*Hamlet* iii 2)

arachorete the hermit called an ankrosse, or anchorite (Cotg)

anchovy Earlier *anchove*, Sp *anchova* Forms of the word are found in all the Rom langs, and F *anchois*, app a pl, is rather older than our word Origin unknown

anchylosis [*med*] Stiffness of joints G, from ἀγκυλος, crooked, cogn with *angle*^{1,2}

ancient F *ancien*, VL **antianus*, from *ante*, cf It *anziano*, Sp *anciano* Often incorr. used formerly, e g by Shaks, for *ensign* in both senses (1 *Hen IV*, iv 2, 2 *Hen IV*, ii 4)

ancillary Subordinate, from L *ancilla*, hand-maid, dim of archaic L *anca*.

Others are engaged in v or work or munitions work or on contracts ancillary thereto

(Lord Chief Justice, Nov 15, 1916)

and AS *and*, *end* Aryan, cf Du *en*, Ger *und*, ON *endr*, Goth *and*, Sanskrit *ātha*; cogn with L *ante*, G *anti*, against, juxtaposed, and with *end* Sec also *answer* It was used not only as a simple copulative, but also to introduce a condition, in which sense it was often reduced to *an* and strengthened with a redundant *if* This survives in the archaic *an it please you*, where older editions of Shaks have *and*

But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart
(*Isaiah* xiv 48)

andante [*mus*] It, pres part of *ardare*, to go, ? from L *ad* and *nare*, to swim (cf *arrive*) ? Or from L *ambulare* (see *ambit*)

andron ME *androun*, etc, OF *andier*, now *landier*, for *l'andier* Ending is assimilated by folk-etym to *bradiron*, a word of somewhat similar meaning A further dial corrupt. is *harduun* See also *gridiron* MedL forms are numerous, *andena*, *anderrus*, etc ? From a Gaulish **ardera*, young cow (cf Welsh *anner*, heifer) Cf *non fire-dog*, F *chevet*, Ger *feuerhock*, lit fire-goat.

Andrea Ferrara [*hist*] Sc broad-sword *Andrea dei Ferrari*, ie Andrew of the armourers, was a famous 16 cent sword-smith of Belluno, but it seems unlikely that any great number of his costly blades could have got to Scotland. According to some

Sc authorities the native blades were made by *Andrew Ferrars* or *Ferrier* (? of Arb-roath), who again, according to a popular legend, may have been the Italian in exile. See *Cornh Mag* Aug 1865

Andrew Patron saint of Scotland; hence *St Andrew's cross* on the national flag, supposed to be the shape of the cross (X) used at his martyrdom *Merry Andrew*, quack's attendant, is from the common use of *Andrew* as name for a serving-man (cf *abigail*, *zany*, *jack-pudding*) Sec also *dandy* androgynous [*anat*] Hermaphrodite From G ἀνδρόγυνος, from ἀνής, ἀνδρ-, man, γυνή woman

Andromeda [*astron*] G maiden rescued from sea-monster by Perseus Also used of a genus of shrubs

anecdote F, MedL, G ἀνέκδοτα, neut pl, things unpublished, from ἀν-, neg, ἐκδίδωαι, to give out It thus corresponds exactly to F *inédit* Orig private or secret details *Anecdote*, for garrulous old age, with a play on *dolage*, is a coinage attributed to John Wilkes

Those who pretend to write anecdotes, or secret history (Gulliver)

anele [*archaic*] To give extreme unction (*Hamlet* i 5) ME *anelien*, from *ele*, oil, L *oleum*

anemone L, G ἀνεμώνη, wind-flower, lit daughter of the wind, ἀνεμος

anent AS *on efen*, on a level, with excrement -t Orig side by side with, as still in dial.; cf *forment*, opposite, now esp Ir So also Ger *neben*, near, beside, is for older *enebēn* In ME *anentis*, *anentst* is the usu form (cf *against*) The word is very common in Sc law, its use by ModE writers being an affectation

I cam to Jerusalem, for to se Petre, and dwellide anentis him [*Vulg apud eum*] fiftene dayes
(W, c Gal i. 18)

aneroid F *anéroidé*, coined from G ἀ-, neg, ῥηρός, damp

aneurism [*med*] Morbid dilatation of artery From G ἀνερπέν, from ἐρνέω, to open

anew Earlier of *new*; cf F *de nouveau* Ther kan no man in hurublesse hym acquite As vommen kan, ne kan been half so trewe As vommen been, but it be falle of newe
(Chaucer E 936)

anfractuosity F. *anfractuosité*, from L *anfractus*, winding, roundabout, from *anfractus*, a breaking round, bending, from *ambi-* and *frangere*, *fract-*, to break

angel AS *engel* L. G. *αγγελος* messenger used by LXX to translate Heb *mal'ak* messenger (of Jehovah) Or *an* vense in *angel of death* Adopted by all the converted nations ModE form is due to influence of L and of OF *angle angele* (*an e*) The coin called in *an el* (15 cent) was a new issue of the noble stamped with St Michael and the Dragon This was the coin always presented to patients touched for the King's evil

v srt

Like those of angels short and f r between

(Bl or G ar)

Ang l visits f w and far between

(Campbell *Parasites of Hope* ii 386)

angelica Herb ModL *herba angelica* so named from reputed med qualities (16 cent)

angelus From init word of devotional exercise repeated at the ringing of the angelus bell—*In eius domini nuntiat Marias* Mod currency is due to Long fellow (*Fear elise*)

anger Oⁿ *anger* cogn. with L *ancre* (see *anguish*) Orig rather in passive sense of pain affliction etc ² Influenced in later sense by OF *engrès* vehement passionate L *in ressus*

To suffer al that God sente syknesses a d angres
(*Flora Floren* C xlii 29)

angina [med] L *angina* quinsv from *angere* (v s) cogn with G *αγγίζω* Usu mi pronounced *angir* See an *usik* quinsy

angio From G *αγγε* or dim of *αγγος* vessel chest

angle ¹ Verb From ois *angle* fish hook AS *an'el* dim of AS *anga orga* prickled goad ult cogn with L *uncus* and also with *angle* ² So al o the hist *Angles* took their name from *An'ul* Oⁿ *On'ull* a hook haped distinct in Holstein

The fl brys also shall mourn and all they that eat a gle {i w' hams} into th brooks shall lament
(Is xix 8)

angle ² Noun F L *anulus* corner of G uy or bend See *angle* ¹

Anglian [ling] Used to include Mercian and Northumbrian (see *angle* ¹) *Fa t Anglian* includes Norfolk and Suffolk

Anglican From 17 cent but MedL form—*An lican ecclesia*—occurs in *Magna Charta* and earlier App modelled on *Gillicanus* Becket couples the words in a letter to the Pope (1169)

Anglo-French [ling] French as spoken in England c 1100–1400 chiefly from the Norman dial of OF

anglomani First used in US (18 cent) Cf later *an₂lophobia* modelled on *hydrophobia* Anglo Saxon Sometimes understood as referring to mixture of *Angles* and Saxon but orig used to distinguish the English Saxons from the continental Saxons (cf *An₂lo French*) It was applied esp to the people of Wessex and the other *ser* counties The word fell out of use after the Conquest and does not reappear till c 1600 when Camden in his antiquarian and philological writings adopted *Anglo Saxonicus* or *Eng₂lish Saxon* as a name for the old English lang which like the race had during the Middle Ages been known as Saxon only *Anglo Saxon* is now often replaced e g in the VFD by *O d En lish* which serves to mystify the layman At the same time *Anglo Saxon* is a misnomer as it strictly applies to only one of the three invading tribes

angola See *Angora*

Angora Mod name of *Ancira* in Asia Minor famous for breed of goats and cats with long silky hair Hence a material often corrupted to *angol*

angostura angustura ¹ bark used for making bitters from a town on the Orinoco formerly so named Now Ciudad Bolívar

angry See an *er*

anguine [biol] Of the snake L *anguis anguin*

anguish OI *anguisse* (*angois*) L *angustia* compression from *angustus* narrow cogn with *anger* *an'io* is *quinsv* and possibly with *pang* Cf Ger *bange* anxious from OHG *argo* (*en e*) narrow with prefix *be* anharmonic Not harmonic (d *ner* an hungered [Bitt]) For earlier a *hungered* with a for earlier of (cf *anew*) with intens for e Cf Ger *ab₂ehungert* starving here the prefix is cogn with E of See *athirst*

anhydrous G *anhýdros* from *an-* neg *hōp* water

anigh Mod sham antique modelled on *afa* A favourite word with William Morris.

M to Cios e pressed w hth the odd blyget
enough to m
And Mister Mart n T pper sent the f llowing r ply
t m (Gübert *G nile Picman*)

anile L *an'is* imbecile from *anus* old woman

aniline Coined by Fritzsche (1811) from *an l* and go F Sp *an l* Arab I rs *anill* for *al nil* the indigo orig meaning (Sanskrit)

dark blue, as in the *Nilgherries*, or Blue Hills Cf *nylghau*

animadvert L *animadvertere*, for *animus advertere*, to turn the mind to, take cognizance of For sense-development of *twit*

animal L, for *animale*, neut. of *animalis*, having breath of life, *anima* Not in *AV*. (see *beast*) *Animal spirits* orig (16 cent) meant nerve force considered as centred in the brain, contrasted with *vital* and *natural* spirits The earliest record in *NED* for mod sense is 1813 (*Pride and Prejudice*)

The brame for the animall spiritte, the heert for the vitall, and the liver for the naturall (*NED* 1591)

animalcule L dim *animalculum* A pl *animalcule* is often used by the ignorant **animate** From L *animare*, to give breath to (see *animal*) Cf G *ἀνέμος*, wind

animosity F *animosité*, Late L *animositas*, from *animus*, spirit Not orig hostile feeling Cf *animus* (19 cent) for similar sense-development

anise F *anis*, L, G *ἀνίσον* There is also an obs *anet*, L, G *ἀνέθον*, dial form of above *Aniseed* is for *anise seed* F *aniselle*, liqueur, is a dim of *anis*

That tithen mente, anese [*var. anete*] and comyn (Wyc *Matt* xxi 23).

anker [*archaic*] Cask In most leut langs, earliest in Du Older is MedL *anceria*, *ancheria*, a small vat Origin obscure; ? OHG *hant-kar*, hand tub

ankle AS *anclēow* The first element is perh related to *angle*¹, while the ending suggests *claw*, cf Du *enclaanw*, OHG *anclāo*, ON *okkla* But this will not explain ME *ankyl*, mod *ankle*, which appears to represent a Fris or Scand form, cf Du *enkel*, Dan, Sw *ankel*, also Ger *enkel*, used in some dialects for the more usual *knöchel* (see *knuckle*)

ankylosis See *anhylosis*

anlace [*hist*] Kind of dagger Metath of OF *alenas*, from *alène*,awl (cf *cutlass*). This suggests that it was not a blade, but a kind of stiletto, used as a dagger of mercy (quot 2) See *awl*.

Genus cultelli, quod vulgariter anelacius dicitur (Matthew Paris)

Un alenas en sa main

Cherche des armeures l'estre [joint]

Pour lui oere et afiner (Duc 1308).

An anlaas, and a gipser al of silk

Heeng at his girdel, whut as morne milk

(Chauc A. 357).

His harp in silken scurf was slung,
And by his side an anlase hung (*Rocheby*, v. 15).

anna. Sixteenth part of a rupee Hind. *ānā*.

annals. F. *Annales*, L. *Annales* (sc. libri), year-books, from *annus*, year.

annates [*hist*] First fruits, payment to Rome of first year's income by newly appointed ecclesiastics. F. *annate*, MedL. *annata* (whence also F. *année*) Transferred to the Crown at Reformation and later used to establish the fund called Queen Anne's Bounty.

anneal AS. *on-ālan*, to set on fire, bake (tiles, etc.), whence ME. *anle* Perh. influenced by OF *neeler* (*neller*), It *nuellare*, VL. **nigellare*, to blacken

Up on the wallis of anelid [*var. bakun*] tyrl (Wyc *Is* vi 7).

annelid [*zool*] ModL *annelida* (Lamarck), from F. *annelé*, ringed, from OF *annel* (*anneau*), L *annellus*, dim of *annulus*

anner Orig to attach. F *annerer*, from L. *annerus*, from *ad*, to, *nectere*, *nect-*, to bind.

Cf F *annexe*, supplementary building.

annihilate From Late L *annihilare*, to reduce to nothing, *nil* Cf F *anéantir* See *annihilist*.

anniversary L *anniversarius* (adj), returning yearly, from *annus*, year, *vetere*, *vers-*, to turn

Anno Domini L, in the year of the Lord. **annotate**. Elaborated from earlier *annote* (16 cent), F. *annoter*, L *annolare*. Occurs first in Johns as gloss to *comment* See *note*.

announce. F. *annoncer*, L *annuntiare*, from *ad* and *nuntius*, messenger Hence *annunciation*, earliest in ref to Virgin Mary.

annoy OF *enoier*, VL **in-odiare*, from the phrase *in odio*, in hatred, cf It *annoiare*, Sp. *enojar*. The E word occurs first as a noun, and its earlier sense was much stronger than at present. *Ennu* is formed from ModF *ennuyer*, from tonic stem of *enoyer*²

We licence our said cosyn [the Earl of Cumberland] to anoye the Kinge of Spayne and his subjects, and to burne, kill, and slaye, as just and needefull cause shall require (Queen Elizabeth).

annual Earlier *annuel*, F, Late L *annualis*, for *annalis*, from *annus*, year

annuity F *annuité*, MedL *annuitas*, from L *annuus*. An old word in both langs

annul F *annuler*, L. *annullare*, to reduce to naught, *nullum*, see *null* and cf *annihilate*.

annular L *annularis*, from *annulus*, ring **annunciation**. See *announce*.

anode [*electr*] Positive pole G *ἀνόδος*, way up, from *ὁδός*, way Cf *cathode*.

anodyne L. G ἀνοδίνος painless from ἀν neg. ὁδὸν pain

anoint Orig pp of OF *enouindre* Lat *unungere* from *in* and *un-cre* *un-ct* to an int The *Lord's Anoint* is used by Coverd (1535) where Wyc has the *Chr* of the Lord Has replaced in rel sense native *smear*

Mkn healed thā mud le we smyredost theos smyfrede mud seal e mīne tēi (Luke vi 4)

anomalous Farther also *anomal* L G ἀνόματος from ἀν neg. μάτος even from ὁμος same Cf *homologous*

anon AS *on an* into one *on one* in one Older sense at once forthwith etc but now used rather like *presently* which has also changed its meaning cf Ger *auf einmal* pidgn *one time* Dial *anan* meaning something like What do you want? is the same originating from the stock reply of the summoned servant common in Shaks and corresponding to the modern waiter's Coming Sir This may account for change of sense

He that he reth the word and anon [G θύε *fulg* coo: uo] with joy recei: th it (M II xii. 20)

He hall presently [G ἄνω *fulg* modol] gi o me more than twel regions of angels (M II xii. 53)

anonymous From G ἀνώνυμος from ἀν neg. νῶμα name

another For *another* In M often a *mother* *anserine* [neol] L *anserinus* belonging to the goose f *anser* cogn with G αἴς See *goose*

answer AS *andswarian* to swear back from noun *andswari* Cf L *respondere* to pledge in return Orig sense survives in to *answer an accusation* to *answer for* be *answerable* etc. First element surviving only in this word and partly in *along* is cogn with Ger *ant* (as in *antwort*) *ent* L *ante* G ἀντ etc See *and*

If it were so It was a grievous fault

And grievously bath Caesar answe: d it

(U I C et lli 2)

ant AS *ænæte* whence ME *ant* *ant* *ampt* (cf *Amp* hill Beds) *emes* Archaic *emmet* is still in dial use Orig cutter off of ON *ænsla* to cut Ger *meissel* chisel Cf Ger *amerse* ant in Luther *emmet* whence prob *emsig* diligent A more wide spread Teut name for the insect survives in *pismire* (q v)

Goe to th emmote d el ggaard

(Doway B ble Prov vi 6)

ant For *anti* before vowel

antagonist L *antagonista* C *ant* γαν *της* from *ant* against ἀγωναζομαι to struggle Cf *agony*

Antar Hero of romance From *Antar* *shn* *Shah* Eastern poet and warrior Cf *Asdis* *Bayard* etc

Antarctic See *Arctic*

ante I *ante* before cogn with C *ante* Ger *ant* *ent* AS *and* and ult with *eid*

antecedent From pres part of L *antecedere* to go before Cf *ancestor*

antediluvian Coined (17 cent) ? by Sir T Browne from L *ante* and *diluvium* flood See *deluge*

antelope OF *antelop* found in MedL as *antelopus* and 4 cent C as *antelop* α θ λον Orig sense and lang unknown ModF *antelope* is borrowed back from C (Buffon) In M & OF the antelope was a fabulous and formidable beast like the unicorn griffin etc Mod sense dates from 17 cent

The antelope and wolf both fierce and fell

(Faerie Queene 26)

antennae [biol] Pl *antenna* yard of a sail used by Theodorus Gaza (15 cent) to translate G *epau* horns of insects also ends of sail yards both being called *cornua* in L F *antenne* still has both senses

anterior L compar from prep *ante* be fore

antheion [astron] Late G neut of ἀνθλος from *an* opposite *ηλος* sun Cf *aphelion* *perihelion*

anthem AS *antefn* L G ἀντίφωνα neut pl from ἀντι *ant* *φωνη* sound An early Church word doublet of *antiphon* The AS form shows a VL change of accent *antiphona* whence also F *antienne* an anthem or supplication (Cotg) For the E ending cf *stern* (naut.) from AS *stefn* For Johnson's etym (v 1) cf *ache* *anthem* G ἀθμν a hymn sung in it in te parts and should ther fore be written *anthymn* (J hns)

anther [bot] F *anthère* G ἀνθήρ fem of ἀνθήρως flowerly (v 1)

anthology L α θ λογια from *thos* flower *ley* to gather

Anthony St Patron saint of swineherds Hence archaic *Anthony* (see *Tanony*) for the smallest pig in a litter St *Anthony's fire* is an old name for erysipelas for the cure of which the saint was invoked

anthracite From *anthrax* (q v)

anthrax Malignant pustule L, G *ἀνθραξ*, coal, whence *anthracite* Cf *carbuncle* (q v)

"Anthrax" is a postume It is call'd also "carbunculus," for it brentyth as a cole (NED 1398)

anthropo- From G *ἄνθρωπος*, man Hence *anthropology*, orig study of man in widest sense, *anthropophagi*, cannibals, L, G *ἀνθρωποφάγοι*, from *φαγεῖν*, to eat.

And of the cannibals that each other eat,
The Anthropophagi (*Old* 1 3)

anti-, ant- G *ἀντί*, against, cogn with L *ante*, before Hence a large and increasing number of compds to indicate people who are "agin" something, e g *anti-conscriptiomist* (1916)

antic It *antico*, antique, L *antiquus*, used for *grotesque* (q v), this kind of work being ascribed to the ancients In 16 cent it was both noun and adj, of things and of persons, but its earliest recorded use (Foxe) is in the mod sense of grotesque gambol

grotesca, a kinde of rugged unpolished painters worke, anticke worke (*Flor*)

All bar'd with golden bendes, which were entayled
With curious antickes, and full fayre aumayled

(*Faerie Queene*, II iii 27)

And there the antic [Death] sits,
Scoffing his state, and grinning at his pomp

(*Rich II* iii 2)

Antichrist Mysterious opponent of Christ whose advent was expected by the Middle Ages Applied by early reformers to the Papal authority

This false heresie and tyrannie of Antichrist

(Wyc)

anticipate From L *anticipare*, to take before, from *capere*, to take *Intelligent anticipation*, for unfounded statement, is due to Lord Curzon

antidote F, L, G *ἀντίδοτον*, given against, from *διδόναι*, to give

Anti-Jacobin [*hist*] Opposed to the *Jacobins* (q v), esp as name of an anti-democratic paper started in 1797

antimacassar Coined (c 1850) as name of defence against the *macassar* oil with which people anointed their heads

antimony MedL *antimonia*, first used by Constantinus Africanus of Salerno (11 cent). Prob a latinized form of some Arab name, but origin very doubtful Popularly understood as F *anti-moine*, monk's bane, and explained by a ridiculous story concerning a 15 cent chemist.

antinomian [*theol*] Opposed to law, G *νόμος* Esp name of a Ger sect (1535) which maintained that the moral law was not binding upon Christians

Antinous Handsome man Page of Emperor Hadrian Cf *Adonis*

antipathy L, G *ἀντιπάθεια*, from *πάθος*, feeling

antiphon See *anthem*

antiphrasis Late L, G *ἀντίφρασις*, contradiction See *phrase*

antipodes L, G *ἀντίποδες* (pl), from *πούς*, *πῶδ*, foot Orig, the people on the other side of the earth Prob from OF., which has it rather earlier Formerly pronounced to rhyme with *codes* and with a sing *antipod* (cf *decapod*)

Yonde in Ethiopia ben the Antipodes, men that
have thevyr fete ayenst our fete (NED 1398).

antipyrin [*neol*] From *antipyretic*, from G *τυφετός*, fever, from *τῆρ*, fire

antique F, L *antiquus* Now has F pronunc, but formerly that of *antic* (q v), as still sometimes in verse *Antiquary* in mod sense is first recorded as offic title conferred on John Leland by Henry VIII

There stood the broad wheeled wains and the antique ploughs and the harrows (*Evangeline*, I 1 74)

antirrhinum [*bot*] Snapdragon From G *ἀντί*, against (counterfeiting), *ῥίς*, *ῥιν*, nose Cf *rhinoceros*. The flower has, owing to its shape, a large number of dial names in all langs In Ger it is usually *löwenmaul*, lion's mouth

antiseptic From 18 cent From G *σηπτικός*, putrefying, from *σῆπειν*, to rot

antithesis L, G *ἀντίθεσις*, from *τιθέναι*, to place Cf *contrast*

antitoxin Serum used against diphtheria From G *τοξικόν*, poison See *intoxicale*

antler ME *antelere*, OF *antolier* (*andouiller*), VL **ante-ocularis* (sc *ramus*), branch before the eye Cf Ger *augensprossen*, antlers, lit eye-sprouts Orig the lowest forward directed branch of a stag's horn, now called *brow-antler* The absence of the word from the other Rom langs makes this, otherwise convincing, etym rather dubious

antonomasia [*rhet*] Substitution of epithet. G, from *ἀντί*, instead, *ὄνομα*, name

antonym Opposite of *synonym* (q v)

anus [*anat*] L, lit ring, cf *synon* G *δακτύλιος*, lit finger-ring

anvil Earlier *anvil* AS *anfle* from *an* on and an obscure second element prob meaning to hammer which appears also in *felt* cf L *incus* *trud* anvil from *in* and *cudere* to strike Cogn. with *anvil* are OHG *anafa* & ODu *anewik* ModGer has *amboss* from OHG *bosan* cogn with *beat* Du has *aanweld* with which cf Norw *Dan ambolt* (from IG) In these the second element is cogn with E. *bold* and ult with the *file* *falls* of the words above

anxious From L *anxius* from *angere* to compress, choke See *anguish* *quin* &

any AS *ānig* from *an* one of Du *een* & from *een* Ger *einig* from *ein*

anythingarian Coined (early 18 cent.) on model of *transitarian* *unitarian* Cf slang F *jemenfoutiste*

Anzac [h sl]. Acrostic word coined during the Gall pol campaign (1915) to denote collectively the Australasians—Australian New Zealand Army Corps. Cf *Dora* *Ilia* *Zarp* etc

arist [gram] G *aristos* indefinite from a neg *opsis* to define. See *horizon*

aorta [anat] Great artery G *dopry* lit what is hung up from a *pair* to raise

Ap Patronymic prefix in Wel h names e.g. *Ap Rhys* (Price) *Ap Evan* (Brewer) etc Earlier *ma* cogn with Gael *mac*

apace Orig at a walk (F *au pas*) but in early use associated with speed

And forth she walk the eale a pas (Chauc. F 35.)

apache Parisian desperado (late 19 cent.) From name of Fed Ind tribe Cf *mechok*

apantage **appanage** Now used fig of a perquisite special possession adjunct, etc but orig provision (territory office etc) made for younger sons of royalty I from OI *apaner* MedL *appandere* to provide with bread L *panis*

apart F *d part* side L *af partem*

apartment F *apartement* It *appartemen* orig division separation from *apart* & from *a part* apart. MedL *aparta* *men* *um* is directly from L *partiri* to divide share When first introduced it meant, like F *appartement* a suite of rooms

apathy F *apatie* L G *apatia* from *a* neg *pathos* feeling

ape AS *apa* Com Test of Du *apa* Ger *affe* ON *ape* Prob adopted in prehistoric times from some non Aryan lang With verb to *ape* cf I *singer* Ger *nackaffen*

apeak [naut] Lari & (16 cent) a *pis* F *d pic* perpendicularly (sed of anch & when the cable has been sufficiently hoisted to bring the hip over it (Synth) Also *oa* & *peak* held vertically yards *areak* as sign of mourning (f *pea* &

It is going the hand-cable will have been the anchor's *apeak* (Kilwick Random)

apeasy [med] Lack of digestive power From C a neg *an* *sep* & (see *dispepsia*)

aperçu F pp of *a* & *cevoir* to perceive (q.v.)

aperient From pres part of L *aperire* to open

aperture L *apertura* from *aperire* to open to open

apex L *suturmit*

apheeress lit I G *apheer* & from *aro* off *aper* to take See *apies* &

aphasia [med] Coined by Roussieu (1864) f & earlier *aphemia* *als* & from G *a* neg *phasa* to speak

aphelion [astron] Coined by Kepler (16 cent.) after *apogee* from C *dro* off *luc* sun Cf *perihelion*

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aphetic See *aphesis*

aphus Plant louse Modl coined by Linnaeus. ? Back formation from pl *aphides* suggested by C *aphidius* *transparans*

aphorism F *aph* *isme* MedL G *aphorismos* a distinction definition from *aphere* & from *dro* from *apoc* to unlay (see *analog*) Cf *der* *ition* from *fin* & Orig the *aphorisms* of *Hippocrates* then extended to other statements of principles

Aphrodite Goddess of love Latin Trad. from C *aphros* foam but prob ident with *Aisthros* *Aistare* of the Phoenicians Assyr *Ishtar* Hence *astrol* *ast*

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Apician From *apricus* famous Roman epicure temp Tibullus

apiece The prefix is the *il* in

aplomb F adv phrase a *aplomb* person dicular from *p* *un* head *p* *unmet* L *plumbum*

anthrax Malignant pustule L., G. ἀνθράξ, coal, whence *anthracite* Cf *carbuncle* (q v)

"Anthrax" is a postume It is called also "carbunculus," for it burns th as a coal (NLD 1393)

anthropo- From G ἀνθρω-ος, man Hence *anthropology*, orig study of man in widest sense, *anthropophagi*, cannibals, L., G. ἀνθρωποφάγοι, from φαγῆν, to eat

And of the cannibals that each other eat,
The Anthropophagi (O' 1 3)

anti-, ant G ἀντί, against, cogn with L *ante*, before Hence a large and increasing number of compds to indicate people who are "again" something, e.g. *anti-conscriptionist* (1916)

antic It *antico* antique, L *antiquus*, used for *grotesque* (q v), this kind of work being ascribed to the ancients In 16 cent it was both noun and adj., of things and of persons, but its earliest recorded use (Foxe) is in the mod sense of grotesque gambol

grotesca, a kinde of rugged unpolished painters worke, anticke worke (Flor)

All bar'd with golden bendes, which were entayled
With curious antickes, and full fayre ammyled
(Fair e Queene, II iii 27)

And there the antic [Death] sits,
Scoffing his state, and grinning at his pomp
(Rich II iii 2)

Antichrist Mysterious opponent of Christ whose advent was expected by the Middle Ages Applied by early reformers to the Papal authority

This false heresie and tyrannie of Antichrist
(Wyc)

anticipate From L *anticipare*, to take before, from *capere*, to take *Intelligent anticipation*, for unfounded statement, is due to Lord Curzon

antidote F., L., G. ἀντίδοτον, given against, from δίδοναι, to give

Anti-Jacobin [hist] Opposed to the *Jacobins* (q v), esp as name of an anti-democratic paper started in 1797

antimacassar Coined (c 1850) as name of defence against the *macassar* oil with which people anointed their heads

antimony MedL *antimonia*, first used by Constantinus Africanus of Salerno (11 cent) Prob a latinized form of some Arab name, but origin very doubtful Popularly understood as F *anti-moine*, monk's bane, and explained by a ridiculous story concerning a 15 cent chemist.

antinomian [theol] Opposed to law, G νόμος Esp name of a Ger sect (1535) which maintained that the moral law was not binding upon Christians

Antinous Handsome man Page of Emperor Hadrian Cf *Adonis*

antipathy L., G. ἀντιπάθεια, from πάθος, feeling

antiphon See *anthem*.

antiphrasis. Late L., G. ἀντίφρασις, contradiction See *phrase*.

antipodes L., G. ἀντίποδες (pl.), from πούς, πόδ-, foot Orig the people on the other side of the earth Prob from OF, which has it rather earlier. Formerly pronounced to rhyme with *codes* and with a sing *antipod* (cf *decapod*)

Yonde in Lithuania ben the Antipodes, men that
hve theyr fete ayenst our fete (NLD, 1398)

antipyrin [neol] From *antipyretic*, from G πυρετός, fever, from πῦρ, fire

antique F., L *antiquus* Now has F. pronunc., but formerly that of *antic* (q v), as still sometimes in verse *Antiquary* in mod sense is first recorded as offic. title conferred on John Leland by Henry VIII

There stood the broad wheeled wains and the antique
ploughs and the harrows (Lanceline, I 1 74)

antirrhinum [bot] Snapdragon From G ἀντί, against (counterfeting), ρίς, ριν-, nose Cf. *rhinoceros*. The flower has, owing to its shape, a large number of dial names in all langs In Ger. it is usually *löwenmaul*, lion's mouth

antiseptic From 18 cent From G σηπτικός, putrefying, from σήπειν, to rot

antithesis L., G. ἀντίθεσις, from τίθεναι, to place Cf *contrast*

antitoxin Serum used against diphtheria From G τοξικόν, poison See *intoxicate*

antler ME *auntelere*, OF *antouiller* (andouiller), VL **ante-ocularis* (sc *ramus*), branch before the eye Cf Ger *augensprossen*, antlers, lit eye-sprouts Orig the lowest forward directed branch of a stag's horn, now called *brow-antler* The absence of the word from the other Rom langs makes this, otherwise convincing, etym rather dubious

antonomasia [rhet] Substitution of epithet G., from ἀντί, instead, ὄνομα, name

antonym Opposite of *synonym* (q v)

anus [anat] L., lit ring, cf synon G δακτύλιος, lit finger-ring

anvil Earlier *anisl* AS *anfile* from *an* on and an obscure second element prob meaning to hammer which appears also in *felt* cf L *incus incud* *anvil* from *in* and *cadere* to strike Cogn with *anisl* are OHG *anafal*, ODu *aenvilte* ModGer has *amboss* from OHG *bōtan* cogn with *beat* Du has *aanbelt* with which cf Norw *Dan ambolt* (from LG) In these the second element is cogn with E *bolt* and ult with the *file* *falt* of the words above

anxious From L *anxius* from *angere* to compress choke See *anguish* *quinty*

any AS *ænig* from *an* one cf Du *eenig* from *een* Cer *einig* from *ein*

anythingarian Coined (early 18 cent.) on model of *trinitarian* *unitarian* Cf slang *I jemenfoulste*

Anzac [*hist*] Acrostic word coined during the Gallipoli campaign (1915) to denote collectively the Australasians—Australian New Zealand Army Corps. Cf *Dora* *Waac* *Zarp* etc

anist [*gram*] G *dōpōstos* indefinite from *ā* neg *upō* to define See *horion*

aorta [*anat*] Great artery G *dōpōn* lit what is hung up from *dōpe* to raise

Ap Patronymic prefix in Welsh names e.g. *Ap Rhys* (*Price*) *Ap Eian* (*Deian*) etc Earlier *map* cogn. with Gael *mac*

apace Orig. at a walk (F *au pas*) but in early use associated with speed

And forth she walkt easily a pace (Chauc. F 3^a)

apache Parisian desperado (late 19 cent) From name of Red Ind tribe Cf *mohock*

apannage *appanage* Now used fig of a perquisite, pecial possession adjunct etc but orig provision (territory) office etc made for younger sons of royalty F from OI *apaner* ModL *appanare* to provide with bread L *panis*

apart F *à part* aside L *ad partem*

apartment F *appartement* It. *appartamento* L orig division separation from *apparare* from *a parte* apart. ModL *appartamento* is directly from L *part* *ri* to divide share When first introduced it meant like i *appartement* a suite of rooms.

apathy I *apathe* L *C deulēa* from I neg *uabos* feeling

ape AS *afa* Com Teut cf Du *sap* Ger *affe* ON *ape* Prob adpted in prehistoric times from some non Arvan lang With verb to *ape* cf F *singe* Ger *nackaffen*

apeak [*naut*] Earlier (16 cent) *a pike* F *d pie* perpendicularly Used of anchor when the cable has been sufficiently hove in to bring the ship over it (Smyth) Also *oars apeak* held virtually *yards apeak* as sign of mourning Cf *peak*

He going the 1 d-ends will have him his anchor's apeak (Roderic & Handom)

apepsy [*med*] Lack of digestive power From G *a* neg and *pepsy* (see *digestive*)

aperçu F pp of *apercevoir* to perceive (q v)

aperient From pres part of L *aper* *e* to open

aperture L *apert-ia* from *aperire* *apert* to open

apex L summit

aphaetresis [*lin*] L G *dēphaetres* from *apo* off *apē* *r* to take See *aphesis*

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apece The prefix is the loc of art.

aplomb I adv phrase *d'aplomb* perpendiclar from *plomb* lead plummet L *plumbum*

apo-, aph-, ap- G ἀπό, off, from, cogn with E *off*(f)

Apocalypse L, G ἀποκάλυψις, from καλύπτειν, to cover Cf *revelation*, from *velare*, to veil *Apocalypse* is the older word, *revelation* being used by Wyc (v 1) to explain it

He hath techinge, he hath apocalips, or revelacioun, he hath tunge (Wyc 1 Cor xiv 26)

apocope [*ling*] Loss of final syllable L, G ἀποκοπή, from ἀποκόπτειν, to cut off

Apocrypha L, neut pl (sc *scripta*), from G ἀπόκρυφος, hidden away, from κρύπτειν, to hide Excluded from Bible at Reformation

The other followynge, which are called *apocrypha* (because they were wont to be reade, not openly and in common, but as it were in secrete and aparte) are neyther founde in the Hebrue nor in the Chaldee (*Great Bible*, 1539)

apod [*biol*] Footless G ἄπους, ἀποδ-, from ἀ-, neg, πούς, ποδ-, foot Cf *apteryx*

apodosis [*gram*] G, from ἀποδιδόναι, to give back Cf *protasis*

apogee [*astron*] F *apogée*, L, G ἀπόγειον, from γῆ, earth Dates from Ptolemy the Alexandrian astronomer (2 cent) Cf the imitated *aphelion*

apolaustic G ἀπολαυσιτικός, from ἀπολαύειν, to enjoy

apollinaris Vulg "polly" Advertised in E. c 1870 From *Apollinaris-brunnen* (spring) near Remagen, on the Rhine

Apollo Handsome man L, G Ἀπόλλων, the sun-god

Apollon The destroyer G ἀπολλύων, pres part, from ἀπό, from, λύειν, to loose Used by Wyc (see *Abaddon*)

apologue F, "a pretty and significant fable, or tale, wherein brut beasts, or dumbe things, are fained to speak" (Cotg) L, G ἀπόλογος, from λόγος, speech

apology F *apologie*, L, G ἀπολογία, a speaking away O 3 formal defence or pleading, as in Plaut's *Apology for Socrates*, and in *apologetics*

Waistcoats edged with a narrow cord, which serves as an apology for lace (*NED* 1752)

apophthegm G ἀποφθέγμα, a terse saying, from φθέγγεσθαι, to utter Prob through F

Jamais homme noble ne hait le bon vin, c'est un apophtegme moral (Rabelais)

apoplexy F *apoplexie*, MedL, G ἀπο-ληξία, disablcment, from πλῆσσειν, to strike Cf the vulgar "stroke"

aposiopesis [*rhet*] G from G, ἀποσιωπάειν, to become silent

Tantane vos generis tenuit fiducia vestri?

Jam caelum terramque meo sine numine, Venti,

Miscere, et tantas audetis tollere moles?

Quos ego sed motos praestat componere fluctus (*Aen* 1 131)

He was in the act of stooping low to deposit the pantaloons in the grave which he had been digging for them, when Tom Ingoldsby came close behind him, and with the flat side of the spade—, The shock was effectual, never again was Lieutenant Seaforth known to act the part of a somnambulist (*Spectre of Tappington*).

apostate F *apostat*, L, G ἀποστάτης, one who stands away, from ἵστασθαι, to stand

apostille Marginal note F, from verb *apostiller*, from OF *postille*, postil (q v)

apostle AS *apostol*, L, G ἀπόστολος, messenger, from στέλλειν, to send (cf *emissary*) Influenced by OF *apostle* (*apôtre*) In AS & ME used for messenger as well as in spec sense *Apostle spoons*, i e a set of twelve spoons of which the handles had figures of the apostles, were a usu gift of sponsors

apostrophe L, G ἀποστροφή, from στρέφειν, to turn Orig a turning aside of the orator's speech to address some individual, present or absent, hence to *apostrophize* In the sense of sign of omission (') it comes later via F

apostropher to cut off (by an apostrophe) the last vowel of a word (Cotg).

apothecary F. *apothecaire* VL *apothecarius*, from G ἀποθήκη, store-house, from τιθέναι, to put Orig keeper of a shop for what we should now call "colonial produce" Then esp druggist The London Apothecaries' Company was not separated from the Grocers' till 1617 Aphet *pothecary* (cf *prentice*) was once usual and survives as a surname Cf F *boutique*, Sp *bodega*, both via L from G ἀποθήκη

Ful redy hadde he [the Doctour of Physik] his apothecaries

To sende him drogges and his letuaries

(Chauc A 424)

Item to Goldring the potecary for marmalad and other things xs (*Ruiland Papers*, 1551).

apothoeosis L, G ἀποθώσις, from ἀποθεοῖν, to make a god, θεός

appal OF *apalir*, to make pale, also to become pale, the former the earlier sense This suits the ME meanings of *appal*, but the F. verb should have given *appale*, a word actually in use in 16 cent The later meanings are, trans to quell, frighten,

in pp, e.g. *well appointed* Cf *embon-point*

a *point* aptly, fitly, conveniently, to purpose, in good time, in due season (Cotg)

apposite L *appositus*, from *apponere*, *apposit-*, to put against

apposition In sense of 'Speech day' (St Paul's School) is a var of *opposition*, in medieval sense of public disputation

To Paul's school, it being Apposition day there I heard some of their speeches but I think not so good as ours were in our time

(Pepys, Feb 4, 1663)

appraise F *apprécier*, Late L *appretiare*, from *pretium*, price Replaced ME *praise*, OF *preisier*, Late L *pretiare*, which developed the same double sense as *esteem*, value L *pretiare* gave OF *preisier*, while *pretiat* gave OF *prise*, whence a new F infin *priser*, to value See *prize*

appreciate From Late L *appretiare* (v s)

apprehend L *apprehendere*, to take hold of The sense of fearing is ellipt for the earlier one of understanding or anticipating any emotion

Oh! let my lady apprehend no fear

(Troil & Cress iii 2)

apprentice OF *aprentif* (*apprenti*), formed on *apprendre*, to learn (v i), with suffix from L *-ivus* The -s may represent the OF nom (cf *Fitz*) or an orig pl (see *bodice*) It may even have been affected by the OF fem *aprentisse* The usu ME form was the aphet *prentice*, *prentis*, as still in *prentice-hand*

apprise F *appris*, pp of *apprendre*, to learn, teach, L *apprehendere* The verb is formed from the pp fem This is a common process in L (cf *comprise*, *value*, *issue*, etc)

approach F *approcher*, Late L *appropriare*, from *ad* and *propius*, nearer

At ille Ne appropies, inquit, huc (Vulg Ex iii 5).

approbation From L *approbare*, to assent to See *approve*

appropriate From Late L *appropriare*, from *propius*, own See *proper*

approve F *approuver*, L *approbare*, from *probus*, honest, genuine In some senses, esp in the adj *approved*, it represents rather F *éprouver*, to test, VL **ex-probare* *Approver*, now meaning one who turns King's evidence, esp in Ireland, was orig one who offers to prove another guilty, hence informer The older form is more

usu *prover*, *provour*, and the *a-* may be artificial (cf *accomplice*)

esproué proved, tried, approved, experimented (Cotg)

approximate. From Late L *approximare*, from *proximus*, nearest

appui In *point d'appui* (mil), lit fulcrum, point of support, from F *appuyer*, VL **appodiare*, from *podium*, support, etc See *appoggiatura*, *pew*.

appurtenance AF *apurlenance*. Now used as noun from *appertain*, *pertain*, F *appartenir*, compd of OF *pertenir*, from L *perlinēre*. But there was also an OF *portenir*, from VL **protinēre*, of which the Norm. form *purlenir* is responsible for the spelling of our word

apricot F. *abricot*, Port *albricoque*, Arab *al-burqūq*, where *al* is def art, and *burqūq* is late G *πραυόκιον*, from L *praecoquum* (sc *malum* or *pomum*), for *praecox*, early ripe, "precocious" The obs *apricock* represents the Port or Sp form, while the spelling *apr-* is perhaps due to fancied connection with L *apricus*, sunny Thus Minsh derives the word from *in aprico coctus*, ripened in a sunny place Ger. *apricose*, from Du, was orig pl (cf *E. guince*)

The other kinds are sooner ripe, wherefore they be called abrecox or aprecox (Lyte's *Dodoens*, 1578)

abricot the abricot, or apricock, plum (Cotg)

April L *aprilis* (sc *mensis*), ? a comparative formation from *ab*, *April* being the second month Has supplanted earlier *avril*, *averil*, etc, from F. Both forms were orig. accented on second syllable Replaced AS *Eastermōnath* With *April fool* cf Sc *April gowk* (cuckoo), F *poisson d'avril*, Ger. *Aprilsnarr* The origin of the custom is unknown It is not old in England (17 cent)

Whan that Aprille [var *Averylle*], with his shoures soote,

The droghte of March hath perced to the roote (Chauc A 1).

apron ME *naperon*, F *napperon*, from *nappe*, cloth, L *nappa*, whence *napery*, *naphin* (q v), F. *napperon* is now table-centre, *apron* being rendered by *tablier*. For loss of n-, a *naperon* becoming an *apron*, cf *adder*, *auge*, etc *Apron-string* was orig. leg, meaning tenure in right of one's wife, hence *tied to apron-strings*, under wife's

control Somewhat similar is the use of *gueniville* distaff See also *spindle*

S'emm ? n to be dight
In weemans weeloe that is t manhood shame
And put before his lap a narrow whil e
(*Barne Quene* v v 20)

bono de la gueniville t bold of or do bonno, to
the smock his wif e to be his n a ter (Coig)

apropos Lat to the purpose F *à propos*
See *purpose*

apse Earlier *apsis* L (*d*, *s* or *d*, *s*, *i* lloe
of a wheel (from *arvus* to fit) hen e
wheel vault orbit Farthest use is astron
apt L *aptus* p p of archaic *apere* to fasten.
apteryx New Zealand bird with rudimentary
wings From C d neg *wp* p & wing

Earlier is *apterous* wingless as zoöl term
agua fortis Nitric acid L strong water
Cf *F eau forte* etching *Aqua regia* royal
water was named by the alchemists from
its power of dissolving gold the royal
metal *Aqua vitae* alchemists name for
alcohol was later used for brandy etc
(cf *Wiskie* and F *eau-de-vie*)

aquamarine Gem L *aqua marina* sea
water from its colour Earlier *agmarina*
F *aiguamarine* "sea water green colour"
(Coig)

aquarelle F It *acquerel* water colour
from *aqua* water

Aquarius L water bearer from *aqua* water
Cf *aquarium* introduced c 1830 with
meaning not found in L also *equal* c F
aquat que L *aquaties*

aquatint F *àq atint* It *aquatinta* L *agua*
tincta from *tingere* *tinct* to stain, Cf
mez ni ni

aqua Tofana (A st) Poison It *acqua*
Tofana from name of notorious poisoner
(17 cent)

aqueduct L *aquas ductus* conduit of water
or perch from obs F *aqueduct* (*aqueduc*)

aquiline L *aquilinus* of the eagle *aguila*
See *eagle*

Arab F *Arabe* L G *Apaw* *Apaf* Owing
to the great conquests of the Arabs in the
East and in S. Europe and to the medieval
pre-eminence of the race in learning and
science Arabi is by far the greatest
Semitic contributor to the European
The *Arabian Nights* was translated from
the *Mille et une nuits* of the F Orientalist
Calland (†1715) City Arab now st eet
arab is recorded 1848 (v 1)

City Arabs. are like tribes of lawless freebooters
(Lord Shaftesbury)

arabesque F It *arabesco* Earlier also
rebesk apheet It *rabesco* The representa-
tion of living forms being forbidden by the
Mohammedan religion Moorish architec-
ture uses interlacings and croll work as
ornament

a *arabesque* rebesk worke small n l curious
flourishing (Coig)

arabis Plant MedL prob from growing on
stony or sandy soil suggesting Ararat

arable L *arabilis* from *are* to plough See
are

arachnid [zoöl] From G *αραχνη* spider Cf
F *araignée*

Aramaic [ling] Branch of Semitic langs
which includes Syriac and Chaldee From
Aram Heb name of Syria Lang of Jews
after Captivity

araucaria [bot] From *Arauco* province of
Chili

The gr s plat from whose ntre rose one of th
finest arucari (itt other nam by th way is
"monk puzzle") that t ha e been m t t
to see (E tpling *Adonis* and R d m)

arbalest *arblast* (A st) Cross bow OF
a baliste (*arballite*) Late L *arcu ballista*
bow shn, from L *arcus* bow G *Ball*
to throw Early spellings very varied and
influenced by folk-etym e g *alblit* *alala*
blast *arbowast* Hence surnames *Albliste*
Alabaster

Petroner nor h equ buss shall p t down bar
Arbalest (Clos ter & Hea th h xiv)

arbitrator L jud e orig to-come (cf *impro*)
Replaced MF *arbitrou* from OF Current
sense of *arbitr* is evolved from the full
powers assigned to the *arbitrator*

arblast See *arbalest*

arboreous From L *arboreus* from *arbor* tree
Cf *arboribus* L collection of trees

arbor vitae I tree of life

arbour Earlier form *erber* MF (h) *erber* OF
herbier L *herbarium* Orig herb-garden
orchard etc. Mod spelling has been in-
fluenced by L *arbor* tree Sense of shaded
walk bower d retreat is the latest of all
and here there has been confusion with
harbour once a common spelling for *a bower*

And in a hit I herber that I ba
Th t ben hed was on turves I esch y grave,
I bad ren sholde m my ouch mak
(Chauc. *Leg Good Women* 203)

erbar herbari m, viridarium (Prompt P re)

a *borvate* an arbour or bowye of boughs or trees
(Flor)

arbutus L, "a tree growing in Italy, having thick leaves like a bay" (Coop) Origin unknown

arc F, L, *arcus*, bow

arcade F, It *arcata*, "an arch of a bridge, a bending" (Flor), from *arcare*, to bend, from L *arcus*, bow

Arcadian From G *Ἀρκαδία*, mountainous region in the Peloponnesus, regarded as ideally rural Cf *solecism*, *sandal*, etc *Arcades ambo*, poets or musicians both (Virg *Ecl* vii 4)

I each pull'd different ways with many an oath,
Arcades arbo, 'd est—blackguards both

(Don Juan, iv 93)

arcana L, secrets, lit things enclosed in chests See *ark*

arch¹ Noun F VI. **arca*, for *arcus*, bow

The native and older word for arch is *bow*¹ (qv) Hence the church of *St Mary-le-Bow*, or *de Arcibus*, where the Court of *Arch*, or eccl court of appeal for the province of Canterbury, was orig held With to *arch* one's eyebrows, cf *supercilious*

arch² Adj Orig the prefix *arch-*, as in *archbishop*, used as a noun or adj to mean principal G *ἀρχι-*, from *ἀρχός*, chief, from *ἀρχα*, to begin, cf F *arch-*, *archi-*, It Sp *arce-*, Du *aarts-*, Ger *er-* From constant association with such words as *rogue*, *thief*, *naive*, etc, *arch* acquired the meaning of roguish mischievous (cf *arrogant*), a meaning now softened down to pleasantly saucy The oldest of the *arch-* words is *archbishop* The prefix replaced AS. *hlafe-*, high, in *hlafe biscop*, *hial eysel*, etc

The most art deed of piteous massacre

(*Ric* III iv 3)

Arch • as I'er look and she had pleasant ways

(Crabbe).

archaeology. G *ἀρχαιολογία*, from *ἀρχαῖος*, old Cf *archaic*

archetype See *arch*²

archer F, VL **arcarius* from *arcus*, bow, used for *sagittarius*, from *sagitta*, arrow

archi See *arch*¹

Archibald, Archie (*hist*) "It was at once raised at Brooklands that in the vicinity of, or over, water or damp ground there were disturbances in the air causing bumps and jolts to the early pioneers. Some of these 'remous' were found to be permanent, once over the Wey river and another at the corner of the aerodrome next to the service farm. Youth being fond of strong potter names to designate objects, the

bump near the sewage-farm was called by them *Archibald*. As subsequently, when war broke out, the effect of having shell bursting near an aeroplane was to produce a 'remous' reminding the Brookland trained pilots of their old friend *Archibald*, they called being shelled 'being *arched*' for short. Any flying-man who trained at Brooklands before the war will confirm the above statement" (Col C. H. Joubert de la Ferté, I M S ret).

archil, orchil Plant, dye OF. *orchil*, It *orcello*. Of unknown origin

archimandrite Abbot in Eastern Church Late G *ἀρχιμανδρίτης*, from *μάνδρα*, enclosure, monastery

Archimedean From *Archimedes*, mathematician and physicist of Syracuse (fl 3 cent B C) See *eureka*

archipelago. Orig Aegean sea It *arcipelago*, from G *ἀρχι-* (see *arch*²) and *πέλαγος*, sea. Not a G compound, but formed in It. (first record 1268) to render MedL *Egeopelagus*, Aegean Sea Hence any other sea studded with numerous small islands

architect F *architecte*, L, G *ἀρχιτέκτων*, chief builder or craftsman See *arch*². Orig E sense was master-builder

architrave [*arch*] F, lit chief beam, from G *ἀρχι-*, *arch*², and OF. *trave*, L *trabs*, *trab-*, beam "A mungrel compound" (Evelyn) used as a name for the epistle

archives F, from MedL *archivum*, G. *ἀρχεῖον*, public office, from *ἀρχή*, government (see *arch*²) Formerly used in sing in F & E, as still in Ger

archivolt [*arch*] It *archivolto*, *arcovolto*, first element from L *arcus*, bow (hence not as in *architrave*) For second element see *naïlf*.

archon [*hist*] Athenian chief magistrate G *ἀρχων*, pres part of *ἀρχα*, to rule -archy From G *ἀρχα*, to begin, rule. See *arch*².

Arctic F *arctique*, L, G *ἀρκτικός*, from *ἄρκτος*, bear, constellation of the Great Bear. Cf *Antarctic*, opposite Arctic (see *anti-*)

Arcturus [*astron*] L, G *Ἀρκτοῦρος*, from *ἄρκτος*, bear, *οἶστος*, guardian, from its situation at the tail of the Bear. ME also *arctur*, *arctur*, etc

Canst thou bring forth Mazzarelli in his record
or canst thou call to Arcturus with his name?

(Job, xxxviii 32.)

-ard I Ger. -*hart*, hard, strong, used as intens suffix, becoming depreciatory in F.

& E. Cf similar use of F *-ard* Ger *-wald* mighty
 ardent. From pres part of L. *ardere* to burn cogn with *arid*
 Arditi [col] It picked troops Pl of *ardito* bold hardy (q v)
 arduous From L. *arduus* steep difficult
 are¹ Verb See *be*
 are² Measure See *area*
 area L. vacant piece of level ground in town Arch. sense with vulgar pronunc.
 arv. dates from 17 cent Hence also F
are unit of extent in metric system
 areca Port. from Tamil *aṭṭakay* meaning closely clustered nut
 arefaction From L. *arefacere* to make dry See *arid*
 arena L. sand prop *arena* Cf F *arène* sand also "a place to just in strowed with gravel" (Cotg)
 Areopagite [hist] Member of the *Areopagus* court that held its sittings on Mars Hill G ἀρειος, wayos from ἄρης Mars. Late L. *areopagus* [vulg]
 Dionys² Areopagite or greet man of common school (Wyc. Acts xvii 34)
 arête [Alp] Sharp ridge F L. *arista* beard of corn ear also fishbone From OF *arestle* comes techn. *arris* sharp edge
ares the small bone of a fish also the eye, awn or beard of an ear of corn also the edge, or e. standing ridge of a stone or stone-wall (Cotg)
 argali Asiatic wild sheep Mongol
 argand Lamp F name of inventor (c 1782)
 argent F L. *argent* m silver cf G ἀργυρος cogn with *argos* white
 argillaceous From L. *argilla* clay cf G ἄργιλος white clay (v.s.)
 argol [chem] Cream of Tartar In Chauc AF *argol* of unknown origin.
 argon [chem] Inert component of the atmosphere discovered and named (1834) by I. W. Graham and Ramsay from G ἀργος idle from ἀ neg ἔργον work.
 Argonaut. Sailor G ναυτης of the *Ar o G* Ἄργω the ship of Jason from *argos* swift orig shining Also applied to a kind of nautilus Martial connects it punningly with preceding word
 At vos t m pl cidas g per ondas
 Tut i ditis otium carinas
 Non utas p ito vos sed Argonautas (Ep 2 m 1 67)
 argosy [hist] Earlier *ragusya* (15,) It *ragusa* (sc. mare) ship of *Ragusa* in

Dalmatia. Chapman spells it *argosea* The town also is called in 10 cent. E *Arva ousa* *Arva osa* etc Used several times by Shaks (*Merck of Ten*) but now only poet Cf ship of *Tarshish*

argot Slang F from 17 cent Origin unknown

argue F *arguer* VL *argularis* (Propertius) frequent. of *arguere* to prove chide etc ? orig to make white and plain (see *argent*) Oldest sense to bring evidence of prove as still in formal speech

Argus Argus-eyed 4 eyes had a hundred eyes and was appointed by Juno to watch Io of whom she was jealous After his death his eyes were transferred to the peacock's tail

And I ll of Argus eyes th r ta les dispredd n w d (F rre Q em 1 7)

argute Crafty L. *argutus* pp of a *gere* to argue

aria [mus] It air (q v)

Arian [theol] Adherent of the heresy of Arius (Alexandria 4 cent) who denied that Christ was consubstantial with God See *Arianism*

arid L. *aridus* from *arere* to be dry

ariel Gazelle Arab *ariyal* var of *ayyal* stag

aright Prob for *on right* (see a)

arise AS *arisan* intens of *rise* by which it is now almost uplanted

Aristarchus Great critic 4 i *tarchu* of Alexandria (18 c. 157) critic of Homer

aristocracy F *aristocratie* OF also *aristocracie* from G ἀριστος best

Aristotelian Of Aristotle G Ἀριστοτέλης (18 c. 4 cent a.c.)

arithmetic A restored form borrowed from L. *arithmetica* G ἀριθμητική (sc. τ χρη art) from ἀριθμός number OF had *aris metique* (s for θ) whence ME *arismetris* understood as L. *a s metrica* AS used *tellcraft* tell-craft in this sense

For in the bond ther was a crafty man

That geometre or rsm trnk kan (Chauc. A 898)

ark. AS ear chest Noah's ark etc An early pre-Christian loan in Teut. langs from L. *arca* chest or coffer cogn with *aire* to keep off cf Du *ark* Ger *arche* Oñ *ark* Goth *arka* Still used in the north (hence name *Arkentide*) In sense of Noah's ark the F form *arche* often occurs in ME Luther has *Noahs kassen* chest. The early and wide extension in the Teut. langs. of a *k* for chest suggests that wooden

receptacles, other than "dug-outs," were unknown to the early Teutons

Iac tibi arcem delens lucivatis

(Vulg Gen vi 14)

Make to thee a mark [war ship] of plumed trees

(Wace 11)

arche a coffer, chest, hatch, bunker, also, an ark, whence *Parce de A* (Cotg)

arm¹ Limb AS *arm* Com Teut, cf Du Ger *arm*, ON *armr*, Goth *arms*, cogn with G *ἀρμός*, joint, Sanskrit *irmā*, fore-quarter, and ult with *art*

arm² Weapon F *arme*, L *arma*, neut pl taken as fem sing, cogn with *arm¹* Orig applied to whole of warlike equipment, including device on shield, armorial bearings, as in *King-at-Arms*, herald

armada Sp, pp fem, L *armata*, whence also *army* (qv) Incorr *armada* is earlier (Com of Errors, iii 2)

armadillo Sp, dim of *armado*, L *armatus*, man in armour

Armageddon In common use since beginning of the Great War G "Ap Maycōdōn (Rev xvi 16), app mount of Mēciddō, alluding to *Judges*, v 19

That plain of Esdraelon or Megiddo, which has been red with the blood of battles all through history

(Daily Chron Nov 29, 1917)

Our cavalry, traversing the field of Armageddon, had occupied Nazareth

(Sir E. Allenby, Sep 22, 1918)

armament L *armamentum*, from *armare*, to arm Of late esp in bloated *armaments* (Disraeli)

Armenian Lang intermediate between the Aryan tongues of Asia and Europe The survival of the race, in spite of periodical massacre, is remarkable

Armida Dangerous enchantress From Tasso

armiger Esquire L, arm-bearing

armillary Shaped like a bracelet, L *armilla* **Arminian** [theol] From *Arminius*, latinization of *Harmensen*, Du theologian (fl 16 cent) who opposed Calvin's doctrine of predestination

armistice F, ModL *armistitium*, coined on *solstice* (qv) Cf Ger *waffenstillstand*

armorial From archaic *armory*, heraldry, F. *armoire*, from *armoier*, to blazon, It *armergiare* See *armoury*

Armorican Of Brittany From L *Armoricus* (Caesar), Gaulish, prob "by the sea" See *mer¹*

armour Earlier *armure*, F, L *armatura* A word which would now have become anti-

quarian but for the introduction of the "non-clad" warship In this sense *armoured* is recorded for 1842 See *iron-clad*, *monitor* More mod are *armoured train* (Egyptian var) and *armoured car* Our soldiers at the front all now wear steel helmets, and in to-day's paper (*Daily Chron* Nov. 9, 1916) is an article on the "Triumph of Armour"

armoury F. *armurerie*, but gen treated and felt as derived from E *armour*. Earlier spellings also show confusion with the related *armory* (see *armorial*) and *amory* (qv)

army Earliest sense, armed expedition, then, naval force F *armée*, pp fem of *armer* (cf *armala*). The native word was *ere* (as in *Hereford*, *harbour*, etc; cf Ger *her*). This was superseded by *foet¹* (qv), and it is probable that *crude* orig qualified this word, which it has now supplanted

In the Grate See

At many a noble arm² had he be (Chauc A. 50)

arnica ModL (F & E, 18 cent.) Origin unknown

aroint [archaic] In Shaks (*Macb.* i. 3, *Lear*, iii 1) and hence in Scott and the Brownings Exact meaning and origin unknown

² Connected with dial. *ro, ntree*, rowan-tree, mountain-ash, efficacy of which against witches is often referred to in early folklore

aroma Restored spelling of ME *aromat*, spice F *aromate*, L neut pl. *aromata*, from G *ἀρώμα*, seasoning, spice

aroon [Ir] Darling Voc of Ir *rún*, secret, secret treasure For voc. prefix cf *asthore*. The Ir word is cogn. with *rune*, cf ON. *eyrariuna*, darling

around Perh for F *en rond* Not in Shaks. or AV

arouse Formed from *rouse²* (qv) by analogy with *rise*, *arise*; *waake*, *awake*

arpeggio [mus] It, from *arpeggiare*, to play the harp, *arpa*

And little sweet arpeggios,
Like harps borne on the air

(Corney Grain, *Polka and Clair-boy*)

arquebus [hist] Also *harquebuss*. F. *arquebuse*, It *archibuso*. This from MHG. *haherbühse* or LG *hakkebusse*, from Ger *haken*, hook, *buchse*, gun, lit. box; cf Du. *haakbus* So called because orig rested on a hook when fired Cf later F. *arquebuse à croc*, when the meaning was forgotten The alteration of the first syllable was due to

influence of It *arco* bow and *arblast* (q v) which the *arquebus* replaced while It. *buso* hole alludes to the barrel The early vars are very numerous and includ the obs *hachbit* (q v)

a *qurbuss* an *harquebuse* calce vt or hand-gun

(Cotg.)
a *qurb* a *croc* an *harqueb* se a-crock (somewhat bigger than a musket) (ib)

arack Also *rack*⁴ Forms in most Europ lang borrowed from various Ind ver naculats Arab *arag* sweat, juice as in *arag al lamr* (fermented) juice of the date

arrah Ir expletive. In Farquhar (1705) who was of Ir extraction

arraign For earlier *arayne* with intrusive *a* AF *arainer* OF *araisnier* VL **adra* *tionare* orig to address ModF *arraisonner* is from the OF tonic stem

arrange F *arrange* from *d* and *ran*_o (see *rank*²) Orig to draw up in line of battle gen sense first appearing c 1800 Not in Shaks or *AV* See *range*
There be araynged h s men in th stretes

(Berners Froustif)

arrant Var of *errant* (q v) By constant association with *thief* and later with *rogue* *ra abond* etc it lost its orig meaning and came to be regarded as an intens epithet (cf *arch*⁴)

Right so b twice a titelless t rarrant

And an o tlawe or a thief errarrant

The sam I seye ther is no differ uce

(Chas H s)

arras From *Arras* (Pas-de-Calais) place of manufacture App not known in F in this sense CL *cambes laun* etc *Arras* takes its name from the *Atrebatas*

array OF *arler* *arier* (whence F *arroi*) VL *ad red-are* the root syllable being Teut and cogn with Goth. *garais* ready prepared F *ready* Ger *rat* supply counsel cf It *arredare* Sp. *arrear* With Goth *garaisian* to make ready cf bc *gra* *h* to make ready from ON *h* hence also F *grêler* to rig (a ship) *agrêre* rigging Oldest sense of *array* is usu to marshal an army See also *raiment* *curry*¹ ME had also the opposite *dearay* *disaray* now replaced by *disarray*

arrears From adv *arrear* F *arriêrs* L *ad retro* Mod sense (17 cent.) is evolved from the phrase *in arrear* F *en arriêre* behind hand ME used *arria age* F *arriêre*

arrear an arrearage th rest or the remainder of a payment that whi h was unpaid or behind

(Cotg.)

arrect L. *arrectus* upright from *arri-ere* from *ad* and *rectus*

arrest OF *arestier* (*arrieler*) VL *ad restare* to come to a halt Orig intrans but had become trans. before adoption in F See *rest*⁴

arride [*archaic*] L. *arriêre* to mule upon **arriêre-ban** [*nist*] F perversion of OHG *hars ban* army summons See *ban*¹ *harry* **arris** See *arlie*

arrive F a river VL *ad ripare* from *ripa* shore Farliest meaning naut Cf *accost* and F *aborder* Oldest sense in E is trans to bring ashore then to land

Bluce arri et saumement la navel esselj

(i d i 4 c 11 i cent)

Let u g o to th oth sid ith l i ke

And they arri ed t the country ith G daries (Luke ii 2-26)

arrogate From L *arrogare* to call to claim from *ad* and *ro* are to ask Hen *arrogant* from pres part

arrow AS *arwe* a rare word com with L *arcus* bow More usual AS words were *fla* and *strâli* Cogn with *arrow* are ON *ör* Goth a *hvarna* The *brad arrow* His Majesty's mark (1661) is thought by some to ha e been orig an anchor used earlier (1609) on timber reserved for the Navy but the use of the *bad arrow* as a distinguishing though not royal mark goes back to the 16 cent and prob much further *Arrow* root (Wind) is supposed to be so named from the use made of the tubers to absorb poi-on from wounds especially those caused by poisoned arrows But accordg to some it is from the native name *ara*

arroyo [US] Water-course gully Sp *arroyo* MedL a *qum* cogn with L *arrugia* canal (Pliny)

Arroy The NED quotes *Arroy on Orseback* from *Punch* (184)

arse AS *ears* Com Teut cf Du *ars* Ger a *sch* ON a *s* cogn with G *oppos* rump where *pp* is for *pr*

arsenal Orig (16 cent) dock wharf. Forms with numerous vars in most Europ langs Immediate source is It. *a se ale* earlier or end (Dante) Early It var is *darsena* (cf Sp *darsena* Port. *terrena* F *dr sine* dock) First found at Venice the *a se ale* of which is explained by Coryat (1611) as *quasi ars marialis*! The two groups of forms represent Arab *arsina* *h* for *al-qanas* *h* the work shop or the same preceded by

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art F, L *ars*, *art-*, from a root meaning to fit together which appears also in *arm*^{1,2} and in *artus*, joint In *Bachelor of Arts*, etc orig of the *trivium*, or three arts of medieval study, viz grammar, logic, and rhetoric, and the *quadrivium*, arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy Hence *artful* once meant learned, cultured, and later, dexterous For its degeneration cf *artificial*, *crafty*, *cunning* So also *artless* was ignorant, clumsy The *black art* is translated from *nigromancy*, perversion of *necromancy* (q v) The same misunderstanding has passed into most Europ langs and has led to the parallel adoption of *white* in *white magic*, etc *Art and part* is prop a Sc leg expression, the contriving and sharing in an act, hence accessory and principal, perh orig short for *artifex et particeps*

artery L, G ἀρτηρία, perh from ἀρπεν, to raise Earlier *arter*, OF *artaise* (artière), used in the sense of windpipe

artesian F *artésien*, of Artois, where such a well was first bored (18 cent) Artois is L adj *Atrebatensis* (see *arras*)

arthritis [med] From G ἄρθρον, joint, cogn with L *artus*

artichoke A word with, in all langs, an extraordinary number of early vars due to folk-etym Cf F *artichaut*, It *carcioffo*, Du *artijok*, Ger *artischoke* Our form, like the Ger, represents North It *arhicocco*, influenced by *ciocco*, stump, for *arcicicoffo*, from Sp *alcarchove*, Sp Arab *alkharsufa*, Arab *al-ḥarshūf*, where *al* is def art and

the second part is the name of the plant the cardoon First used of the plant with edible flower, and later of the *Jerusalem artichoke* (v 1), a species of sunflower with edible roots The spelling is sometimes influenced by F *chou*, cabbage (see quot 2) *Jerusalem artichoke* is supposed to be a corrupt of It *grasóle*, turning to the sun a name of the sunflower (cf. *heliohope*) A further play of the popular imagination has resulted in *Palestine soup*, made of artichokes

alcarhósa an artichock (Percy v all).

In time of memory things have bene brought in that were not here before, as the artichowe in time of Henry the eight (Hald 1599).

Error being like the Jerusalem-Artichooke, plant in where you will, it overrunnes the ground and choakes the heart (NED 1647)

article F, L *articulus*, dim of *artus*, joint Earliest E sense is rel (*articles* of belief)

As gram term a direct translation of cogn G ἄρθρον, joint

articulate From L *articulare*, to joint (v s) *Articulate speech* is intelligibly divided into words and syllables

artifice L *artificium*, making by art For degeneration of meaning cf. *artful*, *crafty*, *cunning*

Their canoas were as artificially made as any that ever we had seene (Purch)

artillery F *artillerie*, from *artiller*, to equip usu connected with L *ars*, *art-*, via VL **articular*, cf. It *artigheria*, Sp *artillaria* But OF has also *artilher*, to equip, VL **aphiculare*, from *aptus*, fit, and in MedL we find a group of words in *artil-* belonging to the same meaning It seems therefore possible that the *art-* forms are altered by folk-etym from the *at-* forms Formerly used of warlike equipment of all kinds

All manner of artelere, as drumes, flutes, trumpetes, gones, mores pykes, halbarades

(Diary of Henry Machyn, 1550-63)

Jonathan gave his artillery [Wyc armis, Covered wappens] unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry them to the city (1 Sam xx 40)

artisan F, It *artigiano* (cf *partisan*) Earlier sense in E & F also artist Ult. form doubtful ? VL **artensianus*

artist, *artiste* The latter was introduced (19 cent.) in consequence of the gradual restriction of *artist*, F *artiste*, It *artista*, to painting

arum L, G ἄρον In dial often *aaron*

jarrus wake robin, starch wort, rampe, aaron, calves foot, cuckoe pint (Cotg)

Aryan [*lin*] From Sanskrit *ārya* noble Hence also G *Apua* Eastern Persia and Pers *Irān* Persia Introduced by Max Muller as generic name for inflected langs (see *Caucasian Japhetic*) Divided into West Aryan i.e. most Europ langs (exc Basque Finnish Hungarian Turkish) and East Aryan i.e. Persian Sanskrit and the Hindi vernaculars related to the latter Armenian is regarded as intermediate between the two Some use *Aryan* of the Asiatic group only

as AS *alsud* *alsu* i.e. *all so also* of which *as* is a worn-down form the fuller *also* surviving in more emphatic position Cf Ger *als* *also* Our *as* *as* was orig *alsua* *sua* or *alsua* *alsua* and for some time the first term remained fuller than the second

Also salt as and so (VED c. 1325)

asafoetida assafoetida Hybrid MedL. (14 cent) from a a Pers *asā* mastic L. *fetida* stinking

asbestos L G *ἀσβεστος* unquenchable from d neg *ἀβασ* *as* to quench

ascend L *ascendere* to climb up from *ad* and *scandere* In the *ascendant* is from astrology the *ascendant* being the degree of the zodiac ring above the eastern horizon at a particular moment esp at the birth of a child (cf *zodiacal meridian* *horary scope* etc) In the sense of superiority control (over) now usu replaced by *ascendancy* (18 cent) The earliest word of the group is a *cension* in rel sense

Nyn *ascendent* was Taur and Mars therein

(Chuc D 63)

ascertain Earlier *aceraine* to assure or certify OF *acerlerer* from d and *certa* n Later pelt *axe* *time* prob. by analogy with synon *assure* Mod sense has been evolved from the reflex. use to *ascertain oneself* of something

ascetic C *ἀσκη* *nos* from *ἀσκησις* monk hermit from *ἀσ* or to exercise practise

Asketes, c est à-dire *servitans* (Bossuet)

ascidium [zool] Mollusc with lathy casing G *do* *idion* dim of *doxide* wine skin

ascititious See *ad cititious*

asleep ad [metr] From *ἀσλῆπιος* C poet cf uncertain identity

ascribe Restored spelling of earlier *ascrire* Of a c c stem of *ascrire* L *ascri* *ere* from *ad* and *scribere* to write

Let to my name be *ascribed* be ascribed

(Wyc 2 Sam. xii. 23)

ascript See *adscript*

aseptic Not septic (q v) Prefix is G *a* neg *Asgard* [myth] Norse Olympus ON *ás* *garthr* home (garth) of the gods

ash Tree AS *æsc* Com Teut cf Du *asch* Ger *esche* ON *askr* Older and dual forms survive in place names and surnames e.g. *Aske* *Asquith* *Ascham* etc

ash From fire AS *asce* Com Teut cf Du *asch* G'r *asche* ON *aska* Goth *a-gō* ult cogn with *ard* *Ash Wednesday* from penitents sprinkling ashes on their heads is recorded for 13 cent Cf Ger *aschen* *muld* *woch* F *jour (mercredi) des cendres*

ashamed Prefix may be a *ge* or *of* all three forms occurring early Cf *athirst* *aware*

ashlar Masonry construed of flat squared stone as opposed to *rubble* work F *aissier* boarding (cf *aissieu* wooden til) from OF *aisselle* plank L *avilla* dim of *avis* whence F *ais* plank board Meaning has app been transferred from woodwork to stonework

Ashmolean Museum At Oxford Presented (1677) by Elias Ashmole

ashore For *on shore* See *also* t Usual Elizabethan word is *aland shore* (q v) not being a native word

aside ON *on* *si'e* (cf *a'ed* etc) as still in to put on one side

asinine L *asininus* from *asinus* ass

as In praesentia Latin rudiments Openings words of mnemonic lines on conjugations in Lilley's *Lat C* *am* (16 cent)

We will sing to ye the rustic numbers of our fragments under the arches of the Pons Aemilius (Theobald)

ask AS *āscian* or *āc* n WGer cf Du *essen* Ger *he chen* (OHG *es* n) Mod form should have become *ask* *esa* (cf *ask*) forms found in ML *ask* is north rn while *ax* from d *isa* (v s) was literary F till circa 1600 and is still in gen dial use in south and mullande

As and it shall be given you (Tyndal Matt. 10)

askance For *a glance* OF *descon* from an OF *p* *hiduen* Cf F *regarder* *quelqu'un de la dévance* from *dériver* to steal hie and F. to steal a *glance* *Askew* has a similar sense history

But let a soldier's bath spend his bath

Is lam'd, unadorn'd, or a new yoke

Appears for accoutre you broke a scene

As I knew him not (Larumf London, 1602)

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art F, L *ars*, *art-*, from a root meaning to fit together which appears also in *army*,² and in *artus*, joint In *Bachelor of Arts*, etc. orig of the *trivium*, or three arts of medieval study, viz grammar, logic, and rhetoric, and the *quadrivium*, arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy Hence *artful* once meant learned, cultured, and later, dexterous For its degeneration cf *artificial*, *crafty*, *cunning* So also *artless* was ignorant, clumsy The *black art* is translated from *magromancy*, perversion of *necromancy* (qv) The same misunderstanding has passed into most Europ langs and has led to the parallel adoption of *white* in *white magic*, etc *Art and part* is prop a Sc leg expression, the contriving and sharing in an act, hence accessory and principal, perh orig short for *artifex et particeps*

artery L, G ἀρτηρία, perh from αἶπειν, to raise Earlier *arter*, OF *artave* (*artèle*), used in the sense of windpipe

artesian F *artésien*, of Artois, where such a well was first bored (18 cent). Artois is L adj *Athebatensis* (see *arras*)

arthritis [med] From G, ἄρθρον, joint, cogn with L *artus*

artichoke A word with, in all langs, an extraordinary number of early vars due to folk-etym Cf F *artichaut*, It *carcioffo*, Du *artijcol*, Ger *artischoke* Our form, like the Ger, represents North It *articiocco*, influenced by *ciocco*, stump, for *arcioffo*, from Sp *alcarchoke*, Sp Arab *alkharsōfa*, Arab *al-kharṣūf*, where *al* is def art and

the second part is the name of the plant, the cardoon First used of the plant with edible flower, and later of the *Jerusalem artichoke* (v 1), a species of sunflower with edible roots The spelling is sometimes influenced by F *chou*, cabbage (see quot 2) *Jerusalem artichoke* is supposed to be a corrupt of It *girasole*, turning to the sun, a name of the sunflower (cf *heliotrope*) A further play of the popular imagination has resulted in *Palestine soup*, made of artichokes

alcarhófa an artichock (Percyvall)

In time of memory things have bene brought in, that were not here before, as the artichowe in time of Henry the eight (Hakl 1599)

Error being like the Jerusalem-Artichoake, plant it where you will, it overruns the ground and choakes the heart (NED 1641)

article F, L *articulus*, dim of *artus*, joint Earliest E sense is rel (*articles* of belief)

As gram term a direct translation of cogn G ἄρθρον, joint

articulate From L *articulare*, to joint (v s)

Articulate speech is intelligibly divided into words and syllables

artifice L *artificium*, making by art For degeneration of meaning cf *artful*, *craft*, *cunning*

Their canoes were as artificially made as any that ever we had seene (Purch)

artillery F *artillerie*, from *artiller*, to equip, usu connected with L *ars*, *art-*, via VL **articulare*, cf It *artiglieria*, Sp *artillaria*. But OF has also *atiller*, to equip, VL **apiculare*, from *aptus*, fit, and in MedL we find a group of words in *artil-* belonging to the same meaning It seems therefore possible that the *art-* forms are altered by folk-etym from the *at-* forms Formerly used of warlike equipment of all kinds

All maner of artelere, as drums, flutes, trumpetes, gones, mores pykes, halbardes

(Diary of Henry Machyn, 1550-63).

Jonathan gave his artillery [Wyc. armis, Coverd. wappens] unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry them to the city (1 Sam xx. 40)

artisan F, It *artigiano* (cf *partisan*¹) Earlier sense in E & F also artist Ult form doubtful ? VL **artensianus*.

artist, artiste The latter was introduced (19 cent) in consequence of the gradual restriction of *artist*, F *artiste*, It *artista*, to painting

arum L, G ἄρον In dial often *aaron*

jarrus wake robin, starch wort, rampe, *aaron*, calves foot, cuckoo pint (Cotg).

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ass *as* a kind of a small Moorish spear (Vieyra)

A d in his hand a lanceg v

A long sword by his side (Chauc. B 194)

They of Granada. *fou bt ferseler* with their bowes
A d archegayes (Bern vs *Froissart*)

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Hoc tam Saracen quam Christiani Assassinos
pellant (Roger of Wendover c. 13)

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If one lifts up his cane or his fist, it is a threatening
to enter the other or strikes at him but misses him this is an assault (Blakelock)

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asso to set, settle place, plant also to cease or to x (Cotg)

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askari Arab, soldier, from 'askara, to gather together

A small warlike class, from whom their askaris, or soldiers, were selected

(D Lloyd George, Jan 5, 1917)

askew See *skew*

aslant Very much older than *slant*, which is evolved from it. Earliest form *o-slant*, *on-slent*, *on-slont* (c 1300), while *slant*, noun and verb, is not recorded till 16 cent. There is, however, a ME verb *slenten*, app of Scand origin, cf archaic Dan. *slente*, Sw *slinta*, to glide, slip obliquely.

Towards the evening we had a slent of a northerly wind (Raleigh)

asleep Earlier *on sleep*, cf *abed*, *aside*, etc

For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep (*Acts*, xiii 36)

aslope Much older than *slope*, adj., noun, and verb (16 cent.), which is evolved from it (cf *aslant*). Prob p p *āslophen* of AS. *āslūpan*, to slip away (cf adj *awake* from p p *awacen*). This is cogn with *slip*

Asmodeus Evil spirit of Pers legend corresponding to *Aeshmā Daeuā* of Iranian myth

Dæmonium nomine Asmodæus occiderat eos, mox ut ingressi fuissent ad eam (*Vulg Tobit*, iii 8)

asp, **aspic** OF *aspe* and ModF *aspic*, L, G *ἀσπίς*, *ἀσπίδ*-. The form *aspic* (*Ant & Cleop* v 2) is app a F alteration of Prov *aspi*, from *aspid-em*

aspide an aspike or aspe (Flor 1611)

asparagus L, G *ἀσπάραγος* for *ἀσφάραγος*. Earliest forms were *aphet* and *sperage* was usual in 16-17 cents. Cf F *aspeige*, Ger *spargel*. The perverted *sparrow-grass* was the polite form till 19 cent

asperge the herb sparge or spargus (Cotg)

Brought home with me from Fenchurch St a hundred of sparrowgrass, cost 18d

(Pepys, Apr 21, 1667)

Sparrow-grass is so general that *asparagus* has an air of stiffness and pedantry

(Walker, *Pronouncing Dict* 1791)

Aspasia Gifted and influential woman. Famous hetaira, mistress of Pericles. Cf *Egeria*

aspect F, L *aspectus*, from *aspicere*, to look at, from *ad* and *specere*. Earliest use is astron (Chauc)

aspen Orig an adj (cf *linden*), which has replaced the noun *asp*, though both *asp* and *aps* are still in dial use. AS *æspe* and *æps* Com Teut, cf Du *esp*, Ger *espe*, ON *ōsp*. The form *aspen* may be the gen., so

common in the compd. *aspen-leaf*, cf Ger *zittern wie ein espenblatt*. For association with trembling cf. F. *tremble*, Ger. *zitterpappel*, lit tremble-poplar. It is curious to note that one could once "quake like an aspen-leaf" with rage

This Sonmour in his styropes hye stood
Upon this frere his herte was so wood [furious]
That lyk an aspen leef he quook for ire
(Chauc D 1665).

asperity Remodelled on L OF *aspretē* (*âpretē*), from L *asperi*, rough, from *ab* and *spernere*, to repel, etc

aspersion Earlier used in its lit. sense of sprinkling, from L *aspergere*, from *spargere*, *spars-*, to scatter. Now, bespattering, slandering, etc., usu with *cast*

By the aspersion of the blood of Jesus Christ (Foxe)

asphalt Mod corrected form from F *asphalte*. In ME *asphaltoun*, *aspalt* (cf. It *asfalto*) was used of "mineral pitch". G *ἀσφαλτος*, but not a G word. Rendered *bitumen* in *Vulg* and *slime* in *AV*

It [the Dead Sea] casteth out of the watre a thung that men clepen asphalt (Maundeville)

asphodel F *asphodèle*, L, G *ἀσφοδελός*. Popular, and earlier, form was *affodil*, whence *daffodil* (q v).

asphyxia G *ἀσφυξία*, from *ἀ-*, neg, *σφύξις*, pulse

asphyxia a cessation of the pulse throughout the whole body, which is the highest degree of swooning and next to death (Phillips)

aspic¹ Serpent See *asp*

aspic² Or *aspic jelly*. F (neol). Littré suggests from *aspic*, *asp*, in allusion to the saying *froid comme un aspic*

aspidistra Plant. Coined 1822, app from G. *ἀσπίς*, *ἀσπίδ*-, shield, ? and *ἀστρον*, star. Though a common word I find it in no mod dict

aspire L *aspirare*, to breathe towards, from *ad* and *spirare*. Hence *aspirate*, breathed sound

aspirin Drug. Ger, fancy trade-name

asquint Very much older (1230) than *squint* (16 cent.), which is evolved from it (cf *aslant*, *aslope*). Origin obscure. It has been connected with Du *schuin*, oblique, *schuinte*, obliquity, but these, of late appearance in Du and of unknown origin, may be from F. The narrow window popularly called a leper's *squint* (hagioscope) is properly *squinch*, related to OF *escuinson* (*ecuinson*), from L *ex* and *cu-neum*, corner, explained by Cotg as "a

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If one lifts up his care, with s. f. i. in threatening manner at another or strikes at him, but misses him th. is an *assa it* (B. ack. ton.)

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Past Let Now only poet, but Sc *assoillie*, where *z* is a printer's substitution for an obsolete symbol representing F *l mouillée* (cf *tulzie*, *Dalziel*, *Mackenzie*, etc.), is still in leg use

L'abbes Adans de Suint Urban, que Diex asoille,
donna grant foison de biaux juaus a moy

(Joinville)

I absolve, or assoyle from synne, or trespass je assouls
(Palsg.)

And the holy man he assoil'd us, and sadly we
sail'd away (Tennyson, *Voyage of Maeldune*)

assonance Rudimentary rime consisting in agreement of tonic vowel. From L *ad* and *sonare*, to sound

Up and down the City Road,
In and out the Eagle
That's the way the money goes
Pop goes the weasel!

assort OF *asortier* (replaced by *assoitir*), from *a* and *sorte*. See *sort*

assuage OF *asouagier*, VL **adsuaviare*, from *suavis*, sweet, cf Prov *asuaviar*. For the -g- cf *abridge*. ModF has rejected it for *adoucir* (from *dulcis*)

adoucir to sweeten, smooth, assuage (Cotg.)

assume L *assumere*, to take to oneself, from *ad* and *sumere*. Hence *assumption*, earliest (13 cent.) in lit. sense, "taking up" of the Virgin Mary

assure F *assurer*, to make sure, from F *sûr*, OF *sêur*, L *securus*

aster L, G *ἀστήρ*, a star

aster a star, also the herb star wort, spare wort, or cod wort (Phillips)

asterisk L, G *ἀστερίσκος*, dim. of *ἀστήρ*, star

Wher ever ye seen asterichos there wite ye of
Ebrue added, that in Latine bokis is not had
(Wyc *Prologus 2 Chron.*)

astern See *stern*², cf *ahead*, *afoat*, etc

asthma G *ἄσθμα*, from *ἄζευ*, to breathe hard

asthore [I.] Darling. Voc. of Ir *stór*, treasure (store), from E. Cf *aroon*

astigmatism [med.] From G *ἀ-*, neg., *στίγμα*, *στίγματ-*, point, spot

astir Not in E. dict. before 1864. Adopted from Sc *asteer*, for *on stir*. Cf *aside*, etc

astonish, **astony**, **astound** OF *estoner* (*étonner*), VL **eitonare*, to thunder-strike, became ME *astone*, *astoun*, later *astound* (for spurious -d cf *sound*¹, "gound," etc.) From p.p. *astoned* was formed a new verb *astony* (cf *levy*, *parry*, etc.), replaced after 1500 by *astonish*, a form influenced by verbs in -ish (cf *extinguish*) *Stun* (q.v.)

is the same word, and Ger *staunen*, *erstaunen* are borrowed from a Swiss-F. form of *estoner*. The meaning of *astonish* has weakened from that of stunning to that of surprising, but *astound* has kept more of orig. sense. F *étonner* has weakened in the same way

Si grant cop li dona que tot l'a estoune
(Renaut de Montauban)

I astonysse with a stroke upon the head jestourdis
(Palsg.)

Sir Edwarde strake hym such a stroke on the
helme with his swerde, that he was astonyed
(Berners' *Froissart*)

Nothing could stop that astonishing infantry
(Napier)

astound See *astonish*

Astraea Goddess of justice in Golden Age, who left earth because of its wickedness and became the constellation Virgo. Cf. *Astræa Redux*, poem by which Dryden celebrated return of Stuarts

astragal [arch.] Moulding L, G *ἀστράγαλος*, knuckle-bone, in pl. dice

astrakhan Wool of very young lambs from *Astrakhan* on the Volga

astral Of a star, L *astrum*, as in *astral spirit*, *astral lamp*. *Astral body*, as used in spiritualistic jargon, appears to be later than the first vol. of the *NED*

astray Found earlier as *on stray*, but this is perh. for *astray* by analogy with other E. phrases in *on*, *a-*. See *stray*

astriction From L *astringere*, from *ad* and *stringere*, *strict-*, to tighten

astride Prefix is perh. from F *d*, cf *apace* and F *d califourchon*, astride

astrigent See *astriction*

astrolabe. OF *astelabe*, MedL, G *ἀστρολάβον*, from *ἄστρον*, star, and *λαμβάνειν*, to take. Used in desperation by Swinburne.

Love alone, with yearning

Heart for astrolabe,

Takes the star's height, burning

O'er the babe

(Swinburne, *Poems & Ballads*, 3rd series)

astrology F *astrologie*, L, G *ἀστρολογία*, telling of the stars, from *ἄστήρ*, star. Orig. equivalent to *astronomy*, G *ἀστρονομία*, arrangement of the stars, but gradually limited by 17 cent. to the supposed influence, etc. of the stars

Assembled with astronomy

Is eke that ilke astrology,

The which in judgements accompteth

Theft what every sterre amounteth (Gower).

astronomy. See *astrology*

astute L *astutus*, from *astus*, craft

asunder AS *on sundran* See *sunder* and *a*
asylum L. G. *ασυλο* neut. of *ασυλος* in
 violable from *ασιν* sight of seizure
asymptote [*math*] G. *ασυμπτωτος* from *a*
 neg *σιν* together *πτωτος* apt to fall
 from *πτερε* v to fall
asyndeton [*rhet*] Omission of conjunctions
 e.g. *teni tidi tici* I from G. *a* neg
συνδε to bind together
at AS *at* Com Teut. but not now used in
 Du & Ger cf OSax *at* OHG *as* ON
 Goth *at* cogn with L *ad*
atabal [*hist*] Sp Arab *at tabl* for *al tabl*
 the drum Cf *labor*
ataghan See *sataghan*
ataman See *hetman*
ataunt [*naut*] With all sails set. Orig. of
 drinking as much as possible. F *aulant* as
 much in *boi e d aulant d at tant*
atavism F *atari me* coined from L. *aieus*
 from *a* is grandfather with first element
 cogn with *oth* *ata* father (cf *Attila*)
ata-us my great grandf. th is grandfather
 (Coop)
ataxy G. *δραξια* from *a* neg *ταξ* order
 cf *dis-order* Chiefly in *locomot* or *atary*
 laws of control over movements
 Th y call t Locomot ita ks " h ser
 bekaze" sea h itatta ks us like a locomoti e"
 (Private Mul-an y)
atelier F workshop OF *astelier* from
astel small plank dim of L *astila* spear
Athanasian From *Athanasius* a C name
 meaning "immortal (cf *ambrosia* *tansy*)
 archbishop of Alexan 174 (temp Constantine
 4 cent) to whom has been attributed
 the compilation of the *Athanasian creed*
atheism F *aikhi me* rounded (11 cent) from
 G *atheos* from *a* neg *θεος* god
atheling [*hist*] Son of noble family AS from
athel noble and patronymic suffix *ing* cf
 Du Ger *a lei* nobility ON *athal* Perth alt
 cogn with Goth *ath* father (see *Attila*)
athenaeum C *Αθηναεον* Orig temple of
Athene (Minerva) in ancient Athens
athurst AS *ofihyrst* (*ed*) p.p. of *ofihyrstan*
 where the pref x is intens Cf *an hungered*
Alyn-ered (a hi gored) *at athurst*
 (Piers Plowm B x 354)
athlete L. G. *αθλητης* from *αθλος* contest
athwart Formed from *thwart* (*th*) like
across from *cross* F p in *athra t kare*
 (trant) across the stern of another ship
 (see *house*) *fi* of incommensurable provokin-
 you d I ther d-h you becom what business
 have you to come slow y s want my be w?
 (For price Piers Plowm B x 354)

Atkins See *Thomas Tommy*
Atlantic L. G. *Ατλαντιος* from *Ατλας*
Ατλαντ Orig applied to that part of the
 sea near Mount Atlas in Libya (v 1) on
 the west coast of Africa. Hence *Atlantis*
 mythical island in ocean (H Plato)
Atlas Orig one of the older G gods supposed
 to uphold the pillars of the world later
 Mount Atlas regarded as supporting the
 firmament The application to a map-box
 is said to be due to Mercat r 19 v 1 who
 used a figure of *Atlas* supporting the globe
 as a frontispiece (16 cent)
 Thou art o Atlas f r so great a wter bit
 And weakling Warwick takes hi g r i gan
 (3 H 11 1)
atmosphere L. C. *ατμος* vapour *σφααιρα*
 sphere First used (1635) in connection
 with the moon no v believed to have an
 atmosphere With mod sci senses of
 those of air
atoll Coral island with lagoon Maldiva
at Hon atol the Maldiva islands being of
 such formation Prob of Malayalam origin
 The word in its present form was popularized
 by Darwin (1842)
 L ry atollon is separated from others and it is
 laynes in itself a great multitude of islands
 (Purch.)
atom F *atome* L. C. *ατομος* indivisible
 from *a* neg *τομος* to cut Cf in *find*
val The mod *atomic theory* (chem) is due
 to Dalton (1805)
atome a mote in the sun thing so small th t
 it cannot be divided (Colg)
atomy [*d al*] With mixed meaning from
atom and *ana* *my* (q v) the latter becoming
 colling *atomy*
 Thou atomy (ie broken) thou (H 1 v 1)
 I s prove you have come here to laugh at u you
 pretend little (H 1 v 1)
atone Orig to reconcile from Adv phrase
at one and preserving old pronunciation of
 the latter word as in *en v a one* In ME
 one *anment* were used in phrase of *atone*
atone *anment* *atone* is in the 11th cent
 not *atone* Cf for the formation of
adjuver *a n r* to unite reconcile
 After this was lost at co (t) *atone* is in
 with the late French *atone* (L 11)
atomic Unstressed From G *a* *re* and
tom (*at*)
atrabulous From L *atrabulus* (*at*)
 used orig to translate G *ατράβουλος* See
metamorph

Past Let Now only poet, but Sc *assoilzie*, where *z* is a printer's substitution for an obsolete symbol representing F. *l mouillée* (cf *tulzie*, *Dalziel*, *Mackenzie*, etc), is still in leg use

L'abbes idans de Saint Urbain, que Dieux asoille,
doonna grant foison de biaux jurus a moy

(Joinville)

I absolue, or assoile from synne, or trespas je assouls
(Palsg)

And the holy man he assoil'd us, and sadly we
sul'd away (Tennyson, *Voyage of Maeldune*)

assonance Rudimentary rime consisting in agreement of tonic vowel From L *ad* and *sonare*, to sound

Up and down the City Road,
In and out the Eagle
That's the way the money goes
Pop goes the weasel

assort OF *asortie* (replaced by *assortir*), from *a* and *sorte* See *sort*

assuage OF *asuagier*, VL **adsuaviare*, from *suavis*, sweet, cf Prov *asuaviar* For the -g- cf *abridge* ModF has rejected it for *adoucir* (from *dulcis*)

adoucir to sweeten, smooth, assuage (Cotg)

assume L *assumere*, to take to oneself, from *ad* and *sumere* Hence *assumption*, earliest (13 cent) in lit sense, "taking up" of the Virgin Mary

assure F *assurer*, to make sure, from F *sûr*, OF *sêur*, L *securus*

aster L, G *ἀστήρ*, a star

aster a star, also the herb star wort, spare wort, or cod wort (Phillips)

asterisk L, G *ἀστερίσκος*, dim of *ἀστήρ*, star

Wher ever ye seen asterichos there wyte ye of
Ebrue added, that in Latine bokis is not had
(Wyc Prol 2 Chron)

astern See *stern*², cf *ahead*, *afloat*, etc

asthma G *ἄσθμα*, from *ἄζειν*, to breathe hard

asthore [Ir] Darling Voc of Ir *stór*, treasure (store), from E Cf *aroon*

astigmatism [med] From G *ἀ-*, neg, *στίγμα*, *στίγματ-*, point, spot

astr Not in E dicts before 1864 Adopted from Sc *asteer*, for *on stir* Cf *aside*, etc

astonish, **astony**, **astound** OF *estoner* (*étonner*), VL **extonare*, to thunder-strike, became ME *astone*, *astoun*, later *astound* (for spurious -d cf *sound*¹, "gound," etc) From p p *astoned* was formed a new verb *astony* (cf *levy*, *parry*, etc), replaced after 1500 by *astonish*, a form influenced by verbs in -ish (cf *extinguish*) *Stun* (q v)

is the same word, and Ger *staunen*, *erstaunen* are borrowed from a Swiss-F. form of *estoner* The meaning of *astonish* has weakened from that of stunning to that of surprising, but *astound* has kept more of orig sense F *étonner* has weakened in the same way

Si grant cop li dona que tot l'a estouné

(Renaut de Montauban)

I astonysse with a stroke upon the head jestourdis
(Palsg)

Sir Edwarde strike hym such a stroke on the
helme with his swerde, that he was astounded
(Berniers' *Troisart*).

Nothing could stop that astonishing infantry
(Napier)

astound See *astonish*

Astraea Goddess of justice in Golden Age, who left earth because of its wickedness and became the constellation Virgo Cf *Astræa Rediv*, poem by which Dryden celebrated return of Stuarts

astragal [arch] Moulding L, G *ἀσπράγγος*, knuckle-bone, in pl dice

astrakhan Wool of very young lambs from *Astrakhan* on the Volga

astral Of a star, L *astrum*, as in *astral spirit*, *astral lamp* *Astral body*, as used in spiritualistic jargon, appears to be later than the first vol of the *NED*

astray Found earlier as *on stray*, but this is perh for *astray* by analogy with other E phrases in *on, a-* See *stray*

astriction From L *ashingere*, from *ad* and *stringere*, *strict-*, to tighten

astride Prefix is perh from F *à*; cf *apace* and F *à califourchon*, *astride*

astrigent See *astriction*

astrolabe OF *astrelabel*, MedL, G *ἀστρολάβος*, from *ἄστρον*, star, and *λαμβάνειν*, to take Used in desperation by Swinburne

Love alone, with yearning

Heart for astrolabe,

Takes the star's height, burning

O'er the babe

(Swinburne, *Poems & Ballads*, 3rd series)

astrology F *astrologie*, L, G *ἀστρολογία*, telling of the stars, from *ἀστήρ*, star Orig equivalent to *astronomy*, G *ἀστρονομία*, arrangement of the stars, but gradually limited by 17 cent to the supposed influence, etc of the stars

Assembled with astronomy

Is eke that ilke astrology,

The which in judgements accompteth

Thefect what every sterre amounteth (Gower)

astronomy See *astrology*

astute L *astutus*, from *astus*, craft

attrition From L. *atere* from *tere* to rub In the sense an imperfect sorrow not amounting to *conditio*

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alburn that whish colour of womens hair which we call an albune or abern colour (Forr.)

The word probably is mere *A brown* ie brown (Richardson)

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(Coop)

enchere a bidding or out bid *g th* making or offering, the raising or enhancing, of a price *a* port *ale* outcrop or barcain *g* wherein *b* that bid most for a thing is to carry it (Ctg)

audacious. From L. *audax audax* from *audire* to dare from *audus* for *audus* greedily

audience F L *audien* *a* from *audire* to hear

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Augean Lsn with *stable* from the cleansing of the stables of *Augeas* king of Fl's one of the labours of Hercules

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noe that in trament of iron that we use to bore holes in the tre with (Mores *Dut* 1)

ought AS. *awukt* from *a* ever *wikt* thing creature "what wight thus eer a whit Hence ME *okt* *oght* later *ought* usual E form up to c 1500 Cf *naught*

AS *awukt* neer a what an i Ger *nicht* not Oll *neawukt* *ker n* *co wikt*

augment F L. *augmentare* from *augere* to increase See *ete*

Augsburg Confession of 1530 See *Augsustan*

augur L. prob from *avis* bird (cf *a spi es*) The older form was *auger* and the second element is prob from L *gere* *e* *t* manage et Hence *xxx* *u* *ie* to take omen by *f* re action

na ger *e* *t* *gesse* or *divis* *b* *byrdes* (Cv p)

August *august* Month (in Republican Rome *se t* *lis*) named after Emperor *Augustus* Replaced native *ne d m* with *weed month* In ME also *aug* OF *uo st* (*a d*) The name L *augustus* eneralbe from *augu* (q v) or perhaps from *augere* to increase. Hence *Augustan* period of perfection in literature regarded as due to royal patronage The *Augustan Confession* was drawn up (1530) by Luther and Melancthon at Augsburg (*Augustin* *bu* *us*) The *Augustine* or *Augustine* took their name from St *Augustine* bishop of Hippo (d 4 cent)

In *Auguste* *augment* peut faire des *regles*

(Bale u)

auk Sw *alka* or Dan *alka* ON *alka* cogn with G *alkar* *halcyon* Hence *great auk* *e* *g* rare currently

auld lang syne Sc old long since Popular used by Burns song Cf *auld Reekie* I *Edinburgh*

aulic (Hist) Imperial Ger council later Austrian war council L. *aulicus* from G *a* *ly* court

aunt OF *a* *e* L. *amita* dim of a lost baby word of the *fapa* type (cf Ger *amm* nurse and see *min* *pope*) Mod F *ant* found from 13 cent 1 due to infantile reduplication *anane* (cf *fapa* etc) *Naut* for *mine* *aunt* was once common (cf *nunc* *e*) and is till used in dial *Aunt* *Sa'y* first recorded *r* 1861 (VED) has become at F *fairs* *de* *salé* An elaboration of the same *sp* *rt* was known c 1000 as *Emma*

aurea L. *G* *a* *pa*, breath breeze

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It lit golden from L. *aureum*

aureole Now used for halo and wrongly connected by some writers with *aurea* aur emanation Prop the golden disc surrounding holy personages in early pictures. Cf earlier *aur eola* (= *corona*) the celestial

atrip [*naut*] Used of the anchor when it has just left the ground Also of the sails, when ready for trimming From *trip* (q v), in the sense of start Cf *apeak*

atrocious From L *atrox*, *atroc-*, cogn with *ater*, dark, treacherous

atrophy F *atrophie*, L, G *ἀτροφία*, from *ἀ-*, neg, *τρέφειν*, to nourish

atropine Poison From *atropa*, botanical name of the night-shade, G *Ἄρπυριος*, inflexible, one of the Fates, from *ἀ-*, neg, *τρέφειν*, to turn

attach F *attacher*, cf It *attaccare*, Sp *atacar* Ident with *attack* (q v) Orig to fasten to, tack on The root syllable is of doubtful origin ? Cf. *tag*¹

attack F *attaquer*, It *attaccare* Not in Shaks Borrowed by F (16 cent) to the indignation of Henri Estienne (v 1) It meaning is to join, F & E sense developing from *attaccare ballaglia*, "to joyn battell" (Flor)

Ce mot "attaquer" participe du françois "attacher" et de l'italien "attacar" Les courtisans trouvent plus beau "attaquer" que "attacher"
(Estienne, *Nouveau françois italianisé*)

attain F *atteindre*, *atteign-*, L *attingere*, from *ad* and *tangere*, to touch See *attainder*, *attaint* All of these may be rather from OF. *ataindre*, VL **attingere*

attainder F *atteindre* (v s), used as noun Law F Cf *misomer*, *rejoinder*, *remainder*, etc. See *attain*, *attaint*.

attaint Orig p p and so used in E Then it became verb and noun, to condemn by *attainder* (q v), conviction by *attainder* In sense of touching, infecting, etc., it has been supplanted by the aphet form *taint* (q v) For the form (**attinctus* for *attactus*) and grammatical development, cf *paint* (q v) In ME *attain*, *attaint* are used indifferently in various senses

Attaint they were by the lawe,
And dewed for to hong and drawe (Gower)

attar Earlier is the popular form *otto* (of roses) Pers *atar-gul*, essence of roses, from Arab *'itr*, perfume

attempt OF *attempler*, latinized form of *attenter*, L *attemperare*, to try

attend I *attendre*, to wait in OF also in E senses, L *attendere*, lit to stretch towards Cf *attention*. For development of current sense cf. *to wait on*

attenuate From L *attenuare*, to make thin, *lenius*.

attest F *attester*, from L *attestari*, to bear witness, *testis*, to

Attic, *attic* Of *Attica*, Athens, hence, elegant, refined, etc The architectural *attic*, orig a small decorative order placed above a greater (usu Attic) order, is the same word An *attic* is upright, a garret is in a sloping roof

Attico lepore tincti sales sharpe and wittie sentences full of pleasauntnesse (Coop)

Shall I, I say, suppress my Attic salt?

(Byron, *Hints from Horace*)

Attila King of the Huns (†453), as type of devastating invader The name (cf. OHG-*Etzel*) appears to have been given to him by the Goths and is dim of Goth *atla*, father, cf Russ title "little father" This *atla*, found in other Aryan langs, is of the type of *daddy*

A rapid succession of Alarics and Attilas passed over the defenceless empire [of India] (Macaulay)

attire Orig to equip in any way For mod. restriction of *apparel* F. *attirer*, from *tire*, to draw, etc See *tire*²

attitude F, It *attitudine*, L *aptitudo*, *aptitudin-*, from *aptus*, fit Orig (17 cent) a techn term of art Hence to *strike* an *attitude*, like a statue, etc Found also as *aptitude* (v 1)

The several statues that we see with the same air, posture, and aptitudes (Addison)

attorney From p p of OF. *atorner*, to appoint, constitute, from *d* and *turner*, to turn Orig one duly appointed to act for another, as still in *power of attorney* The title, often used contemptuously (pettifogger), was abolished in 1873 and absorbed in *solicitor* It survives in *attorney general*, orig an attorney with complete powers, as opposed to the obs *attorney special*, but now only applied to the first law-officer of the crown

Des attournez sount acuns generals, acuns specials
(Britton, 1292)

Orl. Then, in mine own person, I die

Ros No, faith, die by attorney

(*As you like it*, iv 1).

Johnson observed, that "he did not care to speak ill of any man behind his back, but he believed the gentleman was an attorney" (Boswell)

attract From L *attrahere*, from *ad*, to, *trahere*, *tract-*, to draw

attribute The noun is the older. It is used in two senses in Portia's speech (*Merch of Ven.* iv. 1) F. *attribut*, L *attributum*, from *attribuere*, from *ad*, to, *tribuere*, to pay (tribute)

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alb r n that wh t h colour of wom ns haire whi h we call an albume or b m colour (T r r)

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cto open sal or port sale f privat goods (Corp)

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avoirdupois Mod corrupt of AF *averdepois*, *averdepois*, OF *aven* (*avoir*) *de pois*, goods sold by weight, as distinguished from those sold by measure or number. The infin. *avoir* (*avoir*), goods, property, survives in Sc *avers*, farm beasts. *Pois* is L *pensum* (*pendere*, to weigh), whence OF *pers*. ModF *poids* is due to mistaken association with *pondus*. In ME and later very often *haber*- (see *haberdasher*)

avouch Now usu *vouch*. OF *avochier*, L *advocare*. This became regularly *avoer*, *avouer*, whence E *avow*, OF *avochier* being a learned form due to the common use of *advocare* in lcg L. Orig to summon, appeal to, as an authority or warrant

avow See *avouch*

avulsion From L *avellere*, to tear away, from *ab* and *vellere*, *vuls-*, to tear

avuncular Of an uncle (q.v.)

await ONF *awaitier*, OF *agaitier*, to lie in wait for. See *wait*. Orig sense as below

I awaite, I lie in wayte of a person to marke what he dothe or sayeth, jc. aguaite (Palsg.)

awake, awaken Two separate verbs are mixed up, viz AS *āwæcnan*, earlier *on-* (strong), whence past *awoke*, and *āwacian* (weak), whence *awaked*. The predicative adj *awake* is for the p.p. *awaken* (cf *ago*). Both verbs were orig intrans, the trans sense being expressed by ME *awecchen*, AS *āweccan* (cf *fall*, *fell*, Ger *wachen*, *wecken*)

He was slapende, and hi awehton hine
(AS Gosp Mark, iv 38)

award ONF *eswarder*, or noun *esward*, for OF *esgarder*, *esgard* (*égarid*), with prefix changed as in *avoid*. The noun is prob the older word. Orig a decision after examination. *Agard* is equally common in AF. See *guard, ward*

esgard respect, heed, regard, observation; advisement, consideration, reckoning, account; also, a report made, or account given, of (Cotgr.)

aware ME *ware*, AS *gewār*, cf Ger *gewahr*, aware. Also reduced to *ware* (see *beware*)

away AS *onweg*, *āweg*, on the way. Also, as prefix, sometimes reduced to *weg* (see *wayward*), cf similar use of Ger *weg*, for earlier *enweg*, in *wec*, in *wegewesen*, to throw away, etc. To give away in slang sense in US

awe ME had both *eye*, AS *ege*, fear, and *aw*, ON *agi*, the latter of which has prevailed. Com Teut, cf Goth *agi*, OHG *egiso*. Current sense is due to Bibl. use of the

word. The slang meaning of *awful*, *awfully* (19 cent) has numerous parallels in E and other langs, e.g. *a devilish pretty girl*, or, conversely, *a jolly miserable day*

awkward Orig adv, formed with suffix *-ward* from obs *awh*, back-handed, "froward," etc., ON, *afug*, turned the wrong way (cf Sw *afwug*), a derivative of *af*, away, off. Cogn forms are found in OHG. & MIIG. Cf. *froward*. See also quot from Palsg s.v. *backward*

auke, or *angry* contrarius, bilosus, perversus (Prompt. Parv.)

auke, or *wronge* sinister (ib.)

awkward, *frowarde* pervers (Palsg.).

awl. AS *æl*. Com Teut, cf. Du *aal*, Ger. *ahle* (OHG. *āla*), ON *alr*, ? cogn with L *aculeus*, needle. From a lengthened form, OHG *alan-a* (with suffix as in *sense*, *scythe*), comes F *alène*, *awl* (see *anlace*).

awn Beard (of barley, etc.) ON, *øgn*. Com. Teut, cf AS *egenu*, husk, Ger *ahne* (OHG. *agana*), Goth *ahana*, cogn. with L *acus*, needle, G *Äharos*, thistle

awning First occurs in Capt. John Smith. Origin unknown

Wee did hang an awning (which is an old salle) to... trees to shadow us from the sunne
(Capt. John Smith, 1624).

awry. Earlier *on wy*. See *wy*

Owthir all evin, or on wry (Barbour)

axe. AS *æx*. Com Teut., cf Du *aaks*, Ger. *art* (OHG *acchus*), ON, *ax*, Goth *axiz*; cogn with G *ἀξίς* and perh with L *ascia* (? for **acscia*). *Curle-axe*, *pickaxe* (q.v.) are unrelated. The expression *axe to grind* is from US. politics (cf. *wire-pulling*) and originated in an experience of childhood related by Franklin. A stranger persuaded him to play truant in order to help grind an axe and then left him in the lurch. For another phrase due to Franklin see *whistle*

axil [bot.]. Angle L. *axilla*, armpit, whence also *axillary* (med.).

axiom F *axiome*, L, G. *ἀξίωμα*, from *ἀξιόω*, to think fit, require

axis L, axle, pivot, from *agere*, to move.

axle First in compd *axle-tree*, ON, *brul-tið*, which in ME superseded the native *ax-tree*, from AS *æx*; cf Ger. *achse* (OHG *ahsa*), cogn with L *axis*. *Axle* is not found alone till 17 cent

axolotl Mexican lizard. Aztec, lit water-servant

ay *aye* Ever ON *ei* Com Tent of AS
ā Ger *je* (OHG *eo io*) Goth *aru* cogn
 with L *aeum* G *a w* AS *a* gave MF *oo*
 which survived some time in the combined
 for *ay* and *oo* equivalent to mod for *ever*
 and *ay* See also *erer*

ayah Port *ais* nurse f m of *ais* tutor cf
 Sp *ayo* It *ais* It came to us from India
 cf *patre tank* etc ? Of Goth origin and
 cogn with Ger *legen* to cherish

aye Yes In dial and H of C Origin un-
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avoirduois Mod corrupt of AF. *averdepois*, *averdepois*, OF *aven* (*avoir*) *de pois*, goods sold by weight, as distinguished from those sold by measure or number. The infin *avoir* (*avoir*), goods, property, survives in Sc *avers*, farm beasts. *Pois* is L *pensum* (*pendere*, to weigh), whence OF *peis*. ModF *pois* is due to mistaken association with *pondus*. In ME and later very often *haber-* (see *haberdasher*).

avouch Now *thus vouch*. OF *avochier*, L *advocare*. This became regularly *avoer*, *avoier*, whence E *avow*, OF *avochier* being a learned form due to the common use of *advocare* in leg. L. Orig. to summon, appeal to, as an authority or warrant.

avow See *avouch*.

avulsion From L *avellere*, to tear away, from *ab* and *vellere*, *vuls-*, to tear.

avuncular Of an uncle (q.v.).

await ONF *awaitier*, OF *agaitier*, to lie in wait for. See *wait*. Orig. sense as below.

I aa ayte, I he in wayte of a person to marke what he dothe or sayeth, je aguyte (Palsg.)

awake, awaken Two separate verbs are mixed up, viz AS *āwæcnan*, earlier *on-* (strong), whence past *awoke*, and *āwacian* (weak), whence *awaked*. The predicative adj *awake* is for the p.p. *awaken* (cf. *ago*). Both verbs were orig. intrans., the trans. sense being expressed by ME *awecchen*, AS *āweccan* (cf. *fall*, *fell*, Ger *wachen*, *wecken*).

He was slapende, and hi awechton hine
(AS Gosp. Mark, iv. 38)

award ONF *eswarder*, or noun *esward*, for OF *esgarder*, *esgard* (*égard*), with prefix changed as in *avoid*. The noun is prob. the older word. Orig. a decision after examination. *Agard* is equally common in AF. See *guard*, *ward*.

esgard respect, heed, regard, observation; advisement, consideration, reckoning, account, also, a report made, or account given, of (Cotg.)

aware ME *ware*, AS *gewār*, cf. Ger *gewahr*, aware. Also reduced to *ware* (see *beware*).

away AS *onweg*, *āweg*, on the way. Also, as prefix, sometimes reduced to *weg* (see *wayward*), cf. similar use of Ger *weg*, for earlier *enweg*, *in weg*, in *wegwerfen*, to throw away, etc. To *give away* in slang sense in US.

awe ME had both *eye*, AS *ege*, fear, and *aw*, ON *ag*, the latter of which has prevailed. Com. Teut., cf. Goth *agis*, OHG *egiso*. Current sense is due to Bibl. use of the

word. The slang meaning of *awful*, *awfully* (19 cent.) has numerous parallels in E. and other langs., e.g. *a devilish pretty girl*, or, conversely, *a jolly miserable day*.

awkward Orig. adv. formed with suffix *-ward* from obs. *awk*, back-handed, "froward," etc., ON *afug*, turned the wrong way (cf. Sw. *afwug*), a derivative of *af*, away, off. Cogn. forms are found in OHG & MHG. Cf. *froward*. See also quot. from Palsg. s.v. *backward*.

auke, or angry contrarius, bilosus, perversus
(*Prompt Parv.*)

aute, or wronge sinister (ib.)

awtward, frowarde pervers (Palsg.)

awl AS *æl*. Com. Teut., cf. Du. *aal*, Ger. *ahle* (OHG *āla*), ON *alr*, ? cogn. with L. *aculeus*, needle. From a lengthened form, OHG *alansa* (with suffix as in *sense*, *scythe*), comes F. *alene*, *awl* (see *anlace*).
awn Beard (of barley, etc.). ON. *ögn*. Com. Teut., cf. AS *egenu*, husk, Ger *ahne* (OHG *agana*), Goth *ahana*, cogn. with L. *acus*, needle, G. *äxaros*, thistle.

awning First occurs in Capt. John Smith. Origin unknown.

Wee did hang an awning (which is an old saile) to trees to shadow us from the sunne
(Capt. John Smith, 1624)

awry Earlier *on wry*. See *wry*.

Onwthr all evin, or on wry (Barbour)

axe AS *æx*. Com. Teut., cf. Du. *aaks*, Ger. *art* (OHG *acchus*), ON *öx*, Goth *axiz*, cogn. with G. *äx* and perh. with L. *ascia* (? for **acscia*). *Curle-axe*, *pickaxe* (q.v.) are unrelated. The expression *axe to grind* is from US politics (cf. *wire-pulling*) and originated in an experience of childhood related by Franklin. A stranger persuaded him to play truant in order to help grind an axe and then left him in the lurch. For another phrase due to Franklin see *whistle*.

axil [bot.] Angle. L. *axilla*, armpit, whence also *axillary* (med.).

axiom F. *axiome*, L., G. *ἀξίωμα*, from *ἀξιόω*, to think fit, require.

axis L., axle, pivot, from *agere*, to move.

axle First in compd. *axle-tree*, ON *öxul-trē*, which in ME superseded the native *ax-tree*, from AS *æxe*, cf. Ger *achse* (OHG *ahsa*); cogn. with L. *axis*. *Axle* is not found alone till 17 cent.

axolotl Mexican lizard. Aztec, lit. water-servant.

ay *aye* Ever ON *ei* Com Tent cf AS *a* Ger *ja* (OHG *eo io*) Goth *aiu* cogn with L *acuum* G *auw* AS *a* gave ME *oo* which survived some time in the combined for *ay* and *oo* equivalent to mod for *eter* *ani* *ay* See also *erer*

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(T r f)

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babouche Turk slipper F Arab *babu* h

Pers *pā*, foot, *pūch*, covering. For formation of *pyjamas*. For interchange of *p*-*b*-cf *parha* *varshaw*. See also *lamp*?

baby See *babe*

Babylon G Βαβυλών, for *Babel* (q v)

baccalaureat See *bachelor*

baccarat F also *baccara*, card game at which the ten is called *baccara*. Origin unknown. There is a small French town called *Baccarat* (Meurthe et Moselle) not far from Lunéville. Cf origin of *larcher*

bacchanal L *baccharali*, from *Bacchus*, G Βάχος

bacharach [archaic] Wine. From name of town on Rhine

bachelor OF *bachelor* (*bachelier*), MdL *baccalarus*, and later, as academic term, *baccalaureus*, as though from *bacca*, berry, *laurus*, laurel, hence *baccalaureat*. Cf It *baccalare*, Sp *bachiller*. Olde t F sense (*Chanson de Roland*) appears to be young man aspiring to knighthood, squire. Hence, junior member of a guild or univ., as still in *Bachelor of Arts* etc., orig. one who qualified to begin his university course, which is still the meaning of F *bachelier*. From the "junior" idea is evolved that of young unmarried man. All these meanings occur in Chauc. Few words have provoked more etym. speculation, but the origin is still unknown. Ger *hagestolz*, *bachelor*, OHG *hagistalt*, means lit. hedgeholder (cf AS *hagostald*, ON *haukstaldr*), in contrast to the holder of the homestead. The younger son held a small enclosure while the elder inherited the estate. Already in OHG the word also means celibate, as does the corresponding AS *hagostald*. This has been thought to point vaguely to *bacca*, berry, as a possible etymon of the F word. Attempts have also been made to connect it with L *baculum*, or its dim *bacillus*, the staff being regarded as symbolical of the grade attained in a guild or univ., or as used, instead of lance or sword, by the young man practising warlike exercises.

Yong, fressh, and strong, in armes desirous

As any bachelor of al his hous (Chauc. F 23)

At Orlens in studie a book he say

Of mayk naturel, which his felawe,

That was that tyme a bachelere of lawe,—

Al were he ther to lerne another craft,—

Hadde prively upon his desk y-laft (ib. F 1124)

And trewely it sit wel to be so

That bachelers have often payne and wo

(ib. E 1277)

bacillus L v. L. dual of *baculus*, var. cf *baculum*, rod, cf *bacterium*.

back AS *becc*; cf Du ON *bat*. Not found in Ger., which has *rücker* ridge, in general sense of back (but see *bison*). Adv. *back* is for *aback* (q v.) earlier on *back*, cf. Ger. *zurück*, from *retor* (v s.). From the poem comes the verb *back*, to support. To *back* out is orig. to leave a room backwards, hence to retire from an enterprise not too abruptly. *Backslap*, in the sense of underhand clandestine, occurs in 17 cent. (Vanbrugh). *Backward* orig. sword with one edge only, like a navy cutlass, is also used of single stick. With *backwoods* cf. *hinterland*. The verb to *backbite* common in ME. With *backslap*, in rel. sense (16 cent.), cf. *relapse*. To put (retro) one's back up suggests the impr. cat. With to *back a bull* cf. *entorse*. See also *backyard*.

He that baketh with his brother baketh with the fire (Wycl. James, ii. 12).

William's sweetheart has strictly enjoined him not to get his head stuck at back swording (Tom Brown's Schooldays)

back-formation [ling.] A process the reverse of the usual, the formation of a word from a longer word which would appear to be derived from it. See *beggar*, *cadger*, *chanfer*, *former*, *fur*, *grocer*, *magick*, *peddle*, etc.

backgammon Also (18 cent.) *back game*. ME *gamen* (see *gammon*). So called because the pieces are sometimes forced to go back. Cf its Du. name from *verkeeren*, to turn back, and archaic F *revertier*. Formerly called *tables*, and in F *tric-trac*. Urquhart renders *Rabelais's* *toutes tables* by "the long tables or *verleering*."

verleer spel game of tables, so called (Hexham)

backsheesh, *baksheesh* Pers *bakhsheesh*, present, from *bakhsheidan*, to give, also found in Arab, Turk and Urdu.

Bacsheese (as they say in the Arabick tongue) that is gratis freely (Purch.)

backward, *backwards*. For *abackward* (see *back*). In to ring the bells backward, i.e. upwards, beginning with the bass bell, as alarm. *Backwardation*, opposite of *contango*, is a Stock Exchange coinage (c. 1850).

I ryngge aukewarde, as men do whan houses be afyre, or whan enemyes be coming, ye sonne a bransle (Palsg.)

The bells are rung backward, the drums they are beat (Boz. in D. index)

bacon OF (now replaced by *lard*, q v), MdL *baco-n*, OHG *bahho*, buttock, ham,

cogn with *back*. Of very early introduction as Welsh *bacwn* (from *E*) is recorded for 13 cent. In to *save one's bacon* a vulgarism recorded for 17 cent. *bacon* is used for body, hide etc.

Surely it is for you to signify that do let us see your own bacon (L. dw.)

Baconian. In ref. both to Roger (†1293) and Francis (†1606).

bacterium *G* β κτρη or dim. of β κτρη stiff from shape Cf *bacillus*

baculine In *baculine* (forcible) argument From *L. baculum* staff

bad. ME *baȝde*. Formerly compared *badder* *badd* st (as late as Defoe). Origin uncertain? AS *bæddel* hermaphrodite used contemptuously with *list* as in *muche* from *nictel* (cf. adj. use of *bastard*)? or AS *gebædd(e)*? forced oppressed (cf. *hust* of *caitiff*). It is curious that Pers *bad* has the same sense (see *baImash*).

Baddeley cake. Cut in Drury Lane green room on Twelfth Night. Bequest of Laddley 18 cent. actor.

badge ME *baȝe* *baȝe* cf. MedL *baſis* from the *E* word. Origin unknown. Of *ba* *e* is later and prob. from *E*.

badger 16 cent. name for the animal previously called *brock* (Celt.) *bawson* (OF?) or *gray*. Origin much disputed. MED accepts derivation from *badȝe* referring to the white mark on the badger's head. But there is no record of *bad e* mark on an animal and it seems a very unlikely word to be used in this sense. Earlier etymologists comparing *F. blaireau* badger which they took to be a dim. of OF *blaiser* corn dealer (*blé* corn) regarded *badȝe* as a nickname taken from archaic *badȝer* (? from *ba*) a middleman esp. in the corn and flour trade often regarded as a furtive and nocturnal individual. The fact that the animal does not store corn is no argument against this etym. cf. rustic superstitions with regard to various animals e.g. the *shrew* *toad* *slow worm* etc. or the inappropriate name *honey suckle* (q.v.). But *F. blaireau* is perhaps rather from *LC. blaz* blaze (q.v.). Cf. dial. *blaise* the bald headed coot and the origin of *bawson* (v.s.) from Celt. *bal* hite mark on the forehead (see *baſt*) which is ult. cogn. with *blif* (v.s.) and with *G. phalapos* "starred" (cf. a horse). Verb to *badger* from the port of badger baiting.

baſes a *baſe* *r* gray *bawson* *brock* (Cots.)

badinage *F* from *badine* to jest *badin* playful rather foolish. Prov. *bad n* prob. orig. gaper. See *bar*.

Bad name (From *b*) foolery buffery w. g. huss (Philips)

badmash *budmash* [*Anglo-Isd.*] Rascal Urdu from Pers *bad e al* Arab *ma a h* means of livelihood

badminton Drink and game. From Duke of Beaufort's seat (Glouc.)

baffle Cf. archaic *F. beſſe* to ridicule and *F. bisouer* to hold up to public attempt both of uncertain origin but generally referred to a radical *baſ* a natural sound of the *pooh* *baſ* type. Cf. *It. b. fire* with same meaning and *Ger. gan. baſt* *maſt* *baſt* to flabbe *gaſt*. But the earliest record (16 cent.) are *Sc.* and refer to the ignominious punishment of a perjured *lmi* *ht*. This was *Sc. bauchle* of unknown origin and may be a separate word.

H. by th' heels him b. g. upon a tree
And baſt *ld* *so* *th. t. l. wh. b. pas. ed by*
Th. p. ture of his pun. hment to ght see
(*F. etim. Q. com. L. i. i.*)

baſt *ner* *t* *hoodwink* *ke* *also* *to* *dec. i.* *also* *to* *beem* *a* *also* *to* *baſt* *al* *use* *re. l.* *disgrace* *hand* *b. l.* *n* *term* *ge* *e* *proa* *hi* *l. w. d. i.* *or* *unt* (Cots.)

b. m. *to* *deceit* *e* *mock* *or* *gull* *w. th. f. re. words* *et* (*W.*)

baſſy [*g. l. f.*] From *Sc. baſſ* blow *f* OF *baſſe* and see *buffet*

bag ME *baȝ* *e* ON *baȝ* *i*. Cf. archaic *F. baȝnes* *baȝage*. Earlier *ht* *t* obscure? *com* with *park*. The earliest MED record for *baȝs* trousers is from the blameless Smiles. The whole *bag of tricks* referred by the MED to the fable of the Fox and the Cat would seem to come rather from the conjurer's outfit. With to *l. l. the cat out of the baȝ* *re* show the true character of the article for sale of *F. acheter chat en poche* (our pig in a poke). To *win the bag* a mod. variation on to give the sack was orig. used in opposite sense viz. of a servant decamping without notice. With *ba man* commercial traveller of *ca. pel-baȝeer*. *Ba* and *baȝeer* was orig. used of an honourable evacuation or retreat of *F. l. l. et* *ba* *ues* *sauces* and see quot. *s. v. col. ur*. It now implies headlong expulsion *e. p.* with reference to Gladstone's famous speech (v.l.) on the Bulgarian atrocities in which he hardly

anticipated the policy of Ferdinand the Fearless

bagues sauvées with bag and baggage, safe and sound, scotfree (Cotg)

The Turks one and all, bag and baggage, shall, I hope, clear out from the province they have desolated and profaned (1876)

bagatelle Orig (17 cent) a trifle The game is 19 cent F, It *bagatella* Prob from L *baca*, berry, derivatives of which occur in Rom langs in sense of valueless object Cf *trifle* (q v) and obs *nifle*, prob F *nêfle*, medlar Cf also the prob cogn F *baguenaude* (v 1)

bagatelle a toy, nifle, trifle, thing of small value (Cotg)

baguenaudes bladder nuts, S Anthonies nuts, wild pistachios, also, the cods, or fruit of bastard sene, also (the fruit of red night-shade, or alkakengie) red winter cherries, (all of which being of little, or no value, cause this word to signify) also, trifles, nifles, toys, paltry trash (ib)

baggage F *bagage*, from *bague* (see *bag*) Now usu replaced, exc in US, by *luggage* Applied also disparagingly to, usu young, women Cf *naughty pack*, *nice piece of goods*, etc, also F *garnement*, in same sense Perh influenced by F *bagasse*, quean (OF *barasse*), glossed *baggage* by Cotg This from It *bagascia*, glossed *baggage* by Flor, of unknown origin

bagno It *bagno*, bath, L *balneum*, later, brothel (cf *stew*) In sense of convict prison, introduced after abolition of the galleys, from *bagno*, oriental prison, said to be due to the conversion of an old Roman bath at Constantinople into a prison

bagpipe Now chiefly Sc, but once a favourite rural E instrument

A baggepipe wel koude he [the miller] blowe and sowne,

And therewithal he broghte us out of tounne (Chauc A 565)

bah Cf F *bah*! See *bay*³.

bahadur Hind, *bahādūr*, hero, champion, title of honour orig conferred by great Mogul and introduced into India by Chinghiz Khan, cf *Bobs Bahadur*, the late Lord Roberts Forms are found also in Russ (*Bogatyr*), Pol, Hung, Manchu, etc Origin uncertain Sanskrit *bhaga-dāra*, happiness possessing, and Zend *bagha-puthra*, son of God, have been suggested

baignoire Lowest tier box at theatre F, orig dressing-box at bath See *bagno*

bail Oldest sense, friendly custody (Law L

ballum), OF *bail* (now = lease), *baille*, from *bailler*, to give (still dial F), L *bagulare*, to bear, from *bajulus*, porter. This is the accepted etym, though the sense-development is not easy to establish With *I'll go bail* cf *I'll be bound* ME *bail*, also *bailly*, enclosure, is OF *bail*, *baile*, stockade, etc, perh evolved from the idea of authority contained in *bailler*, to have in power, control, etc, but possibly rather connected with L *baculum*, staff The Old Bailey (*Vetus Ballium*, Duc) was the *ballum* of the City wall between Lud Gate and New Gate The cricket *bails* were orig a cross-piece about two feet long resting on two stumps This is dial, F *bail*, cross-bar on two stakes, prob L *baculum* Cf also the *bail*, or separating-bar, in a stable, and Austral *bail*, framework for securing head of a cow while milking Hence to *bail up* (a cow), and prob the bushrangers' summons The relative shares of *bajulus* and *baculum* in this group of words are hard to establish In view of the extraordinary sense-development of the E *staff*, it seems likely that etymologists have hardly given *baculum* its due

bail² To scoop up water See *bale*³

baile, bailiff OF *bailif* (*baili*), VL **bajulus*, orig official in charge of castle (see *bail*¹) In OF the *f* was lost before -s, hence ME *baile* and the Sc form The E word has gradually descended in meaning, exc in some spec titles, while Sc *baile*, orig equivalent to sheriff, has retained more of the earlier sense For *bailiwick* see *wick*²

barn Sc form introduced into E literature c 1700, cf obs or dial E *bern*, *barn*, AS, *bearn* Com Teut, cf obs Du *baren*, OHG ON Goth *barn*, cogn with *bear*²

bait First as verb ON *beita*, to cause to bite, causal of *bita*, to bite, cf Ger *beizen*, to etch, lit to make bite Hence *bear baiting*, etc, to *bait* (i e feed) horses Cf *bait* for fish, and see *abet* Cf also OF *beler* (*un ours*), from Teut

baize Earlier *bayes*, pl of *bay*⁴, from its orig colour, for pl cf *chintz* Du *baai* has same sense

baye the cloth called *bayes* (Cotg)

bake AS *bacan* Com Teut, cf Du *bakken*, Ger *bachen*, ON *baka*, ? cogn with L *focus*, hearth Past tense was orig *bōc*, and strong p p *baken* is usual in AV With *baker* legs, knock-knees, cf *housemaid's*

knee painter's colic clergyman's throat etc
Baker's dozen is due to extra loaf being supplied according to law by medieval bakers to retail hucksters With *half baked* imbecile cf synon dial *sam sodden* AS *samsoden* half boiled (see *sand blind*)

She boke thert loo es (Wyc 1 Sam xxv 1 24)
 A regrateresce xil darree de payn p xi
 (Lsb 4th s)

baksheesh See *bachshesh*

Balaam Disappointing prophet (Aumb xvii-xviii) In journalism stock paragraphs kept for filling up when news is short app first so used by *Blickwood's Magazine*
balance F VI **balancia* for *bilanz* *bilanc* from *bis* twice *lanx* platter Confused in some fig senses with *ballast* The *balance of power* is recorded for 1701 (Lond Gaz) for earlier *ballance of Europe* (1653)

The centre and characteristic of the old order which unstable thing which we used to call the balance of power

(Presid nt Wilson Dec 8 98)

balas [archaic] Ruby F *balais* (cf It *balaso* Sp *balas*) MedL *balasius* Arab *balakhsh* from Pers *Badakhshān* district near Samarcand

balbriggan (hose) From *Balbri gan* Co Dublin

balcony Earlier *balcōne* It from *balco* scaffold OHG *bal* ho balk beam Vulgar *balcōny* was usual up to 18 cent etc once in Swift whose pronunc made Samuel Rogers sick Swift's was prob Ir (cf *pollis* for *police*)

Th m lds to the doors and th balconies ran (Sw ft)

At Edmonton his lo'ing w f

From th bal ony sp ed

Her tnd r h u b nd w and r i g m uch

T ee h w he d i r i t (J kn G ip)

bald Earlier *balded* from Welsh *bal* white streak on the brow (see *bad er*) when *e* *Ball* name of a horse in Tusser of a sheep in the *Prompt Par* of a dog in *Prer pyre expenses of Henry VIII* in each case named from having a *blaze* (qv) a word which has the same double meaning eg Hexham explains Du *blesse* as a bald forehead a white star in the forehead of a horse Cf similar use of *bald* by horse dealers and tavern signs of *Balkia et Stag* also *balkscot* There has prob been association also with *bal* cf *bali* as a *bal* a *d* *bull* To go for a thing *baldhead* (US) may be a perversion of Du *bald* i s g audacious

altered under influence of *bali* bold (as though bold doing) from *baldadig* of which first element is cogn with *bale* (qv) f *baloony* stubborn *balist* rig perverse

H heed w balled th t boon as gl a
 (Ch A 198)

b i l d s g h d t e r r i p p s (kll)

baldachin *baldaquin* [a chàic] It h stuff usu *brudekin* in ML later a canopy orig hung with this material I *laid q u* It *baldacchino* MedL *baldakin* s from *Bal dacco* It name of *B r had* place of origin *balderdash* Orig (17 cent) poor mixed drink hence jumbled nonsense MedL *bal duct* m strained milk w a similarly used Orig in of both words unkn wn (cf *slap doodle slush* illio) Conn cted with Dan *pl dder* slush weak tipple foolish talk which is unit of splashing sound

b i l d e r s h of drink m t p s of other things
 f r s (L t)

baldric ME also *bawdrick* *brud y* the latter from OF form *baut es* Cf late OHG *bald rich* As the *baldric* was very ornamental the word may represent the OHG name *Baliarich* or AS *Baldric* bold rich whence F surname *Bauir* and our *Batrick* *Baldric* et For similar cases see *goblet nickel tinker* etc

bale [poet] Harm AS *bealo* woe calamity Com Teut cf OSax *balu* OHG *balo* ON *ból* also Goth *balu* adj A poet ord in AS & ME often contrasted alliteratively with *boot* profit and *blis* Obs by 1600 but revived by mod romantics Hence *bileful* *Balefire* often understood as belonging to the same word and hence wrongly used as AS *bālfyr* from *bāl* blaze funeral pile ON *bāl* Its error use as beacon fire is due to Scott.

Her fa e resign d to blis or bale (Chr t bel)

Sweet T i t ion th sal er tld

The glaring b i fires bl no more (La iv r)

The t l e f e s t murdero s l e n e e and s a g e anarchy (M t l y)

bale Of goods A r var of F *balle* *ball* *bale*

bale Verb From archaic *bail* bucket F *bail e* MedL *aquea baula* points to orig sense of water bearer (see *bail*) and sense development as in *scullion* (qv)

baleen Whalebone Orig whale F *baleine* L *balaena*

balefire [poet] See *bale*

baleful See *bale*

balk, baulk AS *balca*, ridge Com Teut; cf Du *balk*, Ger *balhen*, ON, *bjálki*, all meaning beam, also ON *bálki*, hedge, boundary The *baulk* at billiards is one of the latest developments of the ground-meaning of boundary Hence verb to *balk*, intrans to dodge, avoid, trans to hinder, i.e. interpose a balk, cf *thwart* Or it may be a ploughing metaphor, to go off the line (see *delirium*)

Balkanize [*force-word*] To convert into a set of hostile units

Thus treaty tends to Balkanize—if we may coin the word—three fourths of Europe

(Obs May 11, 1910)

ball¹ Sphere ME *bal*, ON *böllr*, cogn with Ger *vall*, whence F *balle* Senses may have been affected by It *palla* (see *pallmall*), which is from Teut The three (golden) balls are supposed to have been taken from the *palle* in the coat-of-arms of the Medici family, the early pawnbrokers having been of It origin

It would enable me to bear my share of the Vauxhall bill without a disagreeable reference to the *three blue balls* (Hickey's *Memoirs*, i 334)

ball² Dance F *bal*, from OF *baler*, to dance, Late L *ballare*, ? from G βαλλίζω, to dance Cf *ballad*, *ballet*

ballad F *ballade*, Prov *balada*, orig a dancing-song (see *ball²*) F *ballade* is a poem of fixed form, usu three stanzas and *envoi* with refrain line In E it has various meanings and is earlier found as *ballat*, *ballet*, etc In the High St of Amersham, Bucks, is a notice dated 1821, to the effect that the constable has orders to apprehend all *ballad-singers*

I occasioned much mirth by a ballet I brought with me, made from the seamen at sea to their ladies in town [Lord Dorset's "To all you ladies now on land"] (Pepys)

ballast Second element is *last*, burden (whence F *lest*, ballast), found in all Teut langs (see *last¹*), first element is doubtful, perhaps *bare*, as oldest form appears to be *barlast* (OSw & ODan) Another possibility is that it is a LG *bal*, worthless, which appears in Du *balsturig*, cross, perverse Some earlier E forms show confusion with *balance* *Ballast* in road-making (19 cent) is the same word, from the stones, sand, etc used as ship's ballast

Solid and sober natures have more of the ballast than of the saile (Bacon)

ballerina It, dancing girl Cf *ballet*

ballet F, It *balletto*, dim. of *ballo*, ball, dance See *ball²*, *ballad*

ballista [*nist*] Catapult L, from G βάλλειν, to cast

ballium [*nist*] Latinized form of *bailey* See *bail¹*

ballon d'essai F, small balloon sent up to determine direction of wind before ascent was made

balloon F *ballon*, It *ballone*, "a great ball, a foot-ball" (Flor), augment. of *balla*, ball, from Teut Earlier meaning, football In current sense in ref to Montgolfier's aerostat (1783)

ballot It *ballotta* dim of *balla*, ball (cf *blackball*) Earliest references are to Venice

ballo'tare to choose, to cast or draw lots with bullets, as they use in Venice (Flor)

Ballplatz [*nist*] Austrian Foreign Office. From address Cf *Quai d'Orsay*, etc

bally [*slang*] From c 1885 as euph for *bloody*. Cf *blooming*, *blinking*, *blighter*. Perh from music-hall tag *Ballyhooly truth*, suggested as Ir for *whole bloody truth*

ballyrag, bullyrag First in US *bulrag* (1758) with sense of *haze²*. ? Cf *bulldoze* Perh. both orig from bull-baiting Hence mod schoolboy *rag*

balm ME also *baume*, F *baume*, L *balsamum* Orig an aromatic vegetable juice

balm-cricket Cicada Mistransl of Ger *baumgrille*, tree cricket

balmoral In various trade-names. Sc residence (Aberdeen) of Queen Victoria

balmy [*slang*] For earlier *barmy* (q v)

We don't care a damn for Will-i-am,
Because we know he's balmy (T Atkins)

balsam It *balsamo*, L *balsamum*, G βάλαμον, Heb *baalschamen*, king of oils See *Baal* *Balsam* is found in AS, but was replaced, till c 1600, by *baln*

baltimore Black and orange starling (US) Colours of Lord *Baltimore*, proprietor of Maryland (17 cent)

baluster, banister F *balustre*, It *balustrò*, from *balaustra*, flower of wild pomegranate, L *balaustum*, G βαλαύστιον Orig the bulging colonets of a balustrade From shape *Banister*, formerly regarded as a vulgarnism, appears in 17 cent With corrupt cf. name *Bannister*, from *balestier*, crossbow man

balustres balusters, little, round, and short pillars, ranked on the outside of cloisters, terraces, galleries etc (Cotg)

bam Humbug Goes with *bamboo* *le*
bambino It baby esp Infant Jesus Cf
G Bayfa v v to stammer See *babble*
bamboo Earlier *bambus* pl *bambuses* In
 most Europ langs earliest in Du (*bam*
boes) Malay As earliest form is *mambu* it
 may be for Malay *samambu* Malacca cane
bamboozle One of the numerous slang words
 appearing c 1700 Also in shortened form
bam Ierh connected with the onomat
bib (*jabble baby baboon* etc) Florio
 uses *ambamburine* to render Montaigne's
embalourner to make a fool (lit baboon) of
 cf also Catalan *embabecar* to deceive
 Cert 1 words l ented by some pretty flow
 such as banter bamboozle (Swift)

Bampton lectures At St Mary's Oxford
 founded by Canon Bampton (†1751)

ban¹ To proclaim etc Verb is older in F
 AS *binnan* to summon by proclamation
 later to curse excommunicate Com
 Teut cf obs Du *binnen* OHG *bannan*
 OV *banna* Senses of noun have been
 partly influenced by F *ban* (MedL
bannum) of same origin Cf *banish* The
 proclamation sense survives in *banns* of
 marriage See *arrêre ban banal*

ban² Governor of certain districts in
 Hungary Croatia etc Pers *ban* lord
 Hence *banal* province

Banagher To bang See *beat*

banal F commonplace orig for public use
 of all under the same ban or feudal juris
 diction See *ban¹*

banal common which anyone may and every
 one (residual with the liberty precinct) must
 use and pay for the use of (Cotg)

banana Sp or Port prob from native name
 (Guinea) but the coincidence of this
 name with the Arab *ba'ian* fingers or toes
 and *binana* a single finger or toe can
 hardly be accidental (Yule) But accord
 ing to Platt *banana* is a Carib word early
 transferred to Africa (cf *jaous cayman*
papaia)

Banbury In Oxf Famous since 16 cent
 for puntans cheeses and cakes NFD
 does not recognize the *Banbury chair*
 familiar to children

band¹ Ligature AS has only *band* (qv)
 but *band* is found in most Teut. langs It
 belongs to the verb to *bind* Earliest sense
 bond fetter etc In sense of flat strip
 ribbon etc it is F *bande* ult the same
 word Hence *bandbox* orig (17 cent)
 made for bands or ruffs See also *bandog*

band² Company F *bande* It *banda* Prob
 cogn with *banner* (qv) and going back
 to Goth *bandua* sign flag Cf MedL
bandum banner It has also been popularly
 conned with *ban¹* (cf *bande* together)
 and possibly also with *ban³* The common
 E meaning as in *regimental band* (*band*
of musicians 17 cent) is unkn wn in
 I etc in archaic *grand bande* chamber
 orchestra of Louis XIV The *Band of Hope*
 dates from c 1847 Perh the popular
 association with *band²* (vs) suggested to
 Dickens the *Infant Bond of Joy* as the
 name of one of Mrs Fardigg's beneficent
 organisations

bandanna Earlier *bandanno* Hind prob
 through Port Orig of a kind of dyeing
 in which the spotted effect was produced
 by tying the material in various ways

bandar log Nation of monkeys in Kipling's
Just So Book Fig any collection of irre
 sponsible chatters and poseurs Hind
bandar monkey (cf *wanderoo*) to people

When our boys get back and beg to
 Bandar Log with the y did in the Great War
 (Ian H y Carry c h xv)

banderole F from archaic *bandière* banner
 It *bandiera*

bandicoot Large Indian rat Austral mar
 supial of similar appearance Telugu *pandi*
hokku pig rat

bandit Earlier *bandito* It *banditto* pp of
bandire to banish (qv) Cf *outlaw*

A Roman law d t and banditto i
 (a Hen I I)

bandog For *ba d-dog* (*band*) Cf *leash*
hound and F *limier* from *lien* bond So
 also F *les limiers de la police* corresponding
 to our *bandogs* *f the law*

bandog in *loos* (Cath t gl)

bandoleer [mil] F *bandolière* sp *bando*
le a or It *bandoliera* from *bindu* band
 strap

bandoleer in *letiers* b d leers ha ges
 1k little boxes hanging t belt about his neck
 (Cotg)

bandoline For the hair F hybrid coinage
 from *bandeau* band of hair and L *line*
 to amount

bandy Verb From F *bander* to bandie
 at tennis (Cotg) hence to throw (jest
 reproaches etc) to and fro Of Teut
 origin and cogn with *bend* Sen e-develop
 ment of the F word orig to bend a bow

is not quite clear For final -y, cf *levy*, *parry*

Had she affections and warm youthful blood,
She'd be as swift in motion as a ball,
My words would bandy her to my sweet love,
And his to me (*Rom & Jul* II 5)

bandy² Hockey, orig the curved stick with which it is played Prob from *bend*, but influenced by *bandy*¹ See *hockey*

a *bandy* hama, clava falcata (Litt)

bandy³ Or *bandy-legged* Common sense suggests *bandy*, perh associated also with *bandy*² *Bandy-legged*, "valgus, varus" (Litt), is rather earlier than first *NED* record

bane Orig killer, murderer AS *bana* Com Teut., cf OSax OHG *bano*, ON *bani*, cogn with Goth *banya*, wound, and ult with G φόιος, murder Hence also obs *bane*, to poison (*Merch of Ven* IV 1) Cf *henbane*

bang¹ To thump, etc ON *banga*, to beat, cf Du *bangen* In some senses imit With *bang up*, smart, cf *slap up* *Bang-tail*, a horse's tail cut horizontally, is perh from the same word, suggesting abruptness, cf *bang goes saxpence* Also *bang*, a horizontal fringe across the forehead, orig US For to *bang Banagher* see *beat*

bang² Drug See *bhāng*

bangle From Hind *bangrī*, orig coloured glass bracelet or anklet

banian, *banyan* Port, Arab *banyān*, Gujarati *vānyo*, Sanskrit *vanij*, merchant Man of trading caste (see *bunya*) Orig pl (cf *Bedouin*) This caste abstains from animal food, hence naut *banyan day* The *banian tree*, a gigantic fig tree, obtained its E name from its being an object of veneration to the *banians*, who built their temples under it (v 1) App the name was first given to one at Gombroon, on the Persian Gulf

The govenour is a Bannyan, one of those kind of people that observe the law of Pythagoras (Purch 1609)

[The Banian tree is a little beyond the great tank [of Surat] This is of an exceedinge brethd, much honoured by the Banians (Peter Mundy, 1629)

He has been ill—and so he banyanned upon lobster salad and chocolate cream, washed down by deluges of champagne (Lady Lytton, 1839)

banish F *banir*, *banniss-*, to proclaim as an outlaw, from *ban*¹ (q v) Cf Ger *verban-*
nen

banister See *baluster*

banjo Negro corrupt of archaic *bandore*, L *pandura*, G τανδοῦρα

pandura an instrument called a bandore like a lute, a rebeck, a violin (Litt)

"What is this, mamma?"—"It is not a guttar, is it?"
"No, my dear, it is called a banjore, it is an African instrument, of which the negroes are particularly fond" (Miss Edgeworth, *Belinda*)

bank¹ Of earth Earliest sense, raised shelf or ridge ME *banke*, cf ON *bakk*, cogn with *bank*² and *bench* Hence naut. *banker*, boat fishing on Newfoundland bank, cf. *coaster* and 16 cent *roader* To *bank*, of an aeroplane, is borrowed from the motor racing-track

There is a rich fishing very neere this land [Newfoundland] called the *Banke*, where there doe yearly fish at least 400 French shippes

(R Havman to Charles I, 1628).

Practically, the whole of the French bankers are laid up in St Malo (Obs. Feb 10, 1918)

bank² Bench, etc F *banc*, OHG *banc*, ult ident with *bank*¹, cf Du *bank* In ME means bench, as still in some techn applications Hence *double-banked*, used of galleys with two tiers of oars, involving two tiers of rowing benches The financ *bank* is F *banque*, It *banca*, from OHG, orig money-changers' bench or table Most of our early financ words are It (cf *bankrupt*) *Bank-holidays* were established by Sir John Lubbock's Act (1871) in order to legalize the closing of banks on certain fixed days They were not intended as public saturnalia

Christ overthrew the exchangers banks

(*NED* 1567)

bankrupt Earlier (16 cent) *bankrott*, F, *banqueroute*, It *banca rotta*, broken bank Now remodelled on L *rupta* See *bank*²

banksia Austral shrub From Sir Joseph Banks (†1820), botanist, companion of Captain Cook Cf *dahlia*, *fuchsia*, etc

banheue F, outskirts (of a town) Orig. league (*lieue*) radius under town authority. See *ban*¹

banner OF *banere* (*bannière*), cf It *bandiera*, Sp *bandera*, from MedL *ban-*
num, *bandum*, flag See *band*² In the Rom langs there has been confusion with *ban*¹ (q v), and the ult origin of both groups of words is obscure The analogy of F *drapeau*, from *drap*, cloth, suggests that L *pannus*, cloth, may be involved

banneret OF *baneret*, adj, "bannered," with -et from L -atus Orig knight whose vassals fought under his own banner The

barbed [*archaic*] Of a horse, equipped and caparisoned. Mistake for *barbed*, from F *barde*, horse-armour, also rough saddle, Sp Port *albarda*, packsaddle, Arab *albarda'at*.
A bardit curser stout and bald (Gavin Douglas)
His glittering arms he will condemn to rust,
His barbed steeds to stables (*Rich II*, iii 3)

barbel OF *barbel* (*barbeau*), VL **barbellus*, dim of *barbus*, from its beard

barber ME *barbour*, OF *barbeor*, VL **barbator-em*. Mod form partly due to suffix substitution (cf *turner* for *turnour*), partly to ModF *barbier*, It *barbiere*. The barber was formerly also dentist and surgeon, hence *Company of Barber-Surgeons* (1461-1745). Hence the small metal bowls, orig for blood-letting, which are still the barber's sign in some countries, while the barber's pole is said to represent the bandage.

My name is Salvation Yeo, born in Clovelly Street, in the year 1526, where my father exercised the mystery of a barber surgeon (*Westward Ho!*)

barberry OF *barberis*, with -s lost as in *cherry*, cf It *berberi*, Sp *berberis*, MedL *barbaris*. Origin unknown. The -berry is folk-etym.

berberi sunt fructus cuiusdam arboris, *anglicè* *berberynes* (*Voc* 15 cent)

barbette [m'] Gun platform for firing over parapet or ship's turret. F, dim of *barbe*, but sense-development not clear.

barbican [hist] Outer defence. F *barbacane* (12 cent), cf It *barbacane*, Sp *barbacana*. A word that has given rise to very numerous conjectures, the most reasonable being Arab-Pers *bāb-khānah*, gate-house (see *Babel*), the regular name in the East for a towered gateway, which is about the meaning of *barbican*. This leaves the -r-unaccounted for, unless we assume association with *bar*. There seems to be little doubt that the word comes from the Crusades (Joinville). For its survival as the name of a London street cf *Old Bailey* (see *baill*).

Egyptian rulers, from the Pharaohs to Napoleon and Mehmet Ali, have tried to seize it [Palestine] as the outer barbican of Africa.

(*Daily Chron* Dec 11, 1917)

barcarolle F, Venet *barcarola*, It *barcaruola*, boatman's song, from *barca*. See *bark*².

bard¹ Gael Ir. *bard*, whence G *βάρδος*, L *bardus* (in Lucan). Orig of Celt bards only, and, in Lowland Sc, of a vagabond minstrel. Though first recorded by NED.

c 1450, it was a surname by 1297; cf Sc *Baird*.

The Schireffe sal punish somers, over-lars, maister full beggars, fuilles, bairdes, vagaboundes (Skene)

bard² See *barbed*.

bare AS *bar*. Com Teut, cf Du *baar*, Ger *bar*, ON *beir*. Orig uncovered, then unequipped, e.g. *bareback*, without addition of any kind, as in *bare majority* (*subsistence*). *Barefaced* (first in Shaks) has degenerated from orig sense of undisguised, without scheming.

barège Fabric, from *Barèges* (Hautes-Pyrénées).

baresark See *berserk*.

bargain OF *bargagne*, cf It *bargagno*, Port *barganha*. The corresponding verb, OF *bargagner* (*barguigner*), found also in the other Rom langs, is Late L *barcaniare*, to haggle (temp Charles the Bald). Many forms and derivatives are found in MedL, but the origin is unknown. OHG *borganyan* to lend, borrow, pledge, has been suggested, but the -a- of the Rom forms is against this. If the word was orig OF and borrowed by the other Rom langs, it may be simply *gagner*, to gain (q.v.), with pejorative prefix *bar-*, or even represent a mixture of *gagner* and the synon *barater*, to barter. With to *strike a bargain* cf *swap*, *tope*³.

barguigner to chaffer, to bargain, or (more properly) to wrangle, dodge, haggle, brabble, in the making of a bargain (Cotg).

barge F, Late L *barga*, var of *barca*, bark². *Bargee* is used by Pepys. Like most ship-names, has had a variety of senses. NED does not recognize slang to *barge*; rush heavily.

barilla Plant. Sp *barrilla*, "saltwort" (Minsh).

baritone See *barytone*.

barium [chem] Isolated and named by Davy (1808), from G *βαρύς*, heavy.

bark¹ Of a tree. ON *borkr*, prob cogn with *birch*. Native word is *rind*.

bark², *barque*. Vessel. F *barque*, It *barca*, Late L *barca*, ship of burden, of doubtful origin. ² From G *βαρύς*, boat, from Egypt. Cf the earlier *barge*. The spelling *barque* is now limited to a spec. rig.

bark³ Verb. AS *beorcan*, orig strong, with p.p. *borcen*, cf ON *berka*, ?from *barkr*, windpipe. Hence *barker*, pistol, fire arm. *Chien qui abbaye* [aboye] *ne mord pas* the dog that barks much, bites little, a great prater, a weak performer (Cotg).

barley Orig adj as still in *barleycorn* AS *barlic* from *bere* barley cf ON *barr* corn barley Goth *barizans* of barley ult cogn with L *far* corn John *Barleycorn* as emblem of malt liquor occurs in the title of a ballad in the Pepys collection Cf the old song of the *barleymow* where *mow* means heap stack *Barley water* dates from 14 cent With *barleycorn* as unit of measure cf *grain* as unit of weight

It it was ordeyned [by the Statute of Winchester] that all barley-cornes take out of the muddes of the re makith a inch (*Coventry Lest Book* 1474)

barm Yeast froth AS *beorma* with LG and Scand cognates cf Ger dial *barme* ult cogn with I *fermentum* Hence *barmy* now often spelt *balmy*

Hope p is that h st into y ur leud

Oublik boyles your barmy br

(Mtgomeri c 1600)

Why did I jo the R N A S ?

Why didn't I join th army?

Why did I come to Salonika

(Chorus) I must have been — well barmy (Anon.)

Barmecide banquet. Allusion to a tale in the *Arabian Nights* of a prince who offered an imaginary feast to a beggar The *Barmecides* were a family ruling in Baghdad just before Haroun al Raschid Cf *Al naschar dreams*

barn ME *bern* AS *bercorn* barley place of which contracted forms also occur in AS Cf relation of L *horreum* barn to *hordeum* barley *Barn sterner* strolling actor 18th cent

Barnaby Feast of St Barnabas (June 11) considered the longest day under the Old Style

Barn by bright

Longest day and shortest night

barnacle For horses MF *barnele* earlier *bernak* AF *bernac* glossed *canis* & bit snaffle Cf also OF *bernicles* Saracen instrument of torture (Joinville) Origin unknown In sense of spectacles (16 cent) *barnacles* seems to be a playful extension of the same word due to the way in which *barnacles* are fitted to a horse's nose There may also have been association with F *besicles* spectacles formerly *bericles* This is rendered *ba nacles* in Moutteux translation of Rabelais (*Pantagruel* v 27)

A scourge to an hors, and a bernacle to an asse

(Wyc Prov x l 3)

barnacle I and of wild goose shell fish ME *bernekke* *bernale* OF *bernaque* ModL *bernaca* etc The connection of the two is

due to a very ancient and wide spread superstition that the goose was hatched from shell fish adhering to trees over the water Of the numerous conjectures that the word has provoked the most reasonable is that which derives it from Gael *barnea* a limpet from *barna* rock But the weak point in this theory is that although the goose is supposed to spring from the shell fish the former recorded some centuries earlier Also the Gael word may have borrowed from E Cf also Sp *fernica* Port *bernaca* The following quat shows the muddled character of the superstition

S slow Bootes ad m ath h m ees
In th yel lles those goos gs h chit f t es,
Whose fru d l l l a es fall ng int th wat
Ar turn d (th y) to h ung fowles woon it
So rotten s des f broken el ffs doo ha e
To barnacles O transform thou t ange
Twas first a green tree th gail t h l l
Lat ly a mu ls m ow a fly g gull (syll 6)

barnacles Spectacles See *barnacle*

barney [slang] Lark spree earlier (c 1860)

humbag ? From name *Ba ney* (for *Barna* b) cf abstr sense of *paddy*

Barnum US proprietor of the greatest show on earth (1891)

It attend t f f ers g g nti men selected on th
Barn m pri lpl

(S L H ghes, M P on Hawer's entry to Jer sal m)

barometer From G β pos weight Due to Boyle (17 cent)

baron F Late L *baro-n* used in Salic Law as equivalent to *homo* cf double meaning of AS *mann* man warrior hero an's use development of *kn* ight *vassal* etc Origin unknown but prob Teut According to some it is L *baro* smpleton whence it *ba one* rogue which seems unlikely The *baron* of beef or double saloon is a witicism due to the old story of knighting the lion *Baronet* is used for *baron* by Fielding (v 1) The title *baronet* occurs in 14 cent but its exact meaning is doubtful though it seems to have been used for *banneret* (q v) The present order dates from 1611 and was established to raise money for the settlement of Ulster Orig obtainable for £1000 but it is understood that the current price is now h h her

Th sight of the mast beef struck him dumb
permitting him only to say gear and t declare
h must p y his respects t the baronet, f w so
he called the surkin (Tom Jon iv 20)

baroque Orig irregularly shaped pearl F Port *barroco* or Sp *barroco* Origin unknown

barouche Earlier (1805) *birutsche*, Ger dial *barutsche*, *birutsche*, It *baroccio*, for *biroccio*, from L *birotus*, two-wheeled, from *bis* and *rota* Cf F *brouette*, wheel-barrow, earlier *berouette*, dim of OF *beroue*, L *birota*

barque See *bark*²

barquentine Differs from a barque in having only the fore-mast square-rigged Sp *bergantin*, brigantine, confused with *barque* (see *bark*², *brig*)

barracan See *barragan*

barrack F *baraque*, It *baracca* or Sp *barraca*, ? cogn with *bar* Orig booth, hut, which is still the meaning of F *baraque* Hence *barriaco*, slave pen (Sp)

barracking On the cricket field Said to come from a native Austral (NSW) word *borak* meaning derision It bears a curious resemblance to *barrakin'*, gibberish, formerly used in East End of London This is F *baragoun* (q v)

barracoen See *barrack*

barracuda, **barracoota** Large Wind seaperch Origin unknown ? From Sp *bar-rigudo*, big-bellied

barracoula the name of a fish peculiar to some parts of America (Phillips)

barragan Orig coarse camlet Earlier *bar-racan* OF *baracan*, *baragant* (*bouracan*), Arab *barrakān*, camlet, from Pers *barak*, garment of camel's hair Cf Du *barhan*, Ger *barchent*

barrage [*hist*] Adopted in the Great War for curtain fire, intended to isolate the objective F, *barrier*, weir, from *barrer*, to bar

Keep up a steady potato barrage from the end of March until May (*Daily Chron*, Feb 2, 1918)

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig passed into London through a creeping barrage of cheers

(16 Dec 20, 1918)

barratry [*leg*] Formerly traffic in church office, simony, now esp marine fraud OF *baraterie*, from *barate*, fraud, strife, cf It *barattare*, to barter (q v), Sp *baratar*, to sell cheap, OIt *baratta*, strife All app from ON *barätta*, strife, if this is a genuine ON word, in which case it may have been taken to the South by the Vikings It *barataria* occurs in marine laws of Amalfi (11 cent)

barrel F *baril*, with forms in all Rom langs ? Connected with *bar*, cf F *au-dessus* (*au-dessous*) *de la barre*, of wine regarded as superior (inferior) according as it is drawn from the upper (lower) part of the cask,

the latter being strengthened by an internal bar or stanchion The *barrel organ* (18 cent) is so called because the keys are struck by pins on a revolving barrel or cylinder For gen sense of cylinder, as in *gun-barrel*, cf *tunnel*.

barren Orig of female Archaic F *bréhaigne*, OF *brehang*, *baraing*, etc Origin obscure Perh from OHG *ham*, mutilated, preceded by the pejorative particle *bar-*. Cf Ger *hammel*, castrated ram See *main'*

barret [*hist*] Cap F. *barrette* See *biretta*

barricade F, It *barricata* or Sp. *barricada*, from *barrica*, barrel, used in extempore barriers Incorr *barricado* is found earlier, cf *ambuscado*, *armado*, *bastinado* Hist. esp in ref to Parisian émeutes

barriguade a barricado, a defence of barrels, timber, pales, earth, or stones, heaped up, or closed together, and serving to stop up a street, or passage, and to keep off shot, etc. (Cotg)

barrico [*naut*] See *breaker*

barrier F *barrière*, from *barre*, bar.

barring-out Recorded for 1728 (Swift)

Revolts, republics, revolutions, most
No graver than a schoolboys' "barring-out"
(Tennyson, *Princess*)

barrister Earlier *barrester*, *barraster* Mod formation from *bar*, app modelled on *chorister*, *sophister* Cf ME *legistre* (from *lex*) and its MedL form *legista* The name originated with the bar of the Inns of Court, but is now associated with the bar of a tribunal See *bar*.

barrow¹ Funeral mound Orig hill, mountain AS *beorg* Com Teut., cf Du Ger *berg*, ON *berg*, *bjarg*, Goth *baîrgahei*, mountain chain Prob also Aryan, -cf Armen *berj*, OIr *brig*, etc

barrow² Vehicle AS *beorwe* Orig stretcher, bier (q v), hand-barrow, cogn with *bear*² Later meaning may have been affected by F dial *barou*, app related to *brouette*, wheel-barrow (see *barouche*)

They brought out the sycke and layed them upon beddes and barowes (Coverd *Acts*, v 15)

bart Abbrev of *baronet*

barter [*archaic*] F. *barater*, to deceive, in OF to exchange, haggle, from *barat* (see *baratry*), cf It *barattare*, Sp *baratar* For connection between trading and cheating cf Ger *tauschen*, to exchange, *täuschen*, to deceive

baratar to sell cheap, to deceive (Percyval)

barater to cheat, couzen, beguile, deceive, lie, cog, foist, in bargaining, also, to trucke, scourse, barter, exchange (Cotg)

bartizan [poet] Sc (16 cent) of uncertain meaning but app corrupt of *bratticing* timber work Currency is due to Scott See *brattice*

bratticing propugnaculum (Calk A gl)

barton [dial] Enclosure in various senses AS *beretun* See *ba ley* and *loun*

barytes [min] From *baryum* (q v)

barytone baritone F *baryton* or It *baritono* from C β *pros* heavy to or tone

basalt I *basaltes* said by Pliny to be an Afr worl Not connected with *salt*

basan *bazan* Kind of sheep skin leather Corruptly *basil basil* I *bisame* Prov *bazana* Sp *badina* Arab *b lannah* inside lining

bascinet See *basinet*

bascule [mech] F see saw for earlier *bacule* from OF *bacler* from *balre* to beat cul posterior

The practice of flying through the Tower Bridge between the high level footways and the bascules must cease (Daily Chron June 27 1919)

base¹ Noun I L G *basie* step also pedestal from βα *to* step

base² Adj I *bis* VL *lassus* stumpy common in classical I as cognomen For sense development cf *low* *Baseborn* may be for earlier *low-born* but as there is no other example of adv use of *base* it is perh connected with OF *filz da bast* whence MF *a bast ibore* half-born (see *bastard*)

baseball Now chiefly US so-called from the *bases* or bounds which mark the circuit but these *bases* were taken over from *I risoners* *ba e* (13 cent) which is for *bars* the *r* being lost as in *bass*¹ (q v)

base play *barri* (P ompt *Paro*)

base plu *jeu a x barres* (Palsg)

barres the play table or prison bars (C tg)

baseborn See *ba e*

basement Connected by NED with *base*² by Skeat with *base* Cf I *oula senent* with very similar meaning But Cotg has marked as archaic *o basement* app from *baster* (bdt) which ult the sens better *soubasement* a foundation on or ground work low building with n th ground to th pport of roomes abo e gro d (C tg)

bash [collog] Chiefly northern Origin unknown ? Cf Sw *basu* Dan *baske* to beat ? or mixture of such words as *bang* and *smash* Cf also archaic and dial *pash*

bashaw Earlier I form of *pasha* (q v)

bashful From *abash* (q v) Formerly also

daunted e g Clarendon speaks of a *bash* ful army Cf ME *bashment* discomfiture *bashu* *bazouk* Turk irregular soldi r Turk *baskı* *bornu* on whose head is turned App became familiar at time of Crimean War Cf *pasha* *limba hi*

This form of *bash* *bazoukum* actually allied nationalization in the jargon of the Sothern Bolshevik (D ly Ck on July 2 1919)

basil Plant OF *basile* I C *Basil* royal (sovereign remedy) ModF *ba lic* means both the plant and the *ba lic* (1) In the OF names for both the same confusion appears no doubt as a result of some belief in the plant as an antidote against the bite of the reptile

basil See *basan*

Basilian Of St *Basil* bishop of Caesarea as in *Basilian lit* (v)

basilica L G *basilika* (sc a) royal dwelling Later hall of justice th a the same used as a place of worship In Rome applied spec to the eccen churches established by Constantine

basilisk Fabulous monster cockatrice whose breath and glance were fatal Hence *basilisk glance* G β *ul* or *ov* little king becau of a mark depicted on its head resembling a crown Cf L *erulus* lit little king

Ther [in id] ben the t I ocks wt h b ve th sight so enyn that th y al men (Castro *Merre* / B wld)

Th per and th fl g basileus (E ig regul volan ? (Dou) B h I x 6)

basin OF *basin* (*bas in*) VL *bacchimon* (Gregory of Tours) for *baecium* from *ba ca* vessel for water (Isidore) Hence also It *basino* Sp *basin* Ger *becken* Ult origin unknown Perh a Gaulish word and cogn with F *bie* trough ferryboat.

basinet *bascinet* *basnet* Basin shaped helmet OF *bacinnet* dim of *basin* basin Cf synon Ger *hes elku* lit kettle hat Mod *bowler* belongs to the same class of ideas. Obs 1600-1800 but revived by Scott.

A d a brasun basyn t on his heed

(W r. Sam x li 5)

bas cf little bowl small basin both the scull fought him t or he ad pree weene in old t m by th French m of armes (Cotg)

basis L See *base*¹

bask ON *bathisk* whence Modifed *bathast* to bathe oneself reflex of *ba lic* to bathe For formation cf *bask*¹ See *bath*

Keyng has brother baskynge in his lound (Lyd, t 1)

Baskerville Famous Birmingham printer (†1775) Cf *aldine, elzevir*

basket At one time thought to be Celt, but Gael *bascard*, Ir *basgaod*, Welsh *basged* are from E. A supposed Gaulish word *bascauda* is used by Juvenal and Martial, the latter of whom expressly describes it as British. The *NED*'s objection that *bascauda* is described as a tub or brazen vessel, and so could not be a basket, is not serious, as the change of meaning could easily be paralleled Cf *canister*, now a metal receptacle, from L *canistrum*, a wicker basket. Moreover *bascauda* gave OF *baschoe*, a basket. In OF we also find *basche*, *basse*, used in the same sense. It would appear that *basket*, found in AF c 1200, though not recorded in continental OF, must have been a dim formation belonging to the same group. This leaves the real origin of *bascauda* unsolved. It may be cogn with L *fascia*.

Barbara de pictis veni bascauda Britannus,
Sed me jam mavult dicere Roma suam (Martial)

baschoe a kind of flat-sided basket, of wicker, close woven, and pitched in the inside, used in times of vintage (Cotg)

basnet See *basnet*

bason [*Bibl*] Archaic form of *basin*

Basque Race and non-Aryan lang of western Pyrenees. Late L *Vasco*, *Vasconia*. Its only contribution to E is perh *jingo*.

basque Of a dress. F, earlier also *baste*. Origin unknown. Prob not connected with the national name *Basque*, although from this we have *basquine*, "a Spanish vardingale" (Cotg).

bas-relief F. It *bassorilievo*. See *base*² and *relief*.

bass¹ Fish. Earlier *baise* (still in dial), AS *bars*, cf Du *baars*, Ger *barsch*, *haulbars*, perch, cogn with *bristle*.

bass² Fibre. See *bast*. Hence *bass-broom*, *bass-wood*.

bass³ [*mus*] Formerly *base*, now remodelled on It *basso*, *base*².

basset¹ Short-legged dog. OF, dim of *bas*, low.

basset a ternier, or earthing bergle (Cotg)

basset² [*archaic*] Card-game. F *bassetto*, It *bassella*, supposed to be in some way connected with *basso*, low.

bassinet(te) Cradle. First in Thackeray. Supposed to be a dim of F *bassin*, basin, but this seems unlikely, and F *bassinet* is not used in same sense. Perh corrupted

from F *bercelonnette*, double dim of *berceau*, cradle.

bassoon F *basson*, augment of *basse*, *bass*¹.
bast Inner bark of lime. AS *bæst*. Com Teut; cf Du Ger ON *bast*. See *bass*².

bastard OF *bastard* (*bâtard*) with corresponding forms in most Europ langs. In OF, also *filz de bast*, son of a pack-saddle, with pejorative ending -art, Ger -hart. Cf synon OF *coitrart*, from *cote*, quilt, Ger *bankert*, earlier *bankart*, from *bank*, bench, LG *mantelkind*, mantle child, ON *hrísungr*, from *hrís*, brushwood. See *banthing* and *bat*². Not always a term of reproach, e.g. the Conqueror is often referred to as *William the Bastard*. Cf surname *Bastard*.

A bastard, or he that is i gete of a worthy fader and i bore of an unworthy moder (Trev n. 269)

I begat the whoreson in bast,
It was done all in haste (Nature, c 1475)

bancheard spurius, nothus, illegitimus, non in lecto geniali, sed quovis scamno fortuito a matre conceptus (Kil)

baste¹ To sew. OF *bastir*, OHG *bastjan*, *bestan*, to sew with *bast* (q v). Or, the E word being app. earlier recorded than the F, the verb may be of native formation from *bast*. See also *bastille*.

baastyng of cloth subatura (Prompt Parv)

I baste a garment with threde je bastys (Palsg)

baste² Cooking. OF *basser*, to soak, the mod form being from the p p. The OF word is of unknown origin.

to bast the rost basser (du Guez).

The fat pygge is baast (Barclay)

baste³ To beat. Jocular application of *baste*². Both occur first as p p. Cf Ger *schmeren*, to drub, lit to anoint, and F *frotter*. See also *smite*.

froter to rub, to chafe, to fret, or grate against, also, to bathe, also, to cudgell, thwack, baste or knocke soundly (Cotg)

bastille F, from Prov *bastida*, from *bastire*, to build. Now only of the historic building in Paris, but in common ME use (*bastel*, etc.), of a fort. The popular form occurs as late as Butler. The derivation of *bâtir*, OF *bastir*, MedL *bastire*, is doubtful, but some authorities derive it from OHG *bastjan*, to sew with *bast*, hence construct, a very possible sense-development. See *baste*¹.

Conveys him to enchanted castle,
There shuts him fast in wooden bastile (Hudibras)

bastinado Sp *bastonada* beating from *baston* cudgel (see *baston*) For ending see *ambuscade arma* f. The limitation of meaning to beating the soles of the feet is comparatively mod. See *drub*

bastion F It. *bastione* from *bastia* fort (whence *Dastia* in Corsica) from *bast* re to Lull. See *basilla*

bat Cudgel etc. AS *ba* f club f from Celt. Some senses perh. from F *bâle* which is usu. connected with *battre* to beat. The cricket *bat* is recorded for 1701. To carry (bring out) one's *bat* goes back to the less luxurious days when the man out left the bat for the next comer. *Bat* lump clod is supposed to be the same word hence *brickbat*. Also *bat* pace as in *at a great bat* from dil. sense of stroke. *Batfoul* (T. 11) means dazing birds with a light at night and then knocking them down with a bat.

With *bvm* came a grete rump; with sw. r. s. and *battis* (Wyc. *Mat.*, xxv. 47)

bat Animal. In ME usu. *bakke*. Origin obscure but app. Scand. Cf. Dan. *afte* *bakke* evening bat. Sw. dial. *nat* *batta* night bat. The AS term was *hæt emus* from *hætran* to shake. Cf. Ger. *fledermaus* and E. dial. *flietermouse* (Tennyson).

Moldewarps and backes [see *reco-myre*] (Wyc. *Is* II 20)

bat [mil.] Packsaddle. F *bât* OF *bast* MedL. *bastum*. Relation to G. *β* or *ξ* v to bear is unlikely. Now only in mil. use. Cf. *bathorse* *batman* the latter used by Washington (1757).

batata Sweet potato. Sp. and Port. prob. from Hayti. Applied later to another plant in the f. m. *potato* (q. v.).

Batavian Occ. used of the Dutch. L. *B. taris* and *Dalar* f. inhabitants of island of *Belane* bet. cen. the Rhine and the Waal. Second element is cogn. with *ait* (q. v.) and appears also in *Scandinavia*.

batch. Orig. a "baking of bread." ME *bache* from *bake* (cf. *match* and *make*). For sense-development cf. F *fournée* ovenful used of the "batches" in which victims were sent to the guillotine during the Reign of Terror. Mod. *whole boulder* is a similar metaphor.

batche of bread *fournée* de pain (F. 1 g.)

bate Aphet for *abate* (q. v.). Esp. in *bated break* to *bate* a job. Hence *bating* except, barring.

bate Strife Aphet for *debate*. Now only in archaic *makebate*.

bath For washing. AS *bat* Com. Teut. cf. Du. Ger. *bad*. ON *bath* With *bath* *batke* cf. *grass gra* e. The Order of the Bath established temp. Hen. IV. and revived temp. George I. takes its name from the purification of the new knight. The town of *Iain* was orig. *at bathum* at the baths (cf. Ger. *Baden*) and *Hora* cf. *Walpole* still called it the Bath. Hence *the Bath* lunatics being supposed to benefit from the waters. Also *Bath* *bum* *char* *lri* *h* (male at Bridgewater) *stone* *Oliver* (from the name of a Bath doctor) *chap* etc.

At all times of the tide [t. Murg. l. th. mach. s. s. or bathing] *wagons* can drill a proper depth into the sea (J. Ames, c. 1740).

bath Liquid measure (Is. v. 10) Heb. *Bathoman* [geol.] From ModL. *Puthonia* Bath.

bathos C. β *βos* depth. In literary sense introduced by Pope.

My heart is in the grass with her
The family went abroad (Alexander Smith)

bating See *bate*.

batiste I. cambric. Said to be from name of first manufacturer at Cambrai (13 cent.).

batman See *bat*.

baton Earlier *baton* F *bâton* OF *bas* on of doubtful origin. See also *baton*. Very general as symbol of authority, hence the *baton* of a Marshal. The *baton* of the *chef d'orchestre* is of recent F. introduction.

batrachian From C. *βατραχος* frog.

batta [mil.] Extra allowance for officers serving in India. Earlier maintenance Indo-Port. orig. from Canarese *bhatta* rice. Cf. hist. of salary. See *pidly*.

battalion F. *ba* *nillon* It. *battaglione* dim. of *bataglia*. See *battle*. Earlier one of the main divisions of an army.

battalion a battalion a great squ. drom, the mai. b. tile (Flor.)

battels [Oxf.] Colloq. bill esp. for provisions from buttry. Prob. connected with obs. *batle* to grow fat which is app. a var. of *batten* (q. v.). Latinized as *battili* *batillie* (16 cent.). Quot. 1 is a century older than *LED* record.

I battel ap. d. R. pon vide in vi. o. ljd. b.
(*Mem. f. Fow* la. n. s. 46b. 1447)

On f. th. most infallible mark is by which our English grasses know the r. b. tile and feeding grounds (Lurch. xvi. 80)

batten¹ Strip of wood Var of *baton* (q v)

Hence naut to *batten down* esp hatches

batten² To feed gluttonously, now usu fig
Orig to thrive, grow fat (see *battels*) ON
batna, to improve, grow "better," cogn
with AS *batian*, to feed, thrive Cf Du.
baat, profit, and, for sense, Norw *Dan*
gjode, to fatten cattle, lit to made good

My cradle was a corslet, and for milke

I battened was with blood (*Trag of Tiberius*, 1609).
une fille bien advenue well proved, well grown,
well come on, well prospered, well batned, or bttled
(Cotg)

batter F *battre*, VL **battere*, for *battuere*, to
beat, of Celt origin Also influenced by
the verb to *bat*, from *bat* Noun *batter*, now
only culinary, represents F *batture* (cf
fritter from *friture*) Oldest sense of *battery*,
F *batterie*, is the act of beating, as in
assault and battery, hence, preparations for
"battering" a fortress, arrangement of
artillery, etc The *battering-ram* translates
L *aries* and the head of the instrument was
sometimes shaped like that of the animal
batowr of flowers or mel with watyr mola

(Prompt Parv)

aries, bellica machina, muris urbium evadendis apta
a great pece of timber shodde with brasse, in facion
like a Rammes herd (Coop)

battle F *bataille*, VL *battualia*, neut pl of
bathualis, from *battuere*, to beat Oldest L
sense is "exercitationes militum vel gladiatorum"
In ME and up to 17 cent the
meaning of warlike array, army division,
was common A *pitched battle* was orig one
taking place by mutual arrangement on
selected ground A *battle royal*, in which
several combatants engage, is from cock-
fighting, but perh orig meant battle with
kings in command (see *royal*) It is charac-
teristic of the revolution in nav nomen-
clature that the *NED* has not *battle-ship*
(for older *line-of-battle ship*) or *battle-cruiser*
under *battle*

battledore Orig a washing beetle App
Prov *batador* or Sp *batidor*, influenced by
dial *battle*, to beat linen (see *beetle**) Cf
synon F *battoir*

batsidère, or waschyngc betyl feitorium

(Prompt Parv)

batador a washing beetle (Minsh)

battlement OF *battillement*, app.rieg formed
from OF *bataillier*, to furnish a wall with
movable defences, or else for *bastillement*,
from *bastiller*, to fortify See *bastille* Cf
embattled

battology Needless repetition From G

βαρρολόγος, stammerer, from personal
name *Bárros* (Herod, iv 155)

battue. Fem p p. of F. *battre*, to beat (the
game)

batty As *batta* (q v)

bauble Earlier also *bable* OF *baubel*, toy,
kindred with *babble*, *baby* Cf F. *babiole*;
from It *babbola* A fool's bauble parodied
the sceptre

Take away that bauble (Oliver Cromwell)

baudekin, bawdkin [archaic]. Rich fabric
Obs exc in romance OF. *baudequin* See
baldachin

baulk See *balk*

bawbee [Sc] Halfpenny Prob from the
Land of Sillebawby, 16 cent mint-master.
Another coin was called an *Atchison*, from
a mint-master who is coupled with the
above in Treasury records Similarly *bodle*,
boddle is referred to a mint-master *Bothwell*,
but for this there is no evidence

bawd Aphet for *ribaud* See *ribald*

bagos a man-baud, a ribauld (Cotg)

ribaud leno (Holyoak)

bawdry or *ribaldry* obscenitas (Litt)

bawl Orig of animals MedL *baulare*, to
bark Prob imit Cf *bellow*, Ger. *bellen*, to
bark, Icel *baula*, to low

bawn [hist] Enclosure (Ir.). Ir *bádhum*,
from *ba*, cows, *dín*, fortress

bay¹ Tree Short for *bay-tree* (cf *myrtle*),
from archaic *bay*, berry, F *baie*, L *bacca*
Hence *bay-rum*

bay² [geog] F *baie*, Late L *baia* (Isidore),
cf Span Port *bahia* Of unknown origin,
but associated in F & E with *bay*³ Spec
application to Bay of Biscay, and the name
Bayonne, supposed to mean good harbour,
would seem to indicate Basque origin

bay³ [arch] F *baie*, from *bayer*, to gape, VL
balare, from *ba*, natural sound of astonish-
ment See *bay*⁵ and *abeyance* Hence *bay-*
window, not orig same shape as *bow-*
window, also naut *sick-bay*

bay⁴ Colour F *bai*, L. *badius*, used by
Varro of the colour of a horse
equus badius of bry colour, *bayarde* (Coop)

bay⁵ Of hounds Earlier *abay*, OF *abayer*
(*aboyer*), to bark, VL **ad-balare* (see *bay*³).
Hence to *stand at bay*, i.e facing the
hounds, F *être aux abois*

abbayer to barke, or bay at (Cotg)

to keep one at a bay morari, sistere, tenere (Litt)

bayadère. Hindu dancing-girl F, Port.
bailadeira, from *bailar*, to dance See *ball*².

bayard [poet] Bay steed esp the steed that carried the four sons of Aymon. See *bay*⁴. Formerly as type of blind recklessness.

Bayard Hero sans peur et sans reproche. Famous F. soldier (1476-1524).

bayonet F. *baïonnette* orig a dagger trad since Tabourot des Accords (1614) derived from *Bayonne* though proof is lacking. Popularly also *baïonnette*. In L. from 17 cent. Cf *bayonet* *bayonet*.

bayou [US] Creek F. *boyau* gut. See *bouel*.

Ha e von nowhe e encon tered my G. br. is boat on the bayous? (*Esa. gdnce*)

bay salt From Bay of Discay on the coast of which are extensive salt marshes. Quot. 1 appears to settle this origin which NED regards as conjectural only. Similarly we find LG *d e baie* applied to Bourgneuf in Brittany in connection with the 15 cent salt trade.

La n ef [ship] appele le Gayne yn se f st charger de seel en l. B y f f B scay.

(Joh. of G. u. 15 R. g. 1372-76)

b y salt fr m Ba onas in F anc. sol Gall us (Litt.)

bazaar Earlier *ba. arro* Pers *bazar* market. Prob via Turk and It. Formod use due to Anglo-Indians cf *gymkhana*.

bazan See *basan*.

bazil See *basil*.

bedellum Tree and gum resin. L. (*bulg*) C. βδάλιον used to render Heb *bedolakh* of unknown Eastern origin. See *Gen* u. 12.

be This verb contains three stems viz *be* cogn. with L. *fu* G. *φύ* (cf Ger *der bist*) *es* cogn. with L. *esse* (cf G. *essen*) and *was* (cf OHG *wasan* and Ger *gewesen*). Am. cogn. with Sanskrit *asmī* is the solitary survival in L. of a *mi* verb cf C. *εμ* (* *smi*) L. *sum* Ger *bin*. *Art* is are from the *es* stem (cf *is* *were*) so also are *was* *were* are from the *was* stem (cf *loss* *lorn*). The existing paradigm of the verb is an accidental conglomeration from the different Old English dialects. The pres. pl. *sind* *sindon* (cf L. *sunt* Ger *sind*) has entirely disappeared. *Be-all* usu. with *end-all* is after *Wasch* i. 5.

be Weakened form of *is* *of* by (e.g. in *beside* *beyond*). As verb prefix often in *tens*. See *by*.

beach Of late appearance (16 cent.) though prob. old in dial. As AS *bece* brook has become *-beach* in many place names (*It is bech* *It a erbach* *Holbeach* etc.) this may be the same verb with transference of

meaning from the brook to the pebbly shore. Hence *beach comber* long crested wave (Pacific) fig. long shore wastrel (ib.).

beacon AS *bēacn* sign portent. Also esp fire signal AS *bēacn fyr* cf obs. Du *baken* OHG *baunhan* Ger *bake* from LG. cogn. with *beck* *beckon*.

bead Orig. prayer AS *gebēt* (see *bid*). Hence *bead roll* *beadsman*. Later applied to the device used in telling one's beads i.e. counting one's prayers. The rosary is regularly called *pair of beads* in ME. From the *bead* or small metal knob forming front sight of a rifle comes to *d. in a bead on* (US).

Of am l e tal abo te h re arm sh. bar

A pairo of bedes g uded al n th gr n. (Chauc. A. 158)

Th. Bead-m n aft thousand aves told

For ye unso ght for al pt m g his shes cold. (E. v. J. S. 1 Agnes)

beadle OF *bedel* (*bedeau*) OHG *brida* mess nger of justice gradually replaced ME *bedel* *bedel* from cogn. AS *bydel* from AS *bēodan* to proclaim (cf Ger *rufen* to bid). The latter survives in surnames *Biddle* *Buddle*. Archaic *bedell* is still in use at universities. The parish *beadle* is recorded from 16 cent. Hence *beadledom* for *Bumbledom* (q.v.).

beagle ME *begle* (15 cent.) *spelt* also *beagle*. Certainly F. and the beagle being noted for its loud musical bark, perh. from *bégue* the gap in throat used in OF of a noisy person. S. v. *bay* *gué*.

beak F. *bec* L. *beccus* (Suetonius) of Celt. origin. In sense of magistrate (16 cent.) from thieves slang. Quite mod. in sense of assistant master.

beaker ME *biker* ON *bikr* cf Sc. *bicker*. In most Europ. langs. Cf Du *beker* Ger *beche* It *bicchiera* NedL *bicarum* ? From G. *stuck*, earthen drinking bowl. See *pitch* v.

beam AS *bēam* tree (as in *hornbeam* *white beam*) WGer. cf Du *boom* Ger *baum* cogn. with ON *lath* nr. Goth *ba ms*. To *kick* (*strike*) the beam i.e. to prove the lighter is from the beam of a balance. The beams of a ship are transverse the timbers being vertical hence *abeam* *abreast* on one's beam-ends almost apszed. Also used of the extreme breadth of a ship. Fig. senses from naut. metonymy e.g. to be *at r. engined* for one's *bea n*. A beam of light is

the same word, AS *bēam* being used to render *columna* in ref to the Bibl pillar of fire See also *boom*²

bean AS *bēan* Com Teut, cf Du *boon*, Ger *bohne*, ON *baun* Full of beans is used of a well-fed horse needing exercise To *give beans* seems to be quite mod *Bean-feast* (NED 1882), vulgarly *beano*, is perh to be explained from quot below

Mr Day was the possessor of a small estate in Essex, at no great distance from Fairlop Oak To this venerable tree he used, on the first Friday in July, annually to repair, thither it was his custom to invite a party of his neighbours to accompany him, and, under the shade of its branches, and leaves, to dine on beans and bacon For several years before the death of the benevolent, although humorous, founder of this public bean-feast, the pump and clock makers of Wapping went annually to the fair in a vehicle drawn by six post-horses, the whole adorned with ribands, flags, and streamers (*Time's Telescope* for 1820, p 247)

bear¹ Animal AS *bera* WGer, cf Du *beer*, Ger *bär*, cogn with ON *björn* As a Stock Exchange term it seems to be due to the proverb about selling the bear's skin before killing the bear At the time of the South Sea Bubble a *bear* was called a *bear-skin jobber* The contrasted *bull* appears later and was prob suggested by *bear*, perh with a vague idea of "tossing up" contrasted with "pulling down" A *bear-garden* was orig a place for bear-bating and other rough sports *Bear-leader* (18 cent) is a travelling tutor in charge of a "cub" whom he has to "lick into shape"

A stock-jobber who had some losing bargains of bearskins (*Mist's Journal*, Mar 28, 1719)

bear² Verb AS *beran* Aryan, cf OSax *beran*, Ger *gebären*, to bring forth, ON *bera*, Goth *bairan*, L *ferre*, G *féreiv*, Sanskrit *bhar-* For two main groups of senses cf relationship of cogn L *ferre* and *fertilis* The past *bore* is not found in the AV (*bare*) and the mod distinction between *born* and *borne* is artificial Intrans senses, e g to *bear to the left*, are orig naut (cf to *take bearings*) Mechanical *bearings* are so called because intended to bear the friction *Bearer*, in Anglo-Ind sense of palanquin-bearer, head-servant, as in Mrs Sherwood's famous *Little Henry and his Bear*, has perh been influenced by synon Bengali *behārā* (cf *grasscuttle*)

bearbine *Convolvulus* From obs *bear*, barley, round stalks of which it winds See *barley*, *bind*, *bive*

beard AS *beard* Com Teut, cf Du *baard*,

Ger *bart*, ON *barthr* (only in names), ult. cogn. with L *barba* (cf *red-ruber*, word-verbum). Hence verb to *beard*, a good example of our instinct for ellipt expression

à sa *barbe* to his teeth, in his presence, before his face, also, mauger his beard, in despite of him (Cotg)

beast OF *beste* (*bête*). VL **besta* for *bestia* In its orig sense displaced AS *deor* (see *deci*) to be later displaced itself by *animal*, exc in spec connexions, e g *beast-market*, *man and beast*

It is sowun a beestly [*Vulg animale*] body, it schal ryse a spiritual body (Wyc 1 Cor xv 44)

beat AS *bīatan*, cf OHG *bōzan* (whence Ger *amboss*, anvil), ON *bauta* Var of p p still in *dead-beat* *Beating the bounds* consists in striking certain points in parish boundaries with rods In to *beat a retreat*, to *beat up recruits*, etc, there is a suggestion of the drum, with influence of the unrelated F *battre* To *beat about the bush* is altered in form and meaning from earlier to *beat the bush*, in order to start the game. Both in E and US there are many phrases of the type to *beat creation* (*cock-fighting*, etc) Cf Ir. to *bang Banagher*, a village in King's Co See also *hoof*

'Ate of the 'art and 'ate of the 'and,

'Ate by water and 'ate by land,

'Oo do we 'ate to beat the band?

England!

(*Hymn of Hate*, trad T Atkins)

beatitude L *beatitudo*, state of blessedness, from *beatus*, p p of *beare*, to bless Esp in ref to Sermon on the Mount *Beatific vision* is ult Plato's *μακαρία ὄψις* (Phaedrus)

Beatrice Inspiring mistress. From Dante's *Beatrice* Cf *Dulcinea*, *Egeria*

beau, belle Mod introductions (17 cent) ME had the masc form pronounced as in *beauty* (q v)

beau ideal F *beau idéal*, where *idéal* is the adj, the phrase being often misunderstood, and hence misused, in E

beaujolais Burgundy wine. District in the Lyonnais

beaune Burgundy wine. From place of origin (Côte-d'Or)

beauty F *beauté*, VL **bellitas*, *bellitat-*, from *bellus*, beautiful, which is represented, to the exclusion of *pulcher*, in all Rom langs *Beauty-spot* is 17 cent, *beauty-sleep*, 18 sleep before midnight, is 19 cent

Fine by degrees and beautifully less

(Prior, *Henry and Emma*)

beaver¹ Animal AS *beofor* Aryan cf Du *beter* Ger *biber* ON *björ* L *fiber* San skrit *bāhru* brown also OF *b hre* OIt *beyero* OSP *befre* Lato L *beber* (Priscian) all from Teut Hence *beaver* (hat) and to cork one's *beaver* i.e. assume a swaggering demeanour

Upon his *beed* a flaundrish *beyere* hat

(Chauc. A. 272)

beaver² [hist] Lower part of vizor F *baviers* bib from *baxer* to slobber

Then saw you not his f. e?—

O yes my lord he wor his beaver up (Haml. I.)

De ere a bib *baviers* d'un armet th b er f helm t (Cotg.)

beaverteen Fabru. From *beaver*¹ after *tel* *seven*

because Earlier *by cause*

becaffico Bird It lit. peck fig

bechamel Sauce Named after Marquis de *Béchamel* 17 cent epicure steward to Louis XIV

bêche-de-mer Sea slug also called *trepan* F *bêche* grub caterpillar of obscure origin not ident. with *bêche* spade VL **biseca* double-cutter

beck [north dial] Stream ON *bekkr* Com Teut cf OSax *beki* Du *beek* (as in *Zonnebeek*) Ger *bach* Hence are derived Norman place names in *-bec* e.g. *Caudebec* i.e. cold beck

beck² Gesture Esp in *beck and call* From obs. verb *beck* used in MF for *beckon* (q.v.) Nods and becks and wr. thed smiles (Chauc.)

bucket [naut] Loop of rope to secure object Origin unknown

beckon AS *blicnan* from *blæcn* sign beacon (q.v.) Now usu. of summoning gesture but orig. wider sense in Luke I 22

become Compd of *come* prefix orig. ident. with *by* For gen. sense cf. synon. F *devenir* from *venir* to come For sense of *suiting* cf. comely *convenient* F *avenant* Ger *bequem* convenient (from *bekommen*)

Bequerel rays Discovered by *Bequerel* F physicist (1891)

bed AS *bed* Com Teut cf Du *bed* Ger *bett* Norw. dial *bed* Goth *bad* Perh. orig. lair of animal and cogn. with L *fovere* to dig Card. n. sense found in AS is differentiated in Ger by spelling *best*. In the twinkling of a *bed-post* is for earlier *bed staff* an unplement of indefinite function but app. regarded as a readily extemporized weapon in nocturnal alarms and excursions *Bedstead* is lit. bed place (see *st* aff.) *Bed*

ridden is for earlier *bedrid* AS *bedrida* lit. bed rider Cf ME *bedlawer* (her) It has app. been altered on *ha ridden* *Bedrock* is US mining term

paralyticus *bed la* (Voc.)

bed ale ma or *woma* decumbens (Fromm. P. ru.)

b dia e s p a u n bed cl (Vt.)

In h r b d be grasped the bed staff a w pon t muckleought (I. goldsb.)

bedad [Anglo Ir] For by Gad

bedeguar Formerly plant now moss like excrescence on rose bu h F *béd ar* P rs *bad-a-war* wind brought

bedell [univ.] See *beadle*

Bedford level Part of ten country drained (1634) by Earl of Bedford

bedight See *dight*

bedizen For earlier *dizen* lit. to put flax on a distaff (q.v.)

I dy y a distaff I p ith fl e pon d to py e
I barg t queno ill (F. lag.)

Bedlam MF *Bethlehem* etc hospital of St Mary of Bethlehem founded 1247 received under protection of City of London (1346) and on dissolution of monasteries converted into state lunatic asylum (1547) For contr. cf *ma idlin*

God be his guid

As h. guided th. three ki. gs. nt. Bedl. m.

(Cal. sto. & M. I. bae. c. 530)

bedlington Ternier from *Bedlington* North umb

Bedouin F Arab *badawin* (pl.) desert dwellers from *badā* desert For pl. form cf *assassin* Both are Crusade words

Li Bed v. crou: t poi t es Maloumet, au cou (b. t.) crouet en la loy Haaf qua fu os ci s M houmet et a s i y rou nt ill u de t M taign cil q. ourissent les Assass s (Joun ill.)

bedridden See *bed*

bee AS *bēo* Com Teut cf Du *bij* Ger *bienen* in which the *n* was orig. inflexional (cf *birn* pear) ON *bý* *Bee* social gathering for mutual help (*hushing bee* *quilling bee* *spellin bee* etc.) supposed to be suggested by the busy and social character of the insect is US (169) as is also *bee-line* shortest route taken by bee returning to hive cf *as the crow flies* With *bee in one's bonnet* earl. er. (17 cent.) in one's head cf use of Ger *g sille* grasshopper

Der m. asch hat w. ndrli h. grill. st. m. h. pff
bet i. a. whima. ad f. llaw h. bas. trang f. tes. spurtu
or larta f. f. cy. he h. hus h. ad f. ill of capri. hion
e. pri. es. figarica, fr. ak. blims m. iagg ts. or
conundrums (L. dw.)

beech AS *bēce* Com Teut, cf Du *beuk*, Ger *buche*, ON *bōk*, cogn with L *fagus* and prob with G *φάγειν*, to eat, from mast Primitive form, AS *bōc*, survives in some place-names in *Buck-* See also *book*, *buckwheat*

beef OF *beuf* (*bœuf*), L. *bos*, *bov-*, ox; cf G. *βοῦς* Still used in Sc of the live beast Hence *beef-eater*, servant, over-fed menial, and esp yeoman of the guard, Tower warder Cf AS *hlāfēta*, loaf-eater, servant The old popular explanation from *buffet*, side-board, is nonsense The first NED record in yeoman of guard sense is 1671, so that the explanation below is almost contemporary

If any person of this cite, beyng no bocher, do kyll any beiffes, mottons, veilles, porkettes, or lambes within this cite (Coventry Leet Book, 1525)

C'est unist qu'on appelle par dñsion les Yeomen of the Guard dans la cour d'Angleterre, qui sont des gardes - peu pris comme les cent Suisses en France Et on leur donne ce nom-là, parce qu'à la cour ils ne vivent que de bœuf par opposition à ces collèges d'Angleterre, ou les écoliers ne mangent que du mouton (Nicer, *French Dict* 1688)

"Who's he, father?"—"He's a beefeater"—"Is that why Lord Rhondda shut him up in the Tower?" (Punch, Feb 6, 1918)

Beelzebub Orig god of Ekron. L, G, Heb *ba'al-z'ebub*, fly-lord (2 Kings, 1 2) Mod meaning comes from NT use (Matt 23 24) in sense of prince of devils, AS *aldormann-diobla*

beer AS *bēor* WGer, cf Du Ger *bier*, cogn with *barley* Scand has forms of *ale* (q.v.), which was the more usual word up to 16 cent, *beer* being then applied esp to hopped malt liquor It is not in Chauc or Piers Ploum

To suckle fools and chronicle small beer (Oth 11 1)

beeregar [dial] From *beer*, after *vinegar*, cf *alegyn*

beestings [dial] First milk of cow after calving From synonym AS *bēost* Cf Ger *beistmilch*, and archaic F *beton*, OF *bet*, from OHG *beast* Various forms in dial. use

A beelings puddin' as' Adam's me

(Tennyson, *Northern Collier*)

beet AS *bēte*, L *bēta* Adopted in many Europ. langs. Cf F. *betterave*, Ger *beete*

beetle Mulot AS *biell*, beater, cf MHG *Yssel*, cudgel, LG *betel*, mallet Hence *beetle-browed*, *beetle-brow* (cf *blow*), *beetle-brain*, *beetle-brain* (cf *blow*), but in such phras as there is usu association with *beetle*

beetle¹ Insect AS *bitel*, prob "biter" The *black-beetle* (cockroach) is not a beetle *Blind as a beetle* (cf *blind as a bat*) is due to the insect's apparently aimless flight in the dark (but see *beetle*¹) *Beetle-browed*, orig with bushy eye-brows, seems to be due to the tufted antennae of certain species Early observation of such physical details, as seen in popular names of animals and plants, was very minute and accurate, cf. F *sourcils de hanneton* (cockchafer's eye-brows), used of a kind of fringe Hence *beetle*, to overhang, of which mod use dates from its employment as nonce-word in Shaks (v1) William Finch (1607, in Purch) describes an African fish with *beetle brows*, so that the phrase was not used only of human beings

mordiculus *bitela* (Voc)

Bitelbrowed and baburiped

(Piers Ploum B v 190)

The dreadful summit of the cliff

That beetles o'er his base into the sea (Hamil 1 4)

before AS *beforan*, from *bi*, *by*, *foran*, in front With AS *fore*, *foran* cf Ger. *vor*, *vorn* With *beforehand*, earlier also *before the hand*, cf *ready to hand*, and L *prae manu* or *manibus*, used with same meaning in ME, also Ger *vor der hand* in somewhat different sense See *behindhand*

beg¹, beggar The verb is evolved from the noun (cf *cadge*), OF *begard*, MedL *begardus*, member of mendicant order founded (early 13 cent) in Netherlands, in imitation of the earlier *beguines* (see *biggin*), who were of the rule of *Lambertile Bègue* (Liège, 12 cent) *Begging the question* translates L *petitio principii* The *beggar on horseback* is 16 cent

beghards haeretici exorti primum in Alemania, qui vulgariter *Beghards* quoad viros, et *Begirae* quoad feminas nominantur (Duc)

As for her person, It begged all description

(Ant & Cleop 11 2).

beg² Title Osmanli *beg*, nov. *bey* (q.v.)

begad For *by God* Cf *bedad*

beget AS *begitan*, from *get* (q.v.).

beggar See *beg*¹

Beghard See *beg*¹

begin AS *beginnan*, of which the simplex is not found in any Teut lang. Cf Du Ger *beginnen*, Goth *daginnan* The aphet *gin*, once common but now only poet., may also represent the commoner AS *onginnan* Scand forms are from LG

begone For *be gone* (imper.) Cf *be gone* and see *uobegone*

begonia From Wind Named by Plummer F botanist (17 cent) after Michel Begon contemporary governor of Saint Domingo Cf *dahlia fuchsia magnolia* etc

Begune Member of still existing lay sister hood See *beg*¹

begum Princess Urdu *begam* Pers Turk *bigim* fem of *beg*² *bey*

behalf ON prep or adv by (the) side a common AS and ME meaning of *half* Cf Ger *oberhalb* above *neimthalben* as far as I am concerned, etc Mod use represents a mixture of *on his half* *on his side* and *bihälve him* beside him

The Jew sayde th t Crist was not on Goddis half (Wyc)

behave App formed in ME as intens from *have* Cf Ger *sich behaben* I se porter *Behav* our earlier *behaviour* owes its ending to obs *haviour* *haviour* corrupt of F *avoir* used in very similar sense

behemoth Heb *b hēmōth* pl of *b hēmāh* beast but prob adapted from Egypt. *p ehe mau* water-ox ie hippopotamus Cf *leviathan*

Lo! b moth that I m do with thee (Wyc Job xl 13)

behest AS *beheā*s vow promise from *be hāian* to promise with excrement t Mod sense due to early confusion with simple *hest* command In ME esp in *land of behest*

Bi feth he dw lte in the loond of beheest (Wyc H d xl 9)

behind AS *behinnan* Cf *before* and see *hind* *lehī idhanā* is formed (16 cent) by analogy with *beforehand* (q v) Both seem to have been orig used in ref to payments **behold** AS *beheandan* to hold in view Current sense is not found in other Teut. langs Sense of obligation in *beholden* though arising naturally from the etym is confined to pp See *h lā*

behoove behoof AS *behöfian* to need require from *behöf* advantage Cf Du *behoef* Ger *behof* behoof MHG *beheben* to receive maintain Utl from *hea* e but sense-development is obscure

beige F dial form of *lis* yellowish grey dings Cf *It bi o* Origin unknown

bekko-ware Jap t touse shell

beknown [d al] Now usu in neg *unbeknown* From obs *beknow* Cf Ger *bekennen* to acknowledge

belabour From *labour* with intens. prefix

For sen e cf Ger *bearbeiten* to belabour from *arbeiten* to work

belay Compd of *lay*¹ Obs exc in naut sense of making fast a rope which is prob borrowed from cogn Du *belgen* With *belay* stop it stow it Cf *anist*

een touw aan een paal belegen to fasten a rope to a pil (Sewel)

belch AS *bealcan* Cf Du *bakken* to hawl **belcher** [archaic] Blue and white spotted handkerchief bird's eye wipe From Jim Belcher pugilist (1811) The name is Picard form of *bel's re* *bein's re* See *beklam*

beldam Grandmother later great grand mother hence hag Both senses are in Shaks From F *bell* and *dame* t *grandam* In ME we find also *belsire* *belfader*

Shakes the old beldam earth and topples down Steeples and moss grown towers At your birth Our grandam earth, b ling this dust imperat re, In passion shook (1 Hen IV i i)

beleaguer Du *belageren* from *leger* camp leaguer (q v) A 16 cent word from the Flemish wars which superseded F *belay* Spelling perh influenced by *league*² Cf Ger *belagern* to besiege and s e *laager lair*

It was by King Stephen belaid once or twice with sieges (Holland's *Camden*, 1610)

belemnite Fossil From G *Belemniten* dart. Cf *ammonite*

belfry OF *berfres* *belfrei* (*belfroi*) OHG *bergrind* guard peace Hence MedL *bel fred* is Orig tower used by besiegers The i due to dissim (cf *pilgrim*) has prevailed in E by popular association with *bell* For other warlike implements c n taining the element *ber*, cf *hauberk* *scabbard* Corrupted forms usu in orig warlike sense are found in other lan s e p obs. Du *belfort* *It battifido* Some however take the first element to be *be* e mountain and orig sense t have been full fort

Belgravia Of fashionable district round *Belgrave* Squ e named from *Pelgraves* (Leic) sort of ground landlord

H art not a tru and fair May beat in Belgr Square As in the pure air

Of Seven Dial (Gifford)

Belial Heb *bel* not so at use I p in sense of *filial* the name being continued by Mill. with one of the fallen angels

belie AS *lél* as to deceive (see *heh*) Current sense from 17 cent The same transition is seen in *bedement*

believe ME *beleven*, from obs *leven*, AS *geliefan* Com Teut, cf Du *gelooven*, Ger *glauben* (OHG *gilouban*), Goth *galaubjan*, cogn with Ger *erlauben*, to allow, *loben*, to praise, and ult with E *love*, ground-sense being approval Artificial spelling, for *belevee*, is due to *relieve*

belike [archaic] For *by like*, according to appearance See *like*.

belittle Orig US, coined by Jefferson Cf F *rapecisser*

bell¹ Noun AS *belle* A LG word, cf Du *bel* Perh cogn with *bellow* The naut bells are struck every half-hour of the watch By bell, book and candle (c 1300) is from a form of excommunication which concluded with "Doe to the book, quench the candle, ring the bell" To bear, carry away, the bell, i.e. to be winner, refers to earlier use of silver bell as prize, e.g. the Chester Cup was in 1609 a bell To bell the cat alludes to the fable of the rats and the cat

La difficulté fut d'attacher le grelot
(La Fontaine, *Fables*, II 2)

bell² Verb See *bellow*

belladonna It, lit fair lady, cf synon F *belle-dame*, "great nightshade, or, a kind of dwale, or sleeping nightshade" (Cotg) Prob from its use for dilating the pupil of the eye

bellarmine [hist]. Drinking-jug designed by Netherland Protestants as caricature of Cardinal Bellarmine (17 cent) Cf *Toby jug*, *demijohn*, *goblet*

belle See *beau*

belletrist [neol] Ger, coined from F *belles-lettres*

bellicose L *bellicosus*, from *bellum*, war

belligerent Earlier *belligerant* (Johns), from pres part of L *belligerare*, from *bellum*, war, *gerere*, to wage See *duel*

Bellona L, from *bellum*, war Goddess of war, hence, formidable lady Cf *virago*

bellow ME *belwen*, AS *bylgan*, cogn with *bell*², still used of cry of stag, cf Ger *bellen*, to bark.

The wild buck bells from ferny brake (*Marm.* IV 13)

bellows Earlier also *bellow* (cf *galldws*), ME *bely*, AS *bylig*, lit belly, the full AS name being *blæst-belg*, from *blīwan*, to blow. Mod form is northern, ON *belgr* Cf. Ger *balg*, skin, *blasebalg*, bellows Fig lungs, as in *bellows to mend*, broken-winded

The delectable bely, with which he bloweth in man the fire of fleshly concupiscence (Chauc. I 353)

belly AS *bylig* See *bellows* Cf AS *belgan*, Ger *belgen*, to swell, be angry, ON *bolgenn*, swollen, angry, ult cogn. with *bulge* *Belly-timber*, food, was formerly in serious use Rumble thy bellyful Spit, fire! spout, rain! (Lear, III 2)

belong ME, for earlier *long*, app to "go along with" See quot s v *deiring do* Cf Ger *belang*, importance

beloved From obs verb *belove*, cf Ger *beliebt*.

below For *by low*, cf *beneath* A rare word till 16 cent, the usual ME being *alow*, corresponding to *ahigh*, now replaced by *on high*

belt AS *belt*, cf OHG *balz*. Both from L *balleus* To hit below the belt is from the prize-ring From the distinctive belt of the earl or knight we have *belted earl*

Belt [geog] In *Great (Little) Belt* Norw Dan *bælt*, cogn with *Baltic*, cf poet Ger *Belt*, "the east-sea, the baltick sea" (Ludw)

Beltane [Sc] Old May-Day, celebrated by bonfires Gael *bealltunn*, bright fire, first element cogn with AS *bēal*, as in *bale-fire* (see *bale*¹).

At Beltane game,
Thou ledst the dance with Malcolm Graeme
(Lady of Lake, II. 15).

beluga Great sturgeon, white whale Russ, from *bel*, white, cf *Belgrade*, *Bielgorod*, white city

belvedere F *belvédère*, It *belvedere*, "a place of a faire prospect" (Flor), from L *bellus*, beautiful, *videre*, to see The *Apollo Belvedere* stands in the belvedere of the Vatican bema [eccl.] Chancel, tribune G βήμα, step, from *βαίρειν*, to go

bemean To lower oneself (see *mean*¹) A vulgarism confusing *demean* and *mean*²

bemuse Compd of *muse*² Cf *amuse*

ben¹ [Sc] Coupled with *butt*, the inner and outer rooms of a Scotch hut ME *binne*, AS *binnan*, *bi innan*, within (cf Du Ger *binnen*), and ME *but*, AS *būtan*, *bi utan*, without

Now butt an' ben the change-house fill: (Burns)

ben² [geog] Gael *beann*, peak, as in *Ben Nevis*

bench AS *benē*, cf Ger *bank* and see *bank*² Hence *bencher*, senior member of Inn of Court, earlier also judge, alderman, etc. The use of the word (from 13 cent) for judges and bishops points to Spartan customs App only the Lord Chancellor had a soft seat, the woollack

bergamask, bergomask [*archaic*] It *bergamasca*, rustic dance of Bergamo (Venice) According to Nares the people of Bergamo were renowned for their clownishness (see *zany*) Cf *Boeotian*

bergamot¹ Tree and essence Perh from Bergamo (Venice), but by some identified with *bergamot*²

bergamot² Pear F *bergamotte*, It *bergamotta*, corrupted from Turk *beg-armüdü*, prince's pear (see *beg*², *bey*) Cf Ger *fürstenbirne*

bergschund [*geol*] Ger, mountain cleft

beriberi Disease Redupl of Singhalese *berri*, weakness Recorded in F for 1752

Berkeleyan Bishop Berkeley (†1753) denied objective existence of material world

berlin, berline Carriage Introduced by an officer of the Elector of Brandenburg (c 1670) Cf *landau*

berm [*fort*] Ledge F *berme*, of Teut origin, cf Du *berm* Cogn with *brim*

Bernardine Monk From St Bernard, abbot of Clairvaux (12 cent) See *Cistercian*

berretta See *biretta*

berry AS *berne* Com Teut, cf Du *bes*, *bezie*, Ger *beere*, ON *ber*, Goth *basī* This and *apple* are the only native fruit-names

bersagliere Italian sharpshooter Cf OF *berser*, to shoot with the bow, *bersail*, target Of unknown origin

berserker Icel *berserkr*, bear sark, bearskin Cf ON *úlfrþéttinn*, lit wolf-doublet, in similar sense Corruptly *baresark*, as though "bare shirt" Introduced, and wrongly explained, by Scott (*Pirate*, Note B) With to go *berserk* cf to run *amok*

I will go baresark to-morrow to the war
(Kingsley, *Hereward*)

berth Oldest sense (16 cent), convenient sea-room, whence all later meanings are evolved, a good example of our love of naut metaphor Prob from *bear*², in naut. sense of direction, and hence ult ident with *birth*, the spellings occurring indifferently To give a *wide* (formerly *good*) *berth* retains the oldest meaning

bertha, berthe Kind of lace collar F, from the trad modesty of Queen Berthe, mother of Charlemagne

Bertha Nickname, die dicke Bertha, of long-range gun, esp that used to bombard Paris (1918) From *Bertha Krupp*, of Essen

Bertillon System of criminal anthropometry Name of F anthropologist (19 cent).

beryl F *béryl*, L *beryllus*, G *βήρυλλος*, of

Eastern origin Cf Pers and Arab *ballūr*, crystal, which is the mediæval meaning of *beryl*, whence OF *bericles* (*besicles*), spectacles, Ger *brille*

Beril est en Inde trovee

(*Lapidaire de Marboide*, 12 cent)

besant, bezant [*hist*] F *besant*, gold coin of Byzantium, current in Europe from 9 cent Cf *ducat*, *florin*, etc

Lord, thi besaunt hath wunne ten besauntis

(Wyc. *Luke*, xix 16)

besech ME compd of *sechen*, southern form of *seek* (q v) Orig the dir obj was the thing sought The form *biseke* is also common in ME

But we biseken mercy and socour (Chauc. A 918)

beseem From *seem* (q.v) Cf *seemly*

beset AS *besettan*, from *set* (q v) Oldest sense, to set round, encompass, cf Ger *besetzen* *Besetting sin* (Heb xii 1) is for *Vulg circumstans peccatum*

beshrew ME compd of earlier *shrew*, to curse, formed from noun *shrew* (q.v.)

And first I shrew.e myself, bothe blood and bones,
If thou bigyle me any ofter than ones

(Chauc. B 461r)

beside, besides AS *bī sīdan*, dat of *sīde*, side The two forms are used indifferently in ME, the -s being due to the tendency to regard adverbs as genitives Also means in ME outside, hence *beside oneself*, with which cf F *hors de soi*, Ger *ausser sich*

besiege With altered prefix from ME *asege*, F *assiéger*, VL **ad-sediare* (*sedēre*), to sit down before Or formed directly from *siege* Cf *beleaguer*, *beset*, which may have brought about change of prefix

besom AS *besema*. Earliest sense, rod, birch; cf Du *bezem*, Ger *besen*, broom, ? ult cogn with L *ferula*, broom-plant, rod NLD regards Sc *besom*, in *impudent besom*, old *besom*, etc as a separate word, but it may be noted that Ger *besen* is also applied to women Cf old faggot, also Sc *auld birkie*, perh from *birk*, birch

To set up to be sae muckle better than ither folk, the auld besom (*Old Mortality*)

bespeak AS *besprecan*, from *sprecan* (see *speak*) Earlier senses various and loosely connected Current sense from about 16 cent *Bespoke* is now used only in trade, e.g. *bespoke bootmaker*, for *bespoke-boot maker*

besprent [*poet*] Besprinkled From obs. *bespreng*, AS *besprengan*, from *sprengan*, to sprinkle, causal of *springan*, to spring; cf Du Ger. *besprengen*

Bess See *brown* Quot. below suggests that the name for the musket was allusive to some early sense

She's none of these coy dames, sh's as good as Brown Bess (*Wingo* 22, d. 4 1550)

bessmer steel iron Process invented (1856) by Sir H. Bessemer (†1898)

best AS *bet(e)st* See *better* Com Teut. cf Du Ger *best* ON *best* Goth *baist* *Best man* is Sc and quite recent in L Verb to *best* (19 cent.) is almost synon. with much earlier to *worst* So also to *do one's best* was earlier equivalent to to *do one's worst* (v 1)

And if he list to bryng them yn thus he shuld ha'e good thank and if not then to know them and do his best (*Coronary Led Book* 509)

bestead [archaic] To help App 16 cent. compd for earlier *stead* to prop support See *stead* *stay*

How little you bested,
O all the fixed mind with all yo' r toys! (*Penseroso* 3)

bestead *bested* Now only with *ill* *sove hard* ME *bistad* situated compd of *stad* placed pp of ON *stethja* to place cogn with *bestead* Cf. *best* *bestow*

bestad or *wikhold* na in wile or woo detentus (*Fromt. P. r.*)

bestial L *bestialis* (see *beast*) In Sc sense of cattle it is from OF (*bétail*) Cf *bestiary* medie-al work on animals.

bestow ME compd of *stow* (q v) Etym to put in a place as in *well* (ul) *bestowed*

bestride AS *bestridan* to sit a horse See *stride*

bet App aphet form (16 cent.) of *abet* (q v) though the syntactical construction presents difficulty It has, perh. been influenced by Ger *wetten* to bet with one for something (Ludw.) for which see *bet*

betake ME compd of *take* (q v) Earlier to hand over commit. Now only reflex

bête noire Pet aversion F orig wild boar or wolf as distinctive, hod from *bête fauve* stag hart, roebuck

betel Flart P rt (16 cent.) Tamil *tel lei* *kand* th bastard pepper plant called *better* or *better* sometimes (but improper) taken for the I Jan leaf (Coig)

Bethel Heb *בית אל* house of God (*Gen* xxviii 17) Hence nonconformist chapel (19 cent.) Cf *bethesda* house of mercy (*John* 1 2) similarly used esp in Wales

bethink AS *beþh mean* to call to mind, from

think (q v) Now usu reflex Cf Du Ger *bedenken*

"I's well bethought (*Pierides* v 1)

betide ME *betiden* from *tiden* to happen See *tide* *tidings* Now only in 3rd pers sing of pres subjunct 17 *what'er betide* *was betide*

Er ich wedde such wil wo me bytyd (*Pier Plowm* C 1 15 1)

betimes ME also *bet me* by time The s is the adv genitive Cf *betides*

betoken ME *bitzenien* cf AS *geþencian* from *þen* token (q v) Cf Du *betekenen* n Ger *bezeichnen*

beton Kind of concrete F *béton* from OF *beter* to congeal (the *mar betide* of OF romance renders L *mas concretum*) unless this is a back formation from OF *beton* and the latter from L *bitanēn*

betony Plant F *bitone* L *betonica* for *betonica* said by Pliny to have been discovered by a Spanish tribe called *betones* *Betonica* is found in AS

betray ME *betraen* compd (perh suggested by *betray*) of *traen* OF *traer* (t a r) from L *tradere* (trans dare) to hand over MF had also *betraire* *betrayish* etc. from I forms in *iss* (cf *blash flower* etc.)

betroth ME *bitrouthen* from *trouthe* truth Later form influenced by *truth* (q v) Cf the relation of F *fiancer* to *fide* faith, and of *engaged* to *go e pledged*

better AS *betera* compar of a lost *bat* stem (see *baten*) C m Teut. cf Du *beter* Ger *besser* ON *betr* Goth *bat* n The adv was earlier *bet* (cf archaic Ger *bass*) *Better half* is first recorded in Sidney cf F *chère moitié* L *an mar d meum mea* (Ilor) The phrase we had *better* etc was earlier *us* (dat) *were* (subjunct) *bette* then *we were better* mod I am being due to *we had liefer rather* *No better than one should be* is app quite mod With the verb cf Ger *besser* *verbessern* To *better one's self* (17 cent.) is called by Mary Wollstonecraft a "significant vulgar phrase" *Self-improvement* improvement of property is US and has replaced early *well* *or* *n* (Pepps) *Peter* *more* is 18 cent. formation on a *first* *most* etc.

He knew the *ta* *vera* well in all the *low*
And *verch* *boscher* and *tempest*
Bet than a *lazar* or a *leprosiere* (Chauc. A 242)

Betty Martin In *my eye* and *Betty Martin*. The origin of the phrase is unknown and

the identity of the lady is as vague as that of Tommy in *like hell and Tommy*

That's my eye, Bel'y Martin an answer to any one that attempts to impose or humbug (Grose)

between, betwixt ME *bitwennen*, AS *betwēonum*, from prep *be*, by, and dat plur of *twēon*, twain, orig distrib numeral of two (q v) In AS this numeral qualifies the noun now governed by *between*, e.g. *be sāmītaļonum*, by seas twain *Betwixt* comes, with excrement -*t* (as in *against*, etc), from ME *betwix*, AS *betwēox*, etc, earlier in dat form (*betwēoxn*, King Alfred), from an unrecorded **twise*, twofold, of which the Ger cogn appears in prep *zwischen*, between, orig a dat pl *Betwixt* and *between*, muddling, is not recorded till 19 cent

Beulah [Bibl] Happy land (Is lxii 4)

Our townsfolk met happy progress to the Beulah of victory and peace (Obs Jan 19, 1919)

beurre Pear F, lit "buttered" In Littleton (1677)

beurte the name of a very tender, and delicate pear (Cotg)

bevel OF **bevel* (*biveau*), *bureau* in Cotg, prob related to L *bis* and to *bias*, *bezel*, all three words being unsolved Cf OF *bever*, to diverge

bever [dial] Orig drink, now, luncheon OF *bevre* (*boire*), to drink, L *bibere* Cf *munchion*

beverage OF *bevrage* (*brevage*), from *bevre*, L *bibere*, or VL **biberaticum*, cf It *beteraggio*

bevy In late ME a company of roes, larks, quails, or ladies One of the numerous fantastic terms of vinery AT *bevez*, of unknown origin It *beva*, "a beavie" is in Flor, but here *beavie* is prob a misprint for *beaver* (= *bever*) copied by later diets

beware Prop a compd, *be ware*, e.g. we cannot say *be bewared* See *ware* Survival of compd is prob due to frequent imper use (cf *begin*) It has partly absorbed the verb *ware*, AS *warian*, to guard against, which survives in the hunting phrase *ware ware* if this is not aphect for *be ware*.

They were ware of it, and fled unto Ijzrah (Is, xiv 6).

bewilder Lit "to lose in pathless ways" (John) A 17 cent word, orig as pp (*bewildered*), from obs *wilthorn*, wilderness (w = *wild*, Cf *Felshod*, *L nighted*, etc)

bewitch ME compd of *wiccher*, AS *wician*, to enchant See *witch* Cf *be witch*

bewray [archaic] ME *betwreien*, to divulge, orig to accuse, compd of *wreien*, AS *wriġan*, to accuse, cf Ger *rügen*, to accuse Later sense influenced by *betray* Used by Tynd (Matt xxvi 73) where Wyc has *makith ther open* (var *knownen*) for *Vulg manifestum te facit*

Ne dorst he nat to hire his wo biwreie (Chauc F 954)

bey Mod pronunc of Turk *beg*, prince Formerly also *by*, *beg* Cf *begum* With *beylik*, principality, cf *pashalik*

beyond AS *begeondan*, bi *geondan*, from AS *geondan*, beyond See *yonder*, and cf Ger *jenseits*, on yonder side

bezant See *besant*

bezantier [ven] Second branch of deci's horn From *antler* (q v) and *bes-*, *bis-*, as in F *bisaïent*, great grandfather

Above the "burr" came the brow-antler now the brow point, next the bezantler, now the bay (Richard Jefferies)

bezel OF *bisel* (*biseau*, *béseau*) Cf *bevel*, *bias*, both of which approach *bezel* in sense.

b seau a bezle, bezeling, or scuing, such a slope-nesse, or slope forme, as in the point of an yron leaver, chizle, etc. (Cotg)

bezesteen Eastern market-place Turk *bazistān*, from Pers

bezique F *bésique*, also *bésy* Called a neol by Diet Gén, but *basque* is in Oudin (1660) Cf It *bazzica*, card game, ? from Arab *bazz*, to win booty

bezoar [archaic] Bezoar-stone, intestinal calculus found in some animals and credited with medicinal powers Cf F *bezoard*, Port *bezuar*, OF *bezhard* From Arab *vāzahr* or *bādizahr*, Pers *pād-zah*, counter-poison

bezonian [archaic] Earlier also *besonio*. It. *bisogno*, "need, want, also, a fresh needy souldier" (Flor) Cf OF *bisogre* Origin of F *besoin*, *besogne*, from Merovingian L *sonium*, *sonia*, is unl known

bisore a filthy knave, or clown, a raskall, *birrien*, base humored scoundrell (Cotg)

Great men oft die by such bezouers (2 Hen VI, i. 1).

bang, bang Narcotic from hemp Port *banque*, Hind. *bang*, Sanskrit *banchā*, hemp

bheesty [Anglo Ind], Water-bearer Urdu *bhīstī*, Pers. *b-īshīstī*, from *bīshīst*, paradise "Prob. of jocular origin" (NED).

bi L prefix *bi* for earlier *dis* cogn with C *bi* from *dis* two Cf *bin* from *dis* two at a time also *bis* for OL *dis*
bias F *biais* slant etc of unknown origin Cf *bétel* *bétel* Fig senses are due to the early use of the word in connection with the game of box ls

I will mak me think the world is full of rubs,
 And that my fortune runs against the bias
 (Kk II i 4)

bib ME *bibben* to tipple L *bibere* Hence *wine-bibber* (Luke vii 34) for *uulg bibens unum* With child's *bib* cf F *biberon* feeding bottle

bibelot Trunket F earlier *boubelet* etc prob from infantile redupl *bel bel* Cf E *pretty pretty*

Bible F Late L *biblia* (f) orig neut pl C τ βιβλία the books βιβλίον being dun of β βίος inner bark of the papyrus In most Europ langs Cf *book code library* More gen sense survives in *bibliography* *bibliophile* etc *Bibliomania* is first recorded in Scott (*Antiquary*) who applies it to Don Quixote Chesterfield uses *bibliomanie* from F

biblio See *Bible*

bibulous From L *bibulus* (see *bib*)

bicameral [pōl] App coined by Bentham (18 cent) See *bi* and *chamber*

bice Pigment Earlier *bleu* *bis* F *bleu bis* dull blue F *bis* dingy It *bigio* are thought to be from the second syllable of L *bombyceus* of cotton (see *bombazine*)

biceps [anat] L It two headed from *bi* and *caput* Cf L *anceps* doubtful from *ambo* and *caput*

bicker Sc form of *beaker* (q v)

bicker To quarrel In ME as noun and verb skirmish hence wrangle Origin obscure Senses correspond pretty well with those of F *piquer* Cf OHG *bicken* to hack stab etc From a base *bic pic* found in both Teut and Rom (cf *pick* *pick*)

bicycle F from *bi* and *cyclos* wheel Superseded *velocipede* (q v)

Bicycles and tricycles which we saw in th Champs Elysees (D N News Sep 7 1869)

bid Confusion of two Com Teut verbs viz AS *blōdan* to announce command offer etc (cf Du *biede*) Ge *bielen* ON *bjóða* Goth *biudan* cogn with *bode* and AS *bdan* to request (cf Du *bidlen* Ger *bitten* ON *bjáða* Goth *biðjan* cogn with *bead*) With the first cf to *bid at an auction*

bid good day (*defiance*) The more gen sense to command (cf *forbid*) combines both To *bid fair* was earlier to *bid fair for* i e to offer with reasonable probability *Bidds* *prayer* now understood as exhorting to pray meant orig praying of prayers Cf earlier *bidding* *beads* in same sense

bide AS *bidan* to remain Com Teut cf Du *beiden* Ger dial *beiden* ON *biða* Goth *biðan* In most senses used indifferently with *abide* of which it is often an aphet form In AS also trans to a wait now only in to *bide one's time*

bield [north dial] Shelter ? Ident with obs *bield* courage assurance AS *beilo* from *bold* ? or conn cted with *buil*

He [the fox] tore off for a bield 300 ya d aw y
 (Manc G d Mar 1 918)

biennial From L *biennium* two years from *bi* and *annus* year

bier AS *bēa* bier litter from *bear* Com Teut cf Du *baa* Ger *bahre* ON *barar* (pl) Mod spelling is due to F *bière* cf Teut origin Cf *barrow* Not orig limited to funeral bier For poet sense of tomb cf *hearse*

Drop upon F x's grave a tear
 'Twill track to his altar (M m on I trad)

biestings See *beestings*

biff [sla g] To shove etc ? Thinned form of *biff* (q v) buffet Cf *bigle*

biffin Apple (Nort) ? For *beef'n* from its deep red colour cf *golding sweeting* The old etymologists explained it from F *bea-fin* which is at least as likely

bifurcate From *bi* and L *furca* fork

big Northern ME (end of 13 cent) but recorded as name *Biaga* in 11 cent This is prob cogn with earlier *Biaga* and with Norw dial *bugge* great man *big* a rich important whence E dial *bu gy* proud and pleon *big bu gy*

Cherish'd trumpet on that not and of sh dows
 on whom no big nor bug words can terrifi
 (Colg)

bigamy F *bigamie* MedL *bigamia* from G γαμος marriage

bigarone Cherry Earlier *garreau* (F) from *bigarred* variegated of unknown origin

bigarrea a k do of berries w h bee half white half red (Colg)

biggin [archaic] Cap F *biggin* head-dress of *biggin* nuns See *biggin* *biggin*

biggin for a child h ad bequins (F lag)

biggin² Kind of coffee-pot From inventor's name (c 1800)

"Mr Baptist—tea pot!" "Mr Baptist—dust pan!"
"Mr Baptist—flour dredger!" "Mr Baptist—
coffee biggin" (*Little Derrit*, ch 271)

bigging [*north dial*] Building From ME *biggen*, to build, ON *byggja* Cf place-name *Newbigging*

bight [*naut*] Loop of rope, or of coast AS *bȳht*, from *būgan*, to bow, bend Cf Ger *bucht*, bay, from LG See *bou*²

bignonia Flower Named by Tournefort (c 1700) after the *abbé Bignon*, librarian to Louis XIV Cf *begonia*, *wistaria*, etc

bigot In OF a term of abuse applied to the Normans (Wace) Origin much disputed Personally I see no improbability in the old theory (decided by *NED*) that it arose from a Teut oath "by God" Cf OF *goddam*, an Englishman On the common formation of nicknames from oaths see my *Surnames* (pp 180-2) The Norman *Bigod*, who came over with the Conqueror and became Earl of Norfolk, may have had a nickname of the same type as *Pardoe*, *Pardew*, *Purdy*, etc, which represent *F par* (*pour*) *Dieu*

bijou F, Bret *bizon*, ring with stone, cf Corn *bison*, finger-ring, Bret *bez*, finger, Welsh *bys*, finger

bike Slang perversion of *bicycle*

bilander [*naut*] Coasting vessel Du *bylander*, by lander, whence also F *bélandre*

bilberry Adapted from dial form of Dan *böllebar*, prob ball-berry, from shape Also called *blackberry*, *whortleberry*

bilbo [*hist*] Sword From *Bilbao*, Spain Cf *Toledo* See *Merry Wives*, in 5

bilbo blade from *Bilboa* in Spain where the best blades are made (Blount)

bilboes [*naut*] Shackles Earlier *bilbowes* Prob a sailor's perversion, associated with *bilbo*, of OS *boyes*, fetters, later *bowes*, OF *boie*, *bune*, fetter, L *boia*, whence also MHG *boie*, Du *boei*, fetter (see *buoy*) The story about *bilboes* brought from *Bilbao* by the Armada is disproved by chronology, the word occurring in 1557 (Hakl ii 374)

bile F, L *bilis* One of the four "humours," earlier called *choler* Hence *bilious*

bilge Lowest part of hull, hence, foulness that collects there "Belly" of cask Alteration of *bulge* (q v) Hence *bilge-heel*, *bilge-water*, and to *bilge*, stave in

(ship's bottom). Cf F *bouge*, bulge, of ship or cask.

bilge, or *b. lidge* is the breadth of the floor, whereon the ship rests, when she is a ground

(See *Dict* 1708).

A considerable volume [of water] had filled the bilge and orlop (*Daily Chron* June 23, 1919)

bilious See *bile*

bilk Thinned form of *balk* (q v), with which it orig interchanged as a term at cribbage. Cf *mister*, *diminution*, etc, and surname *Binks*, for *Banks*

bill [*hist*] Weapon AS *bil*, sword WGer, cf OSax *bil*, OHG *bill* (Ger. *bille*, hoe). Perh. cogn with *bill*² Obs exc in *bill-hook* and *hist brown-bill*

bill² Of a bird AS *bile* Perh cogn with *bill*¹ *Billing* and *cooing* was earlier simply *billing*

Like two silver doves that sit a billing

(*Piers & Adam* 15, 366).

bill³ Document orig sealed AF *bille*, Late L *billa*, *bulia*, seal (see *bull*², *bulletin*), L *bulia*, "a bosse, a bulion, great head of a nayle in doores or gates, sometimes studdes in gardels or like things" (Coop), orig bubble It came to be used in AF & ME of any document, e.g. *bill of fare* (*lading*, *health*, etc) In the sense of poster it is as old as 15 cent

And the pope darlye hath graunted in his byll
That every brother may do what he wyll

(*Coet & Lorelles Bete*)

affete a sign, a bill set up, or pasted, or fastened, on a post, doore, gate, etc (Cotgr)

billet¹ Note ME *billette*, OF *billete* (cf F *billet*, *billet d'ordre*), dim of *bill*² In mil sense (17 cent) from written order issued by officer who quarters troops Hence *every billet has its billet*, saying attributed by Wesley to William III

billet² Block of wood OF *billete* (cf F *billos*), dim of *bille*, log, ModL *billa* Orig obscure, perh Celt (cf Ir *bik*, tree, mast)

billiards F *bille*, the ball, *billard*, the cue, are from It *biglia*, *bigliardo*, of unknown origin E in 16 cent

For 11 yards, 11 quarters of greyn clothe to cover the billeyarde borde, thus (*Rulland MSS*. 1603)

Billingsgate Fishmarket near *Billing's gate*, one of the old gates of London, app named after some AS *Billing* Famous for rhetoric from 17 cent

billion Coined (with *trillion*, *quadrillion*, etc) in F (16 cent) to express second (third, fourth, etc) power of *million*, but in ModF

billion is a thousand millions only *trillion* a thousand billions and so on Hence *billionaire* playful imit. of *millionaire*
billion Inferior alloy or coin Has often been confused with *bullion* (q.v.) F orig lump ingot from *bille* log Cf or (argued) *en bille* (= *bitrre*) See *bil'* 1st

Si je montrais une tiasse de plomb t que j disse
 Ce billion d'or m'a été donné " (Calvin)

billow Early *bellow* From 16 cent Cf ON *bylga* from *bel* ja to swell (see *bellows*) Cf *swell surge* the sense in which *billow* is used by Raleigh

billy Name *William* in various fig senses e.g. fellow brother (Sc) bushman's tea can (Austral) male goat (cf *nanny goat*) With silly *Billy* cf *sil v Johnny* Cf *bobby dandy jack jummy* etc

billyboy Barge (east coast) Perth connected with *buoy* In Ger a somewhat similar craft is called *beyer* from *boje* buoy

billycock Hat Earlier (1711) *bully cocked* i.e. worn in aggressive manner

bitlong [Saf] Strip of dried beef Du *bit* buttock *long* tongue being cut from the buttock and looking like a smoked tongue Cut from the cland it is called *th gh toner*

bi-metallism F *bi-métallique* was coined (1869) by Cernuschi addressing Society of Political Economy at Paris

bimbashee Colonel (in Egypt army) Turk *bin -basak* thousand captain Cf *pasha basha* *bazonk*

bin AS *bin* manger prob Celt Cf F *benne* hamper cart Gaulish *bonna* cart

binary I *binarius* from *bin* two at a time from *bis* twice OL *dis* from *dis* two

bind AS *bindan* Com Teut. cf Du *Cer binden* ON *binda* Goth *bindan* Cogn with *band* *bind* (q.v.) For fig senses cf *oblige* Old pp survives in *binden* duty With *I'll be bound* (leg) cf *I'll go bail* and archaic *I'll be sworn* With *bound up* with (sn) (*Gen* xlv 30) cf *wrapt up* in

bine Flexible shoot on~ of hops Dial form of *bind* Hence *woodbine* earlier *woodbind* AS *wud -bind* Also trade name for a famous cigarette

bing [techn & dial] Heap ON *b ngr* heap *bingo* [slang] Brandy App coined from *b* (cf *B* and *S* brandy and soda) and *stingo* (q.v.)

binnacle [naut] Earlier *bitacle* *bitable* (1485) which survived to 18 cent mod form perh due to *bin* From OF *abitacle* (*habitable*) or

Port *bitacola* (cf Sp *bitacora* It *abitacolo*) L *habituaculum* a small shelter

bitacle the bitacle, a frame of timber in the steel where the compass is placed on board a ship (1163 ca 1794)

binocular From L *bin* two together *oculus* eye

binomial Of two terms esp with *theorem* (Newton) Cf F *binôme* from G *nomos* law

bio- G *βίος* from *βίος* life For *bio-ones* see *abiogenesis* Cf *biography* *biology* *Biograph* *bioscope* were early names for cinematograph

biped L *bipes* *biped* from *bi* and *pes* foot

biplane See *bi* *acropplane*

Bipontine [bibl] Editions of classics printed (18 cent) at Zwickbricken (Latinized *Bipontinu*) in Bavaria Cf *aldine* *transpontine* birch AS *birce* whence birch and beorc ON *björk* whence northern *birch* (cf *Birkenhead*) Aryan cf Du *berk* Ger *birke* Sanskrit *bhṛj* Prob cogn with bark *Birch* red is represented in ME by *jerle* of *birke* With archaic *birchen* cf *oaken*

bird AS *brād* young bird *chuk* used in ME also for young of other animals Only found in E usu Teut word being *fowl* (q.v.) Connection with *breed* *brood* is doubtful From being applied to small birds it gradually spread to the whole tribe but *fowl* is still usual in 17 With *bird's eye* (1164) cf synonym F *à vol d'oiseau* *Birdseye* (tobacco) is named from the section of the cut leaf of ribs

Eddis and eddis *bird* (Wy. Matt xiii 33)

bireme [hist] Double banked galley L *biremis* from *bi* and *remus* oar

biretta It *beretta* or Sp *birrella* Late L *birrellum* from *birrus* *byrrhu* red G *purpos* flame coloured Cf F *beret*

birth App ON *byrth* replacing AS *g byrd* from *beran* to bear with which cf Ger *gebirt* from *gebaren* *Birthright* is used by Coverd (*Gen* xxv 31) where Wyc has the right s of *this first getyn*, (begetting) See also *berth*

bit See *bi*
biscuit Restored pelling of Tudor *bisk* of OF *bescuit* (*biscuit*) L *bis* oct s (*panis*) twice baked of which Ger *zwickback* is a translation Hence also *biscuit* *pottery* though app this is only baked once

bisquit *brade* *biscotus* (Fromt Paro)

bisect From *bi* and L *secare* *sect* to cut

bishop AS *biscop*, L, G *ἐπίσκοπος*, overseer, from *ἐπί*, on, *σκο-ός*, watcher (cf *scope*) Early loan in all *Teut* langs (cf Ger *bischoff*), and at first vaguely used of various church officers. *Bishopric* is a hybrid, from AS *rice*, power, realm (cf Ger *reich* and see *rich*) The *bishop* at chess seems to have been due orig to an accidental mitre-like appearance. It was formerly *alfin*, Arab *al-fil*, the elephant. In 16 cent also *archer*. In F it is *fou*, perh also due to the head-dress. The 18 cent *bowl* of *bishop* was perh named from purple colour, cf Du *bisschop*, Norw *Dan bisp*, used in same sense. The *bishops' Bible* is the version of 1568, published under the direction of Archbishop Parker. A *bishop* in *partibus*, i.e. not in possession of his diocese, was orig one expelled from the Holy Land by the Saracens, his see being in *partibus infidelium*. To *bishop* a horse's teeth in order to conceal its age is prob from the name of a horse-dealer (c. 1700). See also *burke*.

bisk F *bisque*, crayfish soup, of unknown origin.

Bismillah Arab *bismillāh*, in the name of Allah.

bismuth Ger *wismut* (1530), latinized as *bisemutum*. For initial *b*- cf *bison*. Origin unknown. Our earliest loans from Mod Ger are mostly metallurgical (*cobalt*, *nickel*, etc.).

bison ME *bisont*, F *bison*, L *bison*, *bisont* (Martial), from OHG *wisunt*, the aurochs, cf AS *wesend*, ON *wisundi*, prob of Balto-Slav origin. The *Teut* forms became obs with the animal and the word was re-introduced from L and applied to the American bison.

bison the bison, a kind of hulch beakt, rough-maned, broad faced, and great ey'd, wild-oxe, that will not be taken as long as hee can stand, nor tamed after hee is taken (Cotg.)

bisque At tennis F, earlier *biscaye*, which suggests some connection with the province of *Biscay*, the inhabitants of which are the great experts at a form of tennis called *la pelote*.

biscave a vantage at tennis (Cotg.)

bisque a fault, at tennis (ib.)

bissextile Leap-year L *bissextilis* (annus), the year containing the *bissextus*, twice sixth, the day intercalated every four years in the Julian calendar after the sixth day before the Calends of March.

bistoury Surgeon's scalpel F *bistouri*, OF

bistorie, dagger (cf. surg. use of lance). As it is described as crooked and double-edged, the first element is prob L *bis*. Cf. OF, *bisagué*, double-edged mattock, F *bis-tourner*, to make crooked.

bistre Yellowish brown pigment F, of unknown origin.

bit¹ Morsel AS *bila*, morsel, from *bitan*, to bite (cf F *morceau*, *mordre*). With US sense of small coin cf our *threepenny-bit*.

bit² Of horse AS *bite*, bite, cutting (cf F *mors*, *mordre*). Also in mech. applications.

bitch¹ Animal AS *bicca*, cf ON *bikkja*. Origin unknown.

bitch² [slang] To bungle. Thinned form of *botch*² (q.v.). Cf *bulk*, *bilge*.

bite AS *bilan* Com Teut, cf Du *byten*, Ger *beissen*, ON *bila*, Goth *beitan*. Orig. past tense *bote* (cf *wrote*), ult. cogn. with L *findere*, to cleave. *Bitten* (infected) with (a mania, etc.) is a mad dog metaphor. George III, being told that Wolfe was mad, expressed a wish that he might bite some of his other generals. *Hardbitten*, tough in fight, inured to bites, app. comes from dog-fighting. Its earliest use refers to animals. The phrase *the biter bit* is from 17 cent. use of *biter* for sharper.

A biter is one who thinks you a fool, because you do not think him a knave (Steele).

bitt [naut.] Usu. pl. Two posts on ship's deck for fastening cables, etc. Forms are found in most Europ. langs. Prob. ON *bith*, cross-beam (in house or ship). Hence naut. *bitter*, "the turne of a cable about the *bits*" (Capt. John Smith), and *bitter end*, which has acquired fig. sense by association with adj. *bitter*.

The bitter end is that end of the cable within board at the bitt (Purch.)

When a chain or rope is paid out to the bitter-end, no more remains to be let go (Smyth).

bitter AS *biter* Com Teut, cf Du *Gër. bitter*, ON *bitr*, Goth *bairts*, cogn. with *bile* (cf *mordant*). For *bitter end* see *bitt*.

bittern With excrescent -n, from ME *bitour*, earlier *botow*, F *butor*. For older form cf dual *butterbump* (Tennyson, *Northern Farmer*, *Old Style*). Earliest is MedL *butorius*, *bitorius*. Early L dict. gives *butio*, a bittour, but the L word is perh. only a var. of *buteo*, buzzard. OF *bistor* looks like confusion with *bustard*. Everything suggests that the bird was named from its very remarkable cry.

As a bitore bombleth in the myre (Chauc. D. 972)

bitumen L. orig. mineral pitch from Palestine Cf *asphalte*. An Osc. Lombard word bivalve F. from *bi* and *valte* (q.v.)

bivouac F. Swiss Ger. *büwacht* by watch patrol its earlier meaning in F. & E. introduced into F. by Swiss mercenaries during Thirty Years War. Johns describes it as not in use.

biz [slang] Late 19 cent. for *business* (see *buz*).

bizarre F. Sp. *bizarro* brave its earlier F. meaning. Formerly also *bigeurre* and influenced in sense by F. *bigarre* motley variegated (see *l'aroon*). Perh. from Basque *bi ar* beard the valiant man being bearded like the pard.

blab In ME. alternates with *lab*. Inut. cf. Ger. *plappern* and see *babble*. John le Blabber (P. R. 13 cent.) is earlier than dict. records.

blabbe or *labe*, or bewyere of counsellor.

(Prompt. Parv.)

black AS *blac* black ink already confused in AS. with *blac* white bright (see *bleach* *blesh*). The two words are prob. related the common meaning being lack of colour. Usual Teut. for black is *swart* (q.v.). To *black-ball* is recorded for 18 cent. (see *ballot*) and has been adopted with other high life words in F. (*blackboiler*). *Blabber* is naut. slang for a kidnapped negro or Polynesian. *Black books* for recording offenders' names are mentioned in 16 cent. The *Black Country* includes parts of Staffordshire and Warwickshire. The *black guard* (16 cent.) consisted of the lowest menials of a large household who took charge of pots and pans on journeys also hangers-on of an army. The *black guard* of the king's kitchen is mentioned in 1535. *Black hole* lock up dates from the notoriety of the *Black Hole* of Calcutta (1756). *Blackleg* s. v. *under* (18 cent.) is perh. a description of the rook. *Black sheep* wasterel is also 18 cent. (NED) but the nursery rime "Ba! Ba! black sheep" suggests much greater antiquity. *Blackmail* orig. tribute paid by farmers to freebooters (Sc. & North) is Sc. *ma t* still used of rent (see *mar?*). It was perh. called *black* because often paid in black cattle rents paid in silver being called *white mail*. The *Black Watch* orig. raised (early 18 cent.) for service in the Highlands were a dark uniform to distinguish them from the red-coats of the old army. Cf. the *black friars* or Dominicans (13 cent.) whence *Blackfriars* in London. *Black and*

blue was in ME. *blak* and *bla* (*blo*) *blue* (q.v.) being substituted as cogn. *blo* became obs. *Blackamoor* is a dual form of *bla* & Moor. Archaic *Black-a-tissed* swarthy (nouns F. *vis* face as in *vis-a-vis*).

You need not care a pin for you h. t. i. wht. and black (*Μυνοπος* u. c. 35).

The boldest of them will see teal b. v. from anyone that pays black mail to Vich Ian Voh. (H. 10)

bladder AS *blæddre*. Com. Teut. cf. Du. *blaar* (earlier *blir* & Flem. *bladder*). Ger. *blatter* ON *bláthra* corn with *blá*.

blade AS *blæd* blade (of oar). Com. Teut. cf. Du. *blad* Ger. *blatt* leaf (*schulterblatt* shoulder blade). ON *blath*. The usual plant word in AS & ME was *leaf* (q.v.) and it seems likely that *blade* applied to corn grass etc. is partly due to MedL. *bladu* corn. OF *bled* (*blef*) of unknown origin but possibly cogn. with abo. e. AS appl. d. t. persons *journal blade* *rosterin blade* etc. it is usu. connected with sword blade. A ME sense of the word though the development of meaning is not made out. The first record *a very good blade* (Pom. & Jul. ii. 4) has an approximate F. parallel in *une bonne épée* (*lame*) a noted swordsman but the usu. half contemptuous use of *blade* suggests Du. *blat* foolish talker brag-a-t. For double sense of *blade* cf. *foil* with which it is ult. cogn.

blueberry *bleaberry* [dialect] Bulberry. See *bulberry* *blue*.

blague Humbug. F. prob. ident. with *blaue* tobacco pouch. Ger. *balg* skin. See *belly* *bel'ows*.

blain AS *bleen* cf. Norw. Dan. *blegn*. Du. *blein*. LG. *bleien* ? cogn. with *blow* (cf. *blister*). Now rare etc. in *childblain*.

blame F. *blimer*. OF *blasmer*. Late L. *blasphema* e. used in LG. for G. *blasphem*. *juw*. See *blaspheme*.

blanch F. *blanchir* to whiten or perh. from corresponding adj. *blanch* in common ME. use. *Blanchad almonds* are mentioned in the Prompt. Parv. See *blank*.

blancmange ME *blan mange* e. a kind of galantine of meat. F. *blan man* r. See *mange*.

For *blankmanger* th. t. made h. with the beste. (Ch. c. A. 18.)

blandish F. *bland* *bländ* s. from L. *blandiri* from *blandus* bland smooth. Hence *blandishme* is much commoner than the verb and slang *bländ* *oqmen* e. (Blount).

blank F *blanc*, white, OHG *blanch* (cf AS *blanca*, ON *blakkr*, steed), prob cogn with *bleak*. Adopted by all Rom langs. Sense of colourless passes into that of empty in to *look blank*, *blank look-out*, *blank cartridge*. App Cuthbert Bede introduced the euph use of the word (cf *dash*). *Blank verse* was introduced from It by the Earl of Surrey (†1547). The It name is *versi sciolti* (free).

Here's a pretty blank, I don't think! I wouldn't give a blank for such a blank blank. I'm blank if he don't look as though he'd swallowed a blank codfish, and had bust out into blank barnacles.

(Verdant Green, ii 4)

To talk about a blank cheque is blank nonsense.

(D Lloyd George, Nov 1918)

blanket OF *blanquete*, from *blanc*, white. Orig a white woollen material, cf ME *whitel*, AS *hwitel*, in similar sense. *Wet blanket* is fig from extinguishing a fire (cf *throw cold water on*). To *lose in a blanket* is in Shaks (2 Hen IV, ii 4). *Wrong side of the blanket* is in Smollett (*Humphrey Clinker*). *Blanketeer* (hist) was the name given to the operatives who assembled (1817) in St Peter's Fields, Manchester, provided with blankets in order to march to London and demand redress of their grievances. The attack upon them by the military gave rise to the portmanteau word *Peterloo* (*St Peter's Fields* × *Waterloo*), a very early example of this formation and a curious parallel to *Bakerloo*.

blare Cf Du *blasen*, MHG *bleren*, *blerren*, Ger *plären*, all of imit origin. In ME to bellow, weep, etc. Now only of a trumpet.

The worthies also of Moab bleared for very sorrow
(Coverd. Is xv 4)

blarney From a stone at *Blarney Castle*, near Cork, the kissing of which, a gymnastic operation, confers magic powers of cajolery. For local origin cf *binkum*.

blásé F *blaser*, to wear out (17 cent). Origin unknown.

blason See *blazon*.

blaspheme F *blasphemer*, Church L *blasphemare*, G *blasphemén*, to speak evil, from *φημί*, I say, with doubtful first element.

blast AS *blæst*, strong gust of wind, cf OHG *blæst* (Ger *blasen*, to blow), ON *blöstr*. See *blaze*. Fig wind-born plague or infection, hence curse, etc.

blastoderm [biol] Superficial layer of embryo in early condition. From G *βλαστός*, germ, sprout, *δέρμα*, skin.

They christened him [Aurelian McGoggin] the

"Blastoderm,"—he said he came from a family of that name somewhere in the prehistoric ages
(Kipling)

blatant Coined by Spenser, in ref to calumny. He may have had dial *blate*, to bellow, or L *blaterare*, to babble, in his mind.

A monster which the blatant beast men call

(*Taeiric Queené*, v xii 37)

blatherskite Orig US. See *blether*, *blether-skate*.

The attempt of the Censorship to burke the Sinn Féin Assembly's Declaration of Independence has given a gratuitous advertisement to that bit of sublimated blatherskite

(*Sunday Times*, Jan 26, 1919)

blay See *bleak*.

blaze¹ Of fire. AS *blase*, *blæse*, torch, fire, cf MHG *blas*, torch, prob cogn. with *blaze*² (q v), with orig sense of shining. In *go to blazes*, etc., it is euph for hell. *Blazer* was orig applied at Cambridge (1850-60) to the bright scarlet of St John's College. *Blazing indiscretion* was first used by Lord Morley in ref to the great Marquis of Salisbury who generally called a spade a spade.

blaze² White mark on horse's face. First recorded in 17 cent, hence prob from Du *bles* (see *blesbok*). Cf synon ON *blest*, Ger *blässe*, from *blass*, pale (prob cogn with *blaze*¹). Later applied to white marks made on trees to indicate track, which, being US, may be an independent introduction from Du.

blaze³ To proclaim, as with a trumpet (*Mark*, i 45). ON *blāsa*, to blow. Com Teut, though the verb does not appear in AS, which has, however, the corresponding noun *blast*, cf Du *blasen*, Ger *blasen*, Goth *-blēsan*, cogn with L *flare*. Later confused with *blazon* (q v) as in quot below.

High was Redmond's youthful name

Blazed in the roll of martial fame (*Rokeby*, iv 16)

blazon F *blason*, heraldry, orig shield. Later senses are due to decoration of shield. As the "blazing" appearance of arms and armour is constantly emphasized in OF poetry, it is not impossible that *blazon* is connected with *blaze*¹ (cf *brand*). The use of *blazon* for proclamation (cf to *blazon forth*) is due to mistaken association with *blaze*³. It arises partly from the sense of description contained in the her *blazon*.

But this eternal blazon must not be
To ears of flesh and blood (*Hamlet* i 5)

bleaberry See *blackberry*.

bleach AS *blæan* from *blā* pale (see -*bleat*) cf Ger *bleichen* ON *bleikja* In obs. *bleach* + blacken we have the confusion indicated s v *black*

noone to blacken *bleach* darken (Cotg)

bleak¹ Adj Formerly and still in dial pale Parallel form (ON *blekr*) of MF *bleche* pale (AS *blā* *blē*) cf Du *bleek* colourless Ger *bleich* pale and see *black*

blā of *noone* pall Jus, subactus (Pr mpt Parm)

bleak² Fish ON *blækr* from its colour (see *bleak*) cf I *allé* dim of L *albus* Its true L name is *blay* AS *blægr* with which cf Ger *blekr*

blæ a *blay* or *bleak* f h (Cotg)

bleared bleary-eyed From MF *bleren* to have inflamed eyes also to dim the eyes hoodwink Cf LG *blärr* *blärr* *blärr* whence also various Scand form This may be ident with Prov *blur* OF *blir* glossed *glacis* applied esp to the eyes and app of Teut on it

Lye w with blid eyes (Wyr Gen xix 17)

For thou yt seeme gill and sch with eyelid

All ye but wote on the let it to blis youre ye

(N thain *Amourus & Cleopatra* 196)

bleat AS *blætan* WGer cf Du *blān* MHG *blān* imit

bleb Small blist r or bubble imit. of action of forming bubble with lips cf *blb* *blubber* *blubble*

blee [poet] Blue AS *N* with LG cognates used poet in MF esp in *blē*, *blē* of *blee* and revived by mod poets

bleed AS *blēdan* from *blood*

bleemish F *blémir* *blémir* to turn pale OF *blesmir* to wound of obscure origin ON *blān* livid flush colour with influence of I *blesser* to wound has been suggested

blench To flinch earlier to swerve an l orig trans to deceive elide AS *blencan* to deceive make to blink (cf *d enck d nē*) ME had a northern form *blenk* Sen e development has been influenced by obs *blan* k to turn pale

And bef we his ey th & I will hang my net

To b enck his sight (Vn. 1 c 1475)

That little foot page he bl n hed with fear

(I gold by)

blend MF *blent* n ON *blanda* to mix (pres *blend*) cf AS *blendan* to mix grbland mixture. Perh ident with obs *blend* to make blind confuse with which cf Ger *blenden* (v t)

blende [m] Ger *blende* from *blenden* to blind deceive because a decepti e *min* rā (cf *cobalt n chel*) Hence to *blend* so called from its horny appearance *pitch* *blende*

blenheim orange spaniel From Duke of Marlborough's seat (Oxf) Cf *blstone* *clumber*

blenny Fish L *blennius* (Plin) form G

blā *vrot* mucus descripti e of its scales

blesbok Antelope S Afr Du *blaze* buck See *blaze*

bless AS *blētan* *blādan* to consecrate (with the *blood* of sacrifice) Sans.-development is due to the choice of this word to render L *ben dicere* while s ne later meanings to make happy are due to mistaken association with *bliss* (q v) In fact *bless* may sometimes represent AS *blisnian* to gladden A *fennu* to *blē* s *ne* self n th alludes to the cross on some oil coins In I *mblessed* y Well I *mblessed* a *ble* *sed* it of we ha e mod euphem m for another word (f *Γ sacrē*) Single *blessedness* is an ironic application of what Shaks says of the holiness i celibate life It may be noted that AS *blētan* in its etym sense could explain F *blesser* to wound which has no Rom cognates

Earthlier happy is the rose d till d

Than t t which w thers, on th rgt th m

Grows, h es, and dies in st gl *blessedness*

(M t *Vight D m i*)

blether blather [Se] ON *blathra* to talk stupidly from *blithr* nonsense orig i indlag (see *bladder*) Hence US *blether* *sk te blather* *hile* orig Sc It occurs in the song *Ma gie Laiter* a favourite camp-ditty during Amer War of Independence Joq on yo r gair ve *bletherskate*

(Camp 1, *Maggie Laiter* c 165)

bletted [i can] Of medlar in con lition for eating I rom F *blēt* over ripe as in *poire* *blēte* of Teut. origin

blight From 1 cent only Origin obscure Cotg app regarded it as a kind of growth Perh related to obs *blakenin* *blight* from obs. *blinke* to turn pale (see *bleak*) This word is used to render L *ruber* o *blight* in the BFE. version of Palladius (c 240)

be lunt *blight*, *brancove* (an *bearte*) (Cotg)

blighter 1 see it (1 to 19 cent) euph. for an uglier word Cf *boom* *blikin* Perh suggested by *blithen*

I v tr fed one of th blighters this m

(Destroyer of the C *Wey* Zeppelin, Sep 3 1916).

blighty Came into use in the Great War Urdu *bilāṭi* (adj.), Arab *wilāyatī*, from *wilāyat*, government, esp England, from *wali*, governor *Belait* is used in this sense by Kipling c 1887 Cf *vīlayet* With *blighly wound* cf synon Ger *heimatschuss*, lit home-shot

Nor do the Sahibs use the *belatee pance* [soda water] when they are thirsty

(Kipling, *Smith Administration*)

The adj *bilāyatī* or *ulāyatī* is applied specifically to a variety of exotic articles (*Hobson-Jobson*)

blimp [*neol*] Aeroplane converted into dirigible balloon One of the weird coinages of the airman Quot below refers to R 34, which crossed the Atlantic in July, 1919

I'd worked hard on the bally blimp

(Mr Stowaway Ballantine)

blimy [*slang*] For *Gawblimy*, God blind me, cf *swop me bob*, for *so help me God*

blind AS *blind* Com Teut, cf Du Ger *blind*, ON *blindr*, Goth *blinds* Oldest sense of noun *blind* is mil, for F *blinde*, obstruction, Ger *blende*, from *blenden*, to make blind Fig sense of *blind alley* (occupation) is mod *Blindfold* is for *blindfeld*, pp of ME *blind-fellen*, to strike (*fell*) blind, mod spelling being due to association with *fold* *Blind-man's-buff*, formerly *blindman-buff*, -*buffet* (c 1600), is from obs *buff*, OF *buse*, a blow (see *buffet*), the blind-folded person being buffeted by the other players (see quot from Wyc below). Also called earlier *hoodman blind* (see *hood*) The *blind-worm* (see *slow-worm*) is so named from its minute eyes, cf Ger *blindschleiche* And thei blynfelden hym, and smyten his face

(Wyc Luke, xii 64)

blindfyld excecatus (*Prompt Parv*)

blink ME usu *blenk*, AS *blencan*, to deceive (dazzle), mod form perh due to Du *blinken*, cf Ger *blinken*, to shine, cogn with *blank*, in sense of bright, dazzling (cf ON *blakra*, to blink) Something of etym sense survives in *ice-blink*, orig brightness on the horizon due to reflection from ice This is prob Du *ijsblink* or Dan *isblink* Sense of failing to see, esp to *blink* (shut one's eyes to) *the fact* was orig sporting, of dogs missing their birds *Blinking* (*slang*) is quite recent It is prob for *blanking*, euph for *bleeding*, with vowel thinned as in *bilk* See also *blench*

bliss AS *bliths*, from *blithe* Sense-development already in AS shows association with

bless (q v), the two words being even confused in spelling

Two *blesis* ben—blesse of the soule and blisse of the bodi (Wyc)

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Who has blundered these thynges o this facyon? Qui a perturbé ces choses en cest sorte? (Palg)

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blur 16 cent synonym with *blot* Origin unknown

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A young actress in the first blush of success (S. Weyman)

bluster 16 cent Prob imit with suggestion of *blow blast* Gavin Douglas uses pres part *blasterand* in same sense Holthausen gives LG *blustern* to blow *Blustering* is a nice Spenser stock epithet of Boreas

Cease ride Boreas blustering rafter (G A. Stevens, 1784)

bo boh Natural exclamation intended to surprise or frighten Hence *Bo to a goose* (16 cent) *No peep* nursery game with children is still older See *peep*

Mark how *b* playeth bo-peep with the scriptures (Tynd.)

boa L (Pliny) Connected by Pliny and other early etymologists with varied explanations with L *bo* ov but perh rather from *bo* / exclamation of terror (s) Hence *boa constrictor* named by Linnæus and often erroneously applied to much larger serpents Fur *boa* is in Dickens (1836)

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Men that bosen her bri t s fuff o t th r b ts (La 16 f l ght 4)

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Ha o ye p ? So like a p b ew
I in one boat we both mch rked be (Hudson Judah 584)

bob The NFD recognizes provi nally nine nouns and four verbs whi h may be of various origins The oldest meaning of ti noun seems to be a pendent clu ter Hence perh *bob a ig b b tail* that of the *erb* is to mock and strike the first from OF *bober* to mock (cf Sp *bobo* foxl) The idea of jerky motion is present in bell ringing e.g. *treble bob maj r* etc also in *chr v bob* In d *y-bob uet bob* (Fton) we have perh the name *Bob* with a vague punning allusion to obs *dry-bob* a blow whi h does not dra v blood cf *light-bob* light infantry sold r *Bob* a shilling (19 cent slang) is perh from *Robe t* (cf *john*) With naut *bob* *ta* which holds down the bowsprit of the *bob* of a pendulum For *bobbit* see also *lag Bob* *she gl* is US (19 cent)

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bold AS *bold* Com Teut cf Du *bo d* OHG *bold* ON *ball* Goth *balþis* in compds To make bold with (cf *nake free nith*) is in Shaks (*Merry Wives* n 2)

bole¹ Of a tree ON *boir* cf Ger *bohle* plank and see *bi lwa h*

bole² Earthy clay MedL *bolus* G *βαλος* clod Hence *bole armeniac* or *Armenian bole* (*boole armonjak* in Chauc)

bolelection [arch] Raised moulding Orig form (? *bol bal bel*) and origin unknown **bolero** Dance Sp Cf *cachuchí fandango*) Als short jacket

boletus Fungus L G *βαλ τῆς* mushroom **bolide** M teor F L *bol s* *bolid* G *β λ s* mis ile from *βαλλ* v to throw

bolli¹ Roundel pool V r of *boz* ¹ (q v) Th *barly* was in the r ith *flaw* w s *bolled* (E 13 3)

That pest f th often pl t th *bolli* w e d (D *ay Ch* M *rch* 3 19)

bolli² [Se] Mer use ? ON *belli* *bovl*

Bollandists Writers continuin *Acta S* : : rum of John B *lla* : t Flemish Jesuit (cent)

bollard Strong post for securing hawser Cf Norw *puller* Dan *pulle t* LG *poller* Du *polder* ? all from OF *pollre* (*po d e*) beam Late L *pullstrum* from *pullus* foal young animal

bolo Mil slang for *Bolshevist* (N Russ cam paign 1918) perh partly suggested by following

boloism [neol] Pacifist propaganda financed from Germany From *Bolo Pasha* engaged in similar roguery in France (Sep 1917) and shot (Apr 17 1918)

Look at for *bolism* in all its h ps and forms It is the latest d most formidable weapon in Gen any armoury (D Lio 1 George, Oct 3 1917)

Bologna In Italy L *Bononia* Hence *Bologna sausage* See *po ony*

Bolshevik **Bolshevist** [Russ] Majority social ist wrongly rendered *maximalist* Dates from Russ Socialist Conference of 1903 cf Russ *Bolshevik* majority from *bol he* greater Now (beginning of 1918) adopted as gen term for pol upheavalist Cf *me shevish*

What we might call the Bolshevik party—the t str g comb tion led by Lord Lansdowne and M I usay M donald (Mor *Pol A* 8 14 9 B) Those wine whom we ll *Bol h* (k a mere bloddthirsty c throats wh m rder for the i of it Their régime has destroyed more peass ts and poor peopl n en 3 a then did th *Ce* 19 in a hundred (Col John W d the navy M P N 29 1918)

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bobbin F *bobine*, of unknown origin, but prob connected with some sense of *bob* With *bobbinet*, cotton net, orig imitating pillow lace, cf *stockinet*

bobbish [*slang*] Usu with *pretty* App from *bob*, to bounce, etc

bobby [*slang*] *Robert Peel* was Home Secretary when Metropolitan Police Act was passed (1828) Cf *peeler*

bobolink N Amer singing bird From its cry, app first (18 cent) understood as *Bob o' Lincoln* Cf *whippoorwill*, *katydid* But very possibly adapted from a native name related to word below

Greene birds, as big as sparrows, like the catalinkins of West India (Purch)

bocardo See *barbara* Also name of prison at Oxford (suppressed 1771), prob given as result of some logician's witticism

Boche, Bosche [*neol*] F, for *Alleboche*, argotic perversion of *Allemand*, German, in use long before the War Perh suggested by *tête de boche*, from *boche*, bowl², of Prov origin, cf It *boccia*, bowl, and our *bullet-headed* I have heard Germans called *têtes de boche* c 1890, and *Alboche* is in Villatte's *Parisismen* (1890) But Swiss F has also *Allemoche*

bock F, glass of beer Ger *bock*, for earlier *ambock*, beer from *Eimbeck*, Hanover

bocking Fabric From *Bocking*, Essex Cf *worsted*

boddle See *bodle*

bode Usu with *well ill* AS *bodian*, to announce, from *boda*, messenger Com Teut, cf Du *bode*, Ger *bote*, messenger, ON *bolta*, cogn with *bid*, to offer Hence *forebode*

bodega Wine-shop Sp, L *apotheca*, G ἀποθήκη (see *apothecary*), cf F *boutique*, shop

bodge Var of *botch*² (q v)

bodice For (*pair of*) *bodies*; cf *pence* for *pennies* For sense cf *coiset* (q v)

A pair of bodice of the cumbersome form in vogue at the beginning of the last century

(Ainsworth, *Jack Sheppard*, ch 1)

bodkin Formerly a piercing instrument ME *boidekin*, *boitequin* Origin unknown The ME form suggests an AF **boitequin*, little

box, and sense-development as in *tweezers* (q v), but this is only my conjecture To *ride bodkin* is unexplained, ? cf dial. *pin*, middle horse of a team of three harnessed tandem fashion

They provoked themselves with knyves and bothens (Coverd 1 *Kings*, xviii 28)

He's too big to travel bodkin between you and me (*Vanity Fair*).

bodle, boddle [*Sc*] Halfpenny See *bawbee*

I do not value your favour at a boddle's purchase (*Kidnapped*, Ch iii).

Bodleian library At Oxford Restored and enriched (1597) by *San Thomas Bodley*

body AS *boðig*, cf OIIG *bolah*, whence Ger *bollich*, brewing-tub Fig uses as those of L *corpus* and F. *corps* In ME, also human being (cf OF *cors*), as still in *somebody*, *busibody*, *a nice body*, etc *Body-snatcher* is early 19 cent (see *burke*) To *keep body and soul together* is for earlier *life and soul*

By my trowthe they ar as good meny's bodys as any leve (*Paston Let* ii 387)

Boehmenist [*theol*] Follower of *Jacob Boehme* or *Behm* (ie Bohemian), Ger mystic (†1624)

Boeotian Dull clown From reputation of *Boeotia*, in ancient Greece Cf *Arcadian*, *solecism*

boer Du, peasant, farmer Cf *boor*, *bond*², and Ger *bauer*

bog Ir Gael *bogach*, from *bog*, soft In Shaks (*Hen V* iii 7) With *bogtrotter*, applied to Irish since 17 cent, cf *moss-trooper* For *bog-bean* see *duck*¹

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boggle Orig to start with fright, as though at sight of a spectre See *bogle* Now confused with *bungle*

You boggle shrewdly, every feather starts you (*All's Well*, v 3)

A thing their superstition boggles at (Browning, *Ring and Book*, vi 282)

It takes up about eighty thousand lines,

A thing imagination boggles at

And might, odds bobs, sir! in judicious hands

Extend from here to Mesopotamy

(Calverley, *Cock and Bull*)

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There Nemphoth [N virod] the boisterous [Hied rei ustis] oppressor of men began to reign in the cit of Bat lon

(15 cent. tran L of H g lon s *Polychronicon*)
bolas [Sine] Missile lasso lashed with lulls to entangle legs of animals Pl of Sp *la 11* ball Cf *la so*

bold AS *bold* Com Tent of Du *bold* OHC *balld* O' *ballr* Goth *baliths* in compds To make *bold* with (i v *ke free* with) is in Shaks (Merry 11 res u 2)

bole Of a tree O' *bolr* cf Ger *bohr* plank and see *bulwark*

bole Earth's clay Medi *bolus* G *βωλος* clod Hence *bole a menia* or *Armenian* to o (*boole armo* is k in Chauc)

bolection [arch] Raised moulding Orig form (? *bol bal tel*) and origin unknown
bolero Dance Sp Cf *cachucha* *finlanço*
Also short jacket

boletus Fungus L G *βωλ* rps mu hroom
bolide Meteor I L *l* its *bolid* G *β λ ε* missile from *βαλλε* to throw

boll Runnel pod Var of *ball* (q v)
The barley was in the e r and th flax was balled (Ex 1 31)

That pest of the cotton plant th boll wee'd (D Ty Ch on Marc 19)

boll [Sc] Measure ? O' *bolli* bowl
Bollandists Writers continuing *le t Sancto* run of John B lant Flemish Jesuit (1 cent)

bolard Strong post for securing hawser Cf *Norw full* Dan *fulert* LG *fulc* Du *foldr* ? all from OE *fol se* (poitrel beam)
Late L *ful eltrum* from *pull* is foal young animal

bolo Mil slang for *Polshev st* (Rus am. paign 1918) perh partly suggested by following

bolism [neol] Pacifist propaganda financed from Germany From *Bolo Pasha* engaged in similar roguery in France (Sep 1917) and shot (Apr 17 1918)

Look out for *bolism* in all its shapes and forms. It is the latest and most formidable weapon in Germany's armoury (D Lloyd George, Oct 23 1917)

Bologna In Italy L *Bononia* Hence *Bologna* *sau age* See *po on*

Bolshevik *Bolshevist* [Russ] Majority socialist wrongly rendered *ma nalist* Dates from Russ. Socialist Conference of 1903 cf Russ *bolsh n* to majority from *bolsh* greater No v (beginning of 1918) adopted as gen term for pol upheavalist Cf *men shet k*

What we might call the Bolshevik party—the stange combination led by Lord Lansdowne and M Ramsay Macdonald (Mun Po A g 14 95)
Those swm whom we call Bolsh *icks* are mere bloodthirsty cutthro. is who m rde for the love of it. Their regime has destroyed more peas and poor people in one year than did the Cx rs in a hundred (Col. John Dyer, the navy MP N 29 1918)

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bône fyre ignis ossi m (Cath 1 gl)

f *de bekou* *dis* a bone-fire (Cotg)

bône fi a een bern vier dat is als men victorie bra dt (He lym)

bonhomie F good fellowship Cf *Jacques Bonhomme* trad nickname of F peasant
Boniface Name of innkeeper in Farquhar's *Beaux Stripes* m (1707) Cf *abus* m Much earlier is *Bon fa* in a similar rôle in Anosto's *La Scolastica*

bonito Fish kind of tunny Sp Port *bonito* Cf F *bonito* and MedLat *bonitus* May be Sp *bonito* fine but the fact that it is commonly coupled with *albacore* (q v) suggests Arab origin

bonne Nurse maid servant F good

bonne bouche Misused in E for dainty morsel In F pleasant taste in the mouth e g *garde pour la bonne bouche* *raster sur la bonne bouche* etc

bonnet F f r *chap ou de bonnet* ? some unknown mat rial MedL *bonetum* But earlier is Late L *adonnis* cap (7 cent) Superseded in 17th cent exc in Sc f *cap* in gen sen e and surviving only in ref to woman head gear Sc *bonnet laird* is one who wears a bonnet like the peasants of *bonnet piece* gold coin on which James V is represented wearing a bonnet In sense of accomplice etc (thieves slang 19 cent) there is perh a reminiscence of F *de la tte d'un bonnet* hand and glove Naut *bonnet* orig topsail is in Pic s *Plorem*

Unchapel et d bonet en sa teste (Charv d v mes)

bonny App formed with F suffix *y* from F *bo* by analogy with *jolly* *prett* etc Cf Sp *bonito* pretty

bonnyclabber Clotted milk Ir *bainne* milk *cla'air* thick In general US use

bonspiel [Sc] Curious match between two clubs or district Du *spel* game with doubtful first element perh *bon*l cove nant society thus a collective encounter club match

bontebok [S Afr] Antelope Du *bont* pied Cf *blesk* *sprim bok* etc

bonus For *bonum* something good Stock Exchange Latin

bonze Bad Hindu priest F Port *bonzo* Jap *bon* Chin *fun seng* relig ions one

booby From Sp *bofo* fool ? from an mut *bob* (cf *baby* *balble* etc) ? or I *balbus* stammerer (which comes to the same thing)

For application to a stupid bird cf *dodo* *dottrel* *loon* etc also *noddy* (q v) u ed of a sea bird in Purch With *booly trap* cf synonym F *ultrape* *nigrid* from *nigrid* a top nudget, idiot (Cotg) prob familiar form of *Macodine* (see *noddy*)

boodle [US] Usu with *who e* as in *whole kit and boodle* (Stephen Crane) or in sense of funds (US) ? Du *boedel* estates effects cogn with *booth* and AS *botl* *hou e* Cf *criboodle*

book AS *boc* beech tree w l ace *boctstaf* beech staff letter character of synonym Du *bockstaf* Ger *buchstabe* O\ *bokstifr* It is supposed that runes were scratched on beech bark Cf San krit *bhu ja* birch bark for writing and Late L *fraxineas tabellae* (Enantius Fortunatus) from *f ax* *inus* ash Cf also *Bible code library* *pap r* The usability of beech bark for inscriptions is still observed by the tripper So also Ger *buch* Du *boek* to *Bok* muslin is folded in book form when sold in the piece With good books cf *black books* (see *black*) With *to take a leaf out of o e s book* i.e. to adopt his teaching cf *to turn over a new leaf* To *bring to book* was orig to demand proofs (chapter and verse) f r statement *Bohazo* m lover of books (Ben Jonson) is from the maggot which destroys books The railway *booking office* as taken over (with *guard coach* etc) from the old stage-coach days when intending passenger names were taken down

bookworm Hattis (Litt)

Booke calicoes and allicos mad up in roubles (Purch 673)

There ought to be some means of bringing to book a soldier i th except f mon v from the State who spe k of *triedly power* a Lord R Bertis spok of G many (Nat on Oct 26 91)

boom Sound ME *dommen* to hum Inuit cf Ger *bum* en Du *dommen* and see *boom* Earliest u ed of bee wasp etc. For business sense (US) opposite of *slump* cf *to make things hu* ; but it may have orig been a naut metaphor connected with *boom* cf *a sl pe nes boom* she comes with all the sail she can make (Sea Dict 1708) and the parallel case of *gue* (q v) **boom** [naut] Du *boom* beam tree cogn with *beu* (q v)

boomerang Modification of same Austral native nam *Bo-mu ang* 1891 en in 1790 in a short vocabulary of Port Jackson words For its vague hist cf *k a o*

Often used fig of a weapon which recoils on its user

This weapon [aerial bombing of civilian population] will not only fail, but prove a terrible boomerang to the enemy (Gen Smuts, Oct 4, 1917)

boon¹ Favour ON *bōn*, petition, prayer to God, cf AS *bēn*, whence (bootless) *bene* (q v) Mod sense comes from to grant (*have*) one's *boon*, and has perh been influenced by *boon*²

boon² Adj F *bon* Nowusu with *compagnon* With *boonfellow* (Meredith) cf surname *Boonfellow*

A cette époque, être de "bonne compagnie," c'était se montrer avant tout d'une gaieté franche, spirituelle et amusante, d'où est resté le mot de "bon compagnon" (Sainte-Beuve)

boor Orig husbandman Cf AS *gebūr* (see *neighbour*) But as the word is very rare before c 1500, and is esp applied, as also adj *boorish*, to the Dutch and Germans, it is prob LG *būr* or Du *boer*, cogn with above, cf Ger *bauer*, peasant All these words mean dweller, tiller (see *bond*²) For degeneration cf *churl*, *villain* See also *bower*²

Germany hath her boores, like our yeomen (Fuller)

boost Hoist (US) Origin unknown

boot¹ For foot ME *bote*, F *botte*, cf Sp Port *bota*, MedL *botta* Of obscure origin, cogn with Ger dial *boss* Orig of riding boots only The *boot* of a coach (so F *botte*) was orig named from its shape *Boot and saddle* is a perversion of F *boute-selle*, put saddle It is difficult to account for *sly-boots*, *chumsy boots*, etc, but, as the earliest of the type is *smooth-boots* (c 1600), the orig allusion may have been to stealthiness

boute-selle to horse (Cotg)

The word "boot legger" [provider of alcohol in a "dry" country] hails from the prairie, where they conceal bottles between the knee-boot and the leg. (Daily Mail, Dec 2, 1919).

boot² Profit Now only in *to boot* (cf *into the bargain*), *bootless*, and as verb AS *bōt*, profit, advantage (cf ON *bōt*), cogn with *better* Cf Ger *busse*, repentance, expiation, and *batten*²

Bootes [astron] G βούτης, waggoner, lit ox-driver, from βούς, ox

booth ODan *boith*, ON *būth*, from *būa*, to dwell, cf Ger. *bude*, cogn with OIr *both*, AS *bol*

booty F *butin*, influenced by *boot*². Cf. Du *buit* (see *freebooter*), Ger *beute*, ON *býti*,

exchange. The F. word is prob of Teut origin, and it is suggested that the origin is a LG *būten*, to share (q v), for **bi-ūhan*, from *ut*, out To *play booty*, act as confederate with a view to spoil, is 16 cent

butiner to prey, get booty, make spoyle of, to bootchale, to live, or gaine, by pillage (Cotg)

booze [slang] Du. *binzen*, to drink to excess, cf LG *būsen*, Ger *bausen*, see *quaff* A ME *bouse* is recorded c 1300, but the word as we have it is prob a new introduction (16 cent). In the old play *Health and Wealth* (c 1560) a drunken Fleming is called *Hamykin Bouse*

And in his hand [Gluttony] did bear a bouzing can, Of which he supt so oft, that on his seat His dronken corse he scarce upholden can

(Faerie Queene, 1 iv 22)

buysen to drink great drafts, or to quaf (Hexham)

bo-peep See *bo*, *peep*, and cf Du *kiekeboe spelen*, "to play at boo-peep" (Sewel), also *piepbeu*

bora Severe north wind in Adriatic It dial *bora*, for *borea*, north wind (see *boreal*). Cf Texan *norther*

To day [on the Isonzo] the icy bora has blown itself out (Daily Chron Feb 2, 1917)

boracic See *borax*

borage F *bourrache*, cf Sp *borraja*, It *borragine*, etc, MedL *borago*, ? Arab *abū*, father, *araq*, sweat (see *arrack*), from med use

borax ME OF *boras* (*borax*), with many vars and MedL forms, Arab *būraq*, Pers *bū*, *ah*. **border** F *bordure*, from *border*, to edge, from *bord*, edge, orig of a ship (see *board*), or from Late L *bordatura*, cf It *bordatura*, Sp *bordadura* For ending cf *batter*, *fritter*, and, for a converse case, *failure* The *Border*, in hist sense (16 cent), is of Sc origin, the earlier term, both in E & Sc, being *march*

bore¹ Verb AS *bōra*, to Com *bora*, cogn with It (c. 1750) *bora*, of

bore¹ Tidal wave O¹ *bura* wave whence also *barr* tidal wave in river But there is a gap between ME *bare* wave and the first record of *bo* *e* (c 1600) See *tag e* for another possible origin

Such a *boots* (a th seame terms ff) and *lot* at encounter of two ty less am g in (Pursh 1331)

boreal *Lu borealis* fr m *l oreat* north wind C *Bope* *s*

borecole Du *boerentol* peasant's cabbage See *boor cole kale*

boreen [Ir] Narrow lane Ir from *bithar* road with dim *e n* cf *col e n* square etc

born. See *bea* ² The connection has almost ceased to be felt

borough AS *borg* *Lu h* castle manor house with meaning gradually extended as in town or *U rille* Cogn with AS *be an* to protect Com Teut cf Du Ger *burg* O¹ *bor* (oth *baurgs* also Late *I burg* is earliest Teut loan word in L whence forms in Rom langs *Burrow* (j v) is the same word and *bury* (Canterbury etc) is from the AS dat *byrig* Cf Sc *burgh* (Edinburgh etc) Hence *h igh* *Lu ish* system of tenure by which in some countries youngest son inherits all lands and tenements partial trans of AF *tenure en burg anglois* Borough man or was coined (18 cent) to describe one who traded in parliamentary representation cf hist *pocket borough* rotten borough constituency without voters before Ref rm Bill of 1832

borrel [*archaic*] Rude unlettered Revived by Scott imitated by W Bunt Morris Ident with ME *burel* rough clothing also used of the lutey See *bureau* and cf fig use of *homespun*

R lignon h th take up at th corn
Of freelyng and we be in n leen shrympes
(Ch B 3144)

borrow AS *borg an* from *borg borh* pledge Cf Du *borg* pledge Ger *borge* to borrow late O¹ *borga* to stand security Ult cogn with *lo ugh* with ground sense of security In AS and th otl er Teut langs the orig sense is rather to lend than to borrow

Borstal system Established (1902) for dealing with juvenile adult offenders at Borstal (I ent)

borzoi [Russ] Hound Orig adj swift cf synon Serbo-Croat *brzo* Czech *brzy*

bosch Du for *bi sh* whence SAFr *boschbok* bush buck *boschn an* Bushman *boschvark* bush hog Also used as trade equivalent

for margarine from its place of manufacture *affertogersbo ck* (Weis h Duc)

Bosche See *Roche*

bosh Turk empty worthless popularized by Morier's *Alisha* (1834)

bosky For ME *bu h* fr m *b ish* northern form of *bush* refashioned (16 cent) under It influence (*bosco* *b seo* o etc) With *boshage* (Tennyson) I OF *b sceage* Also *bosket* *U bosquet* It *bos hetti* (cf *bong iet*) *Bosky* intoxicated (Bailey 1730) may be perverted fr m Sp *bisquico* dry mouthed but adj *xpres* live of drunkenn *s s em* to be created spontaneously (cf *quiffy* etc) bosom AS *bōm* W¹ *c* cf Du *boezem* C¹ *b se i* *U je* of one's *b s o n* is a Hebrew adopted by It (*De i vni b* cf xxviii 36) *bo al* o oth r fig senses (*bo om* friend *bison* of the Ch ck) are mostly Bibl with spec ref to Luke x i

boss Protuberance (cf *emboss*) *U lo s* hump with cognates in I om lang but of unknown origin *Boss-eyed* may be an imit of obs *boss-backed* hump backed and have given r t *boss h d l ss* to miss etc

boss-eyed a person with n eye or r ther n th or e ye in) red (Hotten)

boss Master US from Du *bass* orig uncle of Ger *lase* aunt *c u n*

Our *b as* f r so a Dut h pt l e is called
(J hn D 538 n Pursh)

boston Card game (F) From siege of B¹ ton (1775 C) during Amer War of Independence the technical ties of the game corresponding to siege terms Cf obs *po lobbello* an outdoor game (late 18 cent)

Boswell Alarming biographer From Boswell's *Life of Dr Johnson* (131)

bot bott [dial] Usu pl para tic worm attacking horses and cattle ² Cf ME *bote* AS *b d d i* weevil malt worm Hence according to Hotten *botfy* concentrated orig from stable slave trouble d with the betis

botany Formed by analogy with a *t onom* *ast onom* from *botis* F *botanique* MedL *G bor* *s r* from *flora* *y* plant *Botany Bay* was named by Capt Cook (18 cent) from vegetation

botargo Kind of caviare made from rye of mullet or tunny Obs It *bot go* (*botlarga*) Arab *b dalkhak* Coptic *batarakhon* from Coptic *b i* the and C *τ ρ χ ο* *i* ckle Cf F *boutargue* (Pabla s)

botargo a kind of salt m t made of fish used in Italy in Lent (Flor)

botch¹ [archaic] Protuberance, ulcer, etc
NF *boche*, var of *bosse* (see *boss*¹) Partly
replaced by *blotch*

botch² Verb ME *bocchen*, to patch, later
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bounden. See *bind*

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cf fig senses of *bounce*

bounteous MF *bo interous* from OF *bontif*
benevolent with suffix *-ous* See *bounty*
Altered from *beauteous* etc cf *righteous*

bounty F *bonté* L *bontas* *bontit* good
ness *Queen Anne's Bounty* was established
(1704) from the confiscated first fruits for
the augmentation of poor livings (see
annates) *Lady Bountiful* is a character in
Farquhar's *Beaux St. Alans* (1707)

For sh himself is bo our nd the roote
Of bountee (Chauc B 1535)

bouquet F orig little wood cf F *bo qet*
grove It *losch ilo* See *bush* For sense
cf *Cer Strauss* nouseg orig bush

bourbon [US] Whisky From *Bourbon*
county (Kentucky) named from F *Boirbon*
(Allier) which gave its name to a line of
kings of France

bourdon Bass stop in organ I see *burden*
bourg F see *through*

Y th k th ru t c k d of your bourg
Th m mur of the world (Ger v t & E w)

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representing L *ensis* Cf *burgess* *Bourgeois*
type between long primer and brevier
is said to be from name of a F printer
Others take it to be from the idea of
middle medium contained in the word
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as our *middle class* being contemptuously
applied by intellectuals to those who
pay their way and look after their children
As I write (Dec 1917) Russ citizens
are very busy massacring the *bourgeoisie*
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vives in Iodin's *Boirgeois de Calais* See
also *burgee*

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bourignonism Form of mysticism From
Antoinette Bourignon Flemish mystic (17
cc it)

*bourne*¹ Stream Common in place names
Orig ident with *bu n* (q v) of which it is
a southern form

bound Boundary F *borne* (see *bound*²)

Adopted in 17 cent common in Shaks
and revived by 18-19 cent romantic poets
in imit of the famous pis age below

The und sco r d co ntry from hose bo n
N trav ller ret ms (H ml i j)

Bourse I Stock Exchange esp at Paris
See *purse*

bouse *bowse* See *booze*

*bouse*² *bowse* [n i t] To hoist ? Ba k
formation from *bou esyn* (e s i t) In
to bouse one s j b get t i t t there i a
j lay on *boise*

boustrophedon Written alternat ly fr m
left to right and right to left like co se
of a plough G or turning See *b i m s*
strophe

bout For earlier *bo ht* bend turn (see
bight) from LG *bicht* Du *bo t* or Norw
Dan *bikt* cogn ith *bou* Influenced in
m aning ly obs *bo t* for *abo d* (q v) vs i i
bout ship and perh als by F *bo d* en l
piece Cf *turn ro int* (in a fight tc)

boutade Outburst F from *bouler* to butt¹

bouts rimés F rime l en ds S c *bull*²

bovate (h t) An oxgang (q v) MedL
bovata from L *bos* *bov* or Cf *carucate*
119gate

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b gan to bow bend (s e bow²) Com Teut
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ments from orig sens cf a c ar h¹ The
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bo arch (*Beowulf*) rainbow (*Ælfric Gen*
ix 14) The *bu tr* as Turk instrument
of execution is record d c 1600 A *bow*
windon : a spec type of the earlier *bay*
window With *bow* neck tie etc cf earlier
bow knot

bow Verb AS *b gas* orig strong in
trans Com Teut cf Du *buigen* Ger
begen ON *bja* a Goth *bu a* Trans
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begim to cause to bow (cf *Cer beugen* and
see *buvo n*) Noun *bow* inclination of head
from verb is of late appearance (17 cent)

*bow*² Of ship Borrowed (c 1600) from LG
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(Cha Leg Good Hom: 1387)

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boef booe n bul ten bno (ful)

boef pu r adolescence (ib).

boyar *boyard* Russ title of nobility abolished by Peter the Great but oft n erroneously used by E writers in speaking of landed proprietors squire Russ *boyire* pl of *boya* in grandee of doubtful origin ? from *boy* fight title conferred on feudal barons Cf contr *barin* used (up to 1917) by servants and peasants in addressing squire

boyau [mɪ] Communication trench F gut bowel (1 v)

boycott From the treatment (1880) of *Capt Boycott* of Lough Mask Hou e Co Mayo by the Ir Land League Speedily adopted into most Europ langs

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brace F *brisse* I *brachia* (pl) two arms fathom (cf *metrace*) Hence used of devices for fastening tightning etc Some senses prob from F *bras* L *brachium* (sing) used of many mech devices e.g. *bas de ter ue*

(naut) corresponds to *brace* of a yard In sense of pair of hounds the *brace* was the leash (cf history of *couple*)

bracelet F dim of OF *bracel* L *brachiale* armlet from *brachium* arm

bracer [archaic] Writ guard esp for archers Ol *brasses* re and F *brassard* derivatives of *bras*

L *pooh* arm he baar a gay brace (Ch c A)

brach [archaic] B tch hound (1 Hen 11 m 1) Sl ortened from VL & OF *brachet* dim of OF *brac* hound (cf It *bracco* Sp *braco*) OHG *bracco* (b acke) sleut h und (f I *bracconer* poucher orig hound keeper

brachiopod [biol] From G *brach* w arm *pod* r pod- f ct

brachycephalic [sthn] Short skulled I from G *brach* short *phal* head

bracken ME *braken* prob ON cf Sw *bräken* Dan *brægne* fern S e als *bake*

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brackish From *brack* (Gavin Douglas) Du *brak* *brakwater* with earlier var *brak* Some connect it ult with G *brach* s swamp (only in pl) cf cogn and synon Wel h *meri* *lef* lit marsh water

ur k stand l b k ac d set salsus (h 1)

urack b ack b ack or alu h (He ham)

bracteate L *bracteatus* from *bractea* thin plate

brad ME *brod* ON *broddr* spike cf AS *brord* point Hence *bradawl* With AS *brod* cf dial *brad* to sprout (of corn)

Bradbury [hist] Treasury note bearing (from 1914) signature of *John Bradb*: r3 secreta y to the Treasury

Bradshaw Manchester printer published first railway time table (1833) and monthly railway guide (1831)

brae [hial] ON *brā* cogn with AS *brāw* brow

brag 1st as adj valiant boastful 2nd used of the bay of the trumpet Prob

Bow-bells Bells of *St Mary-le-Bow*, or of the *Arches* (see *arch*¹, *bow*¹), used allusively as symbol of City and cockneydom

bowdlerize *Dr T Bowdler* published (1818) a text of Shakespeare which could "with propriety be read aloud in a family" Cf Ger *ballhornisieren* or *verballhornen*, to spoil a book by "improvements," from *Ballhorn*, a Lubeck printer of the 16 cent,

bowel OF *boel*, *bonel* (*boyau*), L *botellus*, pudding (Martian), dim of *botulus*, sausage, cf It *budello*, OSP *budel* See also *pudding* With symbolical use, as in the *bowels* of *Jhesu Crist* (Wyc *Phil* 1 8), cf fig sense of F *entrailles*, and of E *heart*, *liver*, *kidney*

bower¹ Retreat AS *būr*, dwelling Com Teut, cf OSax *būr*, Ger *bauer*, bird-cage, ON *būr* In ME esp inner room, bed-chamber Sense of leafy arbour, etc is later Cogn with *boor*, *neighbour*, *byre*

bower² [naut] For *bower anchor*, suspended at *bow*³

bower³ Knave at euchre (US) Ger *bauer*, peasant, also knave at cards, or perh cogn Du *boer* Cf *Bowery*

At last he put down a right bower [knave of trumps], Which the same Nye had dealt unto me

(*Heathen Chinee*)

Bowery Part of New York, orig a homestead Du *bowerij* (see *bower*³) The New York *Bowery* was a farm bought (1631) by Governor Stuyvesant for 6400 guilders (Thornton)

bowie For *bowie-knife* (US), popularized by Colonel James Bowie (†1836)

He smiled,—a bitter smile to see,—

And drew the weapon of Bowie

(Bret Harte, *A Moral Vindicator*)

bowl¹ Basin ME *bolle* (see *boll*¹), AS *bolle* Com Teut, cf Du *bol*, Ger *bohle* (from LG), ON, *bolli* Correct mod form would be *boll*, but it has been affected by *bowl*²

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bowler Hat From *bowl*¹, a curious mod parallel to *basinet*

bowline Found much earlier (14 cent) than *bow*³, and prob from OF *bouline*, *bueline* (Wace, 12 cent) Cf It Sp Port *bolina* Of later appearance in Teut langs, e.g. Dan *bouline*, Du *boeghlyn*, in which it is felt as *bow-line* But these may all be folk-etym from the F form, and it is quite possible that the first element is not *bow*, from which it differs in pronunciation Kil glosses *boech-hyne* by *fums bolidis*, which suggests possible connection with L *bolis*, plummet, sounding line

bowse See *bouse*²

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Bow-street runner [hist] Police officer (18 cent), from principal metropolitan police office.

bow-wow Applied by Max Muller (c 1860) to the theory that human speech originated in imitation of animal sounds The earliest record for this word is 1576 It must of course be as old as articulate speech See *pus*

box¹ Orig the tree AS *box*, L *buxus*, G *πύξος* (see *pyv*) Hence receptacle made esp of box-wood, now used in an infinity of senses (cf F *boîte*, Ger *buchse*) Earliest, a small box for drugs, unguents, etc, belonging to lang of medicine, hence, possibly, the *wrong box*, a mistaken remedy, treatment, etc A *Christmas-box* was an earthenware receptacle for the tips of servants, apprentices, etc, broken open for sharing after Christmas, but the oldest sense may belong rather to *box*², cf Sw *julklapp*, Christmas-box, lit Yule-knock (on the door) Hence *Boxing-day*, *Box-cloth* belongs to *box-coat*, a heavy driving-coat worn on the box of a vehicle, the coachman's seat being still a lid, but for this sense of *box* cf Du *bok*, Ger *bock*, lit goat, similarly used To *box the compass*, i.e. to run through all the points in order, prob refers to the box in which the compass is kept, cf F *boussole*, It *bossola*, compass, lit little box

box² A blow Prob a playful application of the above, a present (cf Ger *ohrfeige*, lit. ear-fig) Or perh G *πύξ* (cf L *pugnus*, fist), with clenched fist, as in *πύξ ἀγρόδς*,

prince show off with which cf to bribe
for both senses

les branches de la brui les deux pièces de fer d'acier
que relie le mors (Dict Gén)

brankursine Acanthus bear's breech MedL

branca ursina bear's claw See *branch*

bran new See *brand*

brant goose brent goose Cf Sw *branta*
Ger *brandgans* both sometimes used of the
sheldrake Prob from *brant* with ref to
marking So also *brant* for Ger *brandfisch*
Cf obs *branded* *brindled* (see *brindle*)

bragua [n] *nee na. r l* Government ale

It is derived from *over* and *aquea*, the Latin name for water and it is a good description.

(D by ELP Jun 9 1949)

brash Fragments esp of ice 1 *brèche* cf
It *brecc* : Of Teut origin (*break*) *Brash*

1. *knass* vomiting as in *utler-brass* is
perh the same word cf Ger *brechen* to
vomit lit to break.

brasier See *brazier*

brass AS *bras* with no known cognates

As it was long an alloy of copper and tin (now *bronze*) connection suggests itself with *Frazer* to brew to str molten metal (see *usage*). For slang sense (com) cf *tin*. This week (Feb 11-18 1977) we are invited to subscribe to the great War Loan by the legend brass up printed conspicuously on the Nottingham trim cars. As emblem of endurance or effrontery (*Is xlviii 4*) brass is common from 16 cent onward. With *ass farthing* which I have heard an Irish politician inevitably alter to *brass* sentence of *reluctant*. The gilder's brass is not in *VED* (cf *dioc*) Brass hat staff-officer dates from *Safer War* (1850).

brassage Mint charge for coming F *brasser*
to brew to stir molten metal (? cf *bull on*)
F *braser* MedL. *bracia* *c* is from Late L.
bars corn from which malt is made of
English origin (see *bars* a gift)

brassard Orig armour from sh oulder to
elbow now badge armlet F (see *brace*)

brasserie *f* brewery tavern See *bra sage*

brat From c. 1300 usu associated with
begga Perh ident. with dial brat cloak
pinaf re kin on pornd_ge etc OIr
bra t cloth Cf the some hat s mular use
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co ering

Ische brybour ba rd, wyl begga with thy brattis
(E bar)

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(Wyc 1 Sam xxv 18)

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(Chauc B 4648)

Hee [Capralis] named this land of store of that wood called *brasill* (Purch)

breach ME *breche*, replacing (under influence of cogn F *brèche*) ME *bruche*, AS *bryce*, breaking (cf Ger *bruch*) With *breach of the peace* cf history of *fray* More honoured in the breach than the observance is from *Hamlet* 1.4 Used as verb by whalers of leap or breaking from water of whale (see *broach*)

Asher continued on the sea shore and abode in his breaches [*Vulg* portubus, Wyc havens]

(Judges, v 17)

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The nursery still hops out in all they utter—

Besides, they always smell of bread and butter

(*Beppo*, xxv)

breadth Substituted (16 cent) for earlier *bride*, AS *brēdu* (cf Ger *breite*, Sc. *abrede*, abroad), by analogy with *length* See *broad* break AS *breccan* Com Teut, though the verb is not found in ON, cf Du *breken*, Ger *brechen*, Goth *brikan*, cogn with L *frag-* (*frangere*) Past *brake* archaic and poet *Broke*, for *broken*, in *stony-broke* and in mil sense (see *cashier*², *cast*²) To *breakground* is naut, from weighing anchor, but is also in early use for commencing siege operations To *break the bank* meant earlier (16 cent) to become bankrupt With *break*, *bical* in, to tame, etc. cf F *rompre* From this is developed to *break one of a habit*, etc To *break news* (*a secret*, etc) had orig no sense of caution (cf *broach*). To *break a jest* (*joke*) is modelled on earlier to *break a lance* To *break the ice* is first used of arctic exploration (c 1600) A *break* at billiards (or croquet) belongs to *break* in the archaic sense of taking a new direction In the sense of run of luck it occurs in US 1827 For *break*, vehicle, see *brake*⁴ With *breakfast* cf F *déjeuner*, from L *dis* and *jejunus*, fasting

We brake ground out of the sound of Plimouth on Thursday the 28 of August

(*Drake's last voyage*, Hakl x 226)

rompu aux affaires practised, much overused, fully beaten in, well acquainted with, the course of businesses (Cotg)

Who breaks a butterfly upon a wheel? (Pope)

breaker [*naut*] Small cask. Perversion of *barrico* (Purch), from Sp *barrica*, cask (see *barrel*, *barricade*) ²For corrupt cf. *grotper* In recent accounts (Feb 1917) of U-boat brutalities *beaker* has sometimes occurred in this sense, a perversion due to ignorance (cf *broach*, *brow*²)

bream¹ Fish F *brème*, OF *bresme*, OHG *brahsema* (*brassen*), cf Du *brasem*

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vuy lode of brome spent abought the bremyng of the ships sides (Nav Accts 1495-97)

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breastsummer *bressummer* [archaic] Horiz-
zontal beam over large opening lintel
From *breast* and dial *summer* beam F
sommier (see *simpler*) Cf *breastwork* p 1 a
p 1 (q v)

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vapour Orig long vowel survives in
breathe In mod senso has replaced (from
c 1300) AS *ǣth n* ML *ethem* (cf Ger *atem*
olem) which points to the br of *breath*
brodem being a worn down prefix Wider
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ma ble

brede Archai form of *braid* u ed by several
mod poets (Keats Tennyson etc)

brech Now usu *breeches* double pl *breech*
be ng AS *brēc* pl of *b oc* (as *foot feet*)
Com Teut cf Du *broec* Ger *bruch* ON
brōk (whence name of Ragnar Lodbrog
hairy breeches) Prob cogn with L
braccæ breeches (see *br gue*) It is un-
certain whether anatomical or sartorial
sense is earlier or whether the group of
ords is orig Teut or Celt Hence archaic
brech to flog (Shrew iii 1) To wear the
breeches (16 cent) has foreign parallels
With *breech of a fire arm* cf synon F *cui*
lasse from *cul posterior* The *Breeches Bible*
(Geneva 1560) was anticipated by Wye
Th y sowed it to g d lerves f fig tree and
mad be i brech 1 (W c Ge ill 7)

breed Orig to conceive give birth to etc
AS *brēda* cf Ger *brüten* to hatch and
see *b ood* The ground idea is that of
warmth cf Ger *b iken* to boil make
broth which in dial means also to hatch
as does also Du *b oeyen* For archaic *breed*
bale fomentor of quarrels see *bale*¹

Th J 120 "What i meant by th word breed
bates? Mr Thoma It a god Shakespear
sp east n, my l d (Jall M 26 Apr 9 1916)

breeks [dial] Northern form of *breeches*
ON *b rāk* pl of *brēk*

breeze [a cha c] Caddis (Int w Ckrop iii
10) AS *brōas* Ieri cog 1 with synon
lr ar (ob) ON *br ms* Ger *brēmse* Swiss

brame from a root meaning to hum Cf
Sanskrit *bhāra nara* bee

1 a [a] bri e bri u s e g ibee d n
oxli (Cotg)

breeze Wind Earlier *brise* Ong N or N F
wind F *brise* cf Sp *brisa* App a sailors
alteration of F *bise* NF wind OHC *bisa*
The ordinary brise in the Atlantic is
described in the Hawkins v age of 1561
as either N E or N W
bri e t r b s the outh wind (C 18)

breeze² Small coke F *brais* as in *brase* le
boulange bakers breeze See *braise*

brehon [hist] Ancient Irish judge Ir
breathnach from *breth* judgment

brent goose See *brant* *oose*

brer In *Brer Rabbit* Negro corrupt of *bro*
ther perh due to Du *broer* usual pronunc
of *broeder*

bressummer See *breastsummer*

brethren See *brother*

bratwala [hist] AS *bratwælla* Britain
ruler (v lder) a title applied in the AS
Chron cle to Egbert and retrospectively to
se en other AS rulers who had real or
nominal heg mony Corresponds to *retor*
Britanniae in a charter of Athelstan

breve [mus] For *bruf* though it is now the
longest note Also in other tech senses
prob sometimes representing It *breve*
b c b r i t n m l k (Flo)

brevet Orig a papal indulgence F dim
of *brief* short (see *brief*) *Brevet* rank does
not carry corresponding pay

breviary L *brevia rium* summary from *b e*
vis short Hence *bre rier* type orig us d
in *b eviaries* (cf *long f rmer pica*)

brevier [typ] See *breviary*

brevity AF *brevitudo* (cf F *bride* *eld*) L *brev* as
from *b evis* short brief

brew AS *b rōuan* Com Teut cf Du
brouwen Ger *brauen* ON *brugga* See
brewster *broth* *nbrew*

brewis *brow* s *brose* [dial] Broth etc. OF
brœ pl of *brœt* (whence obs *brouet*) cf use
of *b oth* por idge as pl in some dials OF
bro tisdum of *b o* broth (cf It *b ot*) OHC
brod Related to *bread* and *br w* from the
essential root of food preparation cf AS
brēan to prepare food The ad ptn of
the pl form may have been partly due to
association with *cup* s (see *col n 1*) *Athole*
brose is a mixture of whisky and honey
b evis *essale* *dis* ta (Lit)

Mal e press d th i t i th w b row
r m i n i g th m th w f w a t u t of 14 h J
(Asiatic p d th xv)

brewster Now only in *Brewster Sessions* or as surname The fem ending *-ster* is due to the fact that brewing was often a female calling Cf *barter* for *baker*

briar, brier Earlier *brere*, AS *brær*, *brēr*, of unknown origin For change of sound cf. *friar* (q v) But in *briar* (root) *pipe*, earlier *bruyer* (1868), we have F *bruyère*, heather, Late L *brugaria*, prob Celt

Briarean With a hundred hands From *Briareus*, giant of G myth

bribe Earliest sense (Chauc A 4417) app to steal, extort, or, as noun, plunder, undeserved alms This is app F *bribe*, broken meat, fragment, OF also *brimbe*, from OF *briber*, *brumber*, to beg, of unknown origin Cf Sp *bribar*, to be a vagabond, It *brubare*, "to play the sly knave" (Flor)

bribe a peecce, lumpe, or cantill of bread, given unto a beggar (Cotg)

bric-a-brac Things collected at hazard F *à bric et à brac*, *de bric et de broc*, by hook or crook, cf OF *en bloc et en blic* (Gringoire) In such formations (*see-saw*, *zig-zag*) only the fuller vowel as a rule needs explanation Prob the starting-point here is OF *broc*, fork (see *brooch*)

brick F *brigue* in mod sense is from E, but the E word appears to be OF *brigue*, fragment, and this, in its turn, is AS *bryce*, fragment, cogn with *break*, or from some related Teut word Fig sense (19 cent) is perh due to idea of firmness and steadfastness The *brickbat*, "the typical ready missile, where stones are scarce" (NED), was known as such to Milton See *bat*¹

bricole "Cushion" stroke at tennis or billiards Earlier a military catapult It *bricola*, prob of Teut origin and cogn with *break* In 16-17 cents often perverted to *brick-wall*

bricole a bricke wall, a side-stroke at tennis also, a kind of engine wherewith, in old time, they beat downe walls (Cotg)

bridal AS *brýð-cala*, wedding-feast (ale) Mod form influenced by *espousal*, *nuptial*, etc

Church ales, help ales, and soul-ales, called also dirge-ales, and heathenish noting at bride-ales (Harrison, *Description of England*, 1577)

bride¹ Wife Earlier also betrothed (as still Ger *bräut*) AS *brýð* Com Teut, cf Du *bruid*, Ger *bräut* (OHG *brūt*, whence F *bru*, daughter-in-law), ON *brúthr*, Goth *brūths* Perh from same root as *brew*, *broth*, *bread*,

etc (cf hist of *lord*, *lady*) *Bridegroom* was substituted for ME *bridegome*, as *gome*, man (cogn with L *homo*), became obs This is AS *brýð-guma* Com Teut, cf Du *bruidgom*, Ger *bräutigam*, ON *brúthgum*, but Goth *brūthfathis*, bride-lord

bride² Bonnet-string F, *bridle* (q v)

bridewell [hist] Prison From *Bridewell*, i e *St Bride's* (*Bridget's*) *Well*, London, orig a hospital, later a house of correction

A special constable was fined for disorderly conduct and assaulting the police at the bridewell [at Liverpool] (*Daily Expr* Aug 5, 1919)

bridge¹ Across water AS *brycg* Com Teut, cf Du *brug* (as in *Zeebrugge*), Ger *brücke*, ON *bryggja*, landing-stage It is prob that the most primitive bridge was a wooden causeway over a swamp and that the orig meaning is rather board, log (cf Ger *prügel*, cudgel) With *bridge of gold*, to make enemy's retreat easy, cf similar use of F *pont d'or* The *bridge of the nose* occurs in ME *Mil bridge-head* translates F *tête de pont*

bridge² Card-game of Russ origin For earlier (1886) "*brutch*, or Russian whist" Origin unknown Its Russ name is *vint*, screw

Bridgetine Member of order of *St Bridget* (14 cent)

Bridgewater prize Instituted by *Earl of Bridgewater* (1825) Cf *Nobel*

His essay was highly spoken of, and narrowly escaped obtaining a Bridgewater prize (*Ingoldsby*)

bridle AS *brīdel*, for earlier *brīgdel*, from *bregdan*, to pull, turn (see *braud*) Cf Ger *zugel*, *bridle*, from *ziehen*, to pull WGer, cf Du *breidel*, OHG *brittel* Hence to *bridle* (*up*), toss the head, with which cf similar use of Sc *blank* (q v) F *bride* is from Teut

How would she have bridled had she known that they only shared his meditations with a pair of breeches (*Ingoldsby*)

bridoon [mil] Snaffle F *bridon*, from *bride*, *bridle* (v s)

brief ME *bref*, OF *brief* (*bref*), L *brevis*, short As in *chief*, the mod spelling represents the correct OF form Orig mis-sive, esp papal letter Cf Ger *brief*, letter As adj it occurs a little later A barrister's *brief*, i e summary of the case, appears in 17 cent Found in all Teut langs, exc AS, as a loan-word from official L

brier. See *briar*

brig Short for *brigantine* (q v) though the rigs are now distinct the latter being what is called a hermaphrodite brig

brigade I It *briga* company crew rout of good fellows (Flor) from *briga* are to fight wrangle from Late L *briga* strife dubious connected with the Teut *break* group Note that *Brigade* is not a general but a cavalry corporal Application of *briga* to civil organization (*fire shoeblack Church lat*) is 19 cent

brigand F It *brigante* from *briga* (see *brigade*) Orig light armed soldier but banlit sense appears almost a early

brigantine *brigitine* [a chine] Light coat of mail F from *brigand* (q) Revived by Scott

I b h th sp ars and put o th br dan (J xl 4)

brigantine F *brigitine* It *brigitine* of MedL *brigitinus* Perh orig skumish in or pirate ship (cf *sack*) See the preceding words and also *brig baquent ne* It is a Mediterranean word and has never been a recognized L type of ship

bricht AS *bercht* also *belt* *bricht* (om Teut but lat in other langs cf OSax *berht* OHG *bercht* ON *bjart* Gotl *baht* These survive in the *Brit* *bricht* (cf Teut names lit com with L *br* are For fig senses cf *duil*)

Bright's disease Diagnosed (182) by D R *Bright* Cf *Graes di es*

brigue F intri ue orig strife See *brigade*

brill h and of turbot Farther *brill* (cf Pret *brill* *brel* mackerel Corn *brilli* mackerel for *brilli* (cf Wel h *brithyll*) app from a Celt root potted whence also *brt* *brt* *brt* obs names for turbot

brilliant F *brill* nt from *brill* r to sh n It *brill*re AL *berillare* (see *be* y) For *brilliance* cf *brilliance* etc

brim ME *brimme* ed e of the s a Cf ON *brim* MHG *brim* whence *br* *br* *br* to border with lace (cf *br* *br* *br*)

brimstone ME *be* s (t in *brim*) ton lira stone Cf ON *brinn* *brinn* (Du *brinn* *brinn* Ger *bernstein* mean ambe) Survival of *br* m form is perh due to association with obs *brim* *brine* *fier* *fier* fiery

brindle *brindle* Also *brind* d f r earlier *brund* f orig marked as though by brand ing or burning or from ON *brund* *brund* in sense of staff (cf ON *staf* *staf*) But the later *brindle* is due to association with *brunel* common nickname and sur

name in ME This is OF *brunel* from *brun* brown Similarly *Brindle* (Lane) was formerly *brun hill*

brine AS *brýne* cf Du *brijn* Earlier lit unknown With a *dis* in the *briny* cf Dick Swiveller's use of the *mary* (rosy)

bring AS *brin* in Com Teut but app lost early in ON cf Du *brin* in Ger *bringen* Goth *briggan* The *VED* points out that in sense it is the causal of *come* the opposite idea being expressed by *take* Thu to *bring* off a *catch* is to make it *come* off

brinjal [An 'o-Ind] Fruit of egg plant Port b in *ella* cf Sp *be engena* Arab *bad nijan* from Pers *bālin-gun* See *aubergine* which is the same word

brinjarry [Anglo-Ind] Travelling merchant Urdu *banjā* ult. from Sanskrit *vanj* trade Cf *brinjan*

brink ME *brink* *brink* cf Du LG *brink* hill-side Dan *brink* precipice cogn with ON *brekk* hill side Now usu fig on the *brink* *brink* of the grave but in its hist parall with *brim*

brismus Vivacity It of doubtful origin but prob Celt cf. Ir *brigh* power

briony See *briony*

brquette F dim of *brigue* brick (q v)

brsk F *brusque* It *brusco* rough prob from *brusco* furze which may be ult cogn with *bristle* Cf *brisque* earlier *brusk* which appears almost as soon as *brisk* For change of vowel in latter (for F or Celt) cf *brun* *brisky* *brisk* had early r tie current sense of *brisque*

brusque *briske* h ly q icke also wild were h ish (C ig)

brisket Earlier *brusche* OF *brusche* *bruschet* (br ket) The meaning and the fact that it is glossed *pectusculum* in ME (for Cath Angl) suggest an irregular dim from Ger *brust* breast

bristle Orig of pigs only ME *brustel* (cf Du *bristel*) dim of AS *bryst* cogn with *br* *br* *br* Cf also Ger *bü* *br* brush

Bristol AS *brycg* slow bridge-place Associated like *Bath* with several products and manufactures Archai *Bristol* fashion (naut) shipshape is an a usm to its early pre eminence as seaport

brit See *brit*

Britain ME *Brētan* OF *Britagne* (Bre tagne) L *Britann* a (f r *Britann* a) G *Britann* a origin of which is doubtful. The

F word replaced AS *Breten*, *Bietenland*, *Bretland*, but was only in lust or antiquarian use till Tudor times. James I was proclaimed King of *Great Britain Little Britain* was applied to Brittany in France, hence also to a street in London once inhabited by Breton immigrants. *Brittany* is also commonly used for *Britain* in 16-17 cents. *Britannia*, as national personification, is first mentioned by Pepys in connection with a medal. *Britannia metal* is early 19 cent. *British*, AS *bryttisc*, is purely geog. in ME, being first used of the race by Shaks (*Lea*, iii 4). *British Schools* were founded (1808) by the *British and Foreign Bible Society*. *Breton* is F acc. of OF *Bret*, Late L *Britto-n-* *Britisher* (US) is prob. due to Ger. or Du. influence.

brtt [*dial*] West country (Dev. & Corn.) name for spawn of herring, sprat, etc. Used also by Melville in *Moby Dick* of the spawn on which whales feed. A Corn. word, ult. cogn. with *brill*.

brittle ME *brutel* (also *brotel*, *brutel*), from AS *brēotan*, to break. Cf. obs. and synon. *brickle*, from *break*, or L *fragilis* from *frangere* (*frag*). To *brittle* (ven.), break up (a stag), is a frequent form of *brēotan*.

britzka Pol. *bryczka*, dim. of *bryka*, heavy wagon.

Lord Bareacres' chariot, *britzka*, and fourgon (*Vanity Fair*, ch. lxii).

brize See *breeze*¹.

broach Spit, and hence, various sharp or tapering objects. Cf. *brooch*, which is the same word. F *broche*, spit, cogn. with L *broccus*, projecting (of teeth), used by Varro, and prob. of Celt. origin, cf. It. *brocca*, Sp. *broca*. Hence to *broach* a cask, and, fig., a subject. Naut. to *broach* to perch comes from the metaphor of the spit turning back. In quot. below *broach* is app. a mistake for *breach* (q.v.). See *breaker*.

[The damaged submarine] shortly afterwards broached about 500 yards away.

(*Amer. Official*, Nov. 24, 1917).

broad AS *brād*. Com. Teut., cf. Du. *breed*, Ger. *breit*, ON *breithr*, Goth. *brailhs*. With the Norfolk *Broads*, i.e. *broad waters*, cf. *narrows* (of water). *Broadcast* was used orig. of seed scattered on the surface instead of in drills or furrows. *Broad Church*, by analogy with *High and Low*, was coined by Clough (c. 1850). *Broadcloth* was at first (15 cent.) two yards wide. A *broadsheet*, earlier *broadside*, was printed on one side

only. *Broadside* of a ship is in Shaks. (2 *Hen. IV.*, ii 4), cf. synon. F *bordée*, from *bord*, side (of ship). *Broadsword* is found in AS and then not till 16 cent. Archaic *broadpiece* (coin) was first applied, on the introduction of the guinea (1663), to the older Jacobus and Carolus, which were broader and thinner. *Broadway* was once a familiar compd., as still in New York, Hammersmith, etc. (cf. *highway*).

They of the Barbara shotte ther brood syde of ordynaunce at the Spanyshe shyppe.

(*Voyage of the Barbara*, 1540).

Brobdignagian Gigantic. From land of *Brobdignag* (*Gulliver's Travels*, 1726).

Coined by Swift. Cf. *Lilliputian*.

brocade Earlier also *brocado*, Sp. Port., cf. It. *broccato*. Orig. p.p. of verb corresponding to F *brocher*, to work with needle. See *broach*, *brooch*, *brochure*.

brocard [*archaic*] Gibe, orig. maxim. F., from Burchard, bishop of Worms (11 cent.), author of *Regulae Ecclesiasticae*.

brocattelle F., It. *broccatello*, dim. of *broccato*, *brocade* (q.v.).

broccoli It., pl. of *broccolo*, sprout, dim. of *brocco*, spike (see *broach*). First record in Evelyn.

broccoli: the stalkes, sproutes or tops of coleworts (Flor.).

broch [*antiq.*] Prehistoric building (N.E. Scotland). ON *borg*, fort, borough (q.v.).

broché F., stitched (v.i.).

brochure F., from *brocher*, to stitch (sheets together). See *broach*, *brooch*.

brock [*dial.*] Badger (q.v.). AS *brocc*, of Celt. origin, cf. Welsh *broch*, badger, *broc*, of mixed colour, Gael. *broc*, badger. Perh. cogn. with G. *φορκός*, grey (cf. its other names, *bawson*, *gray*), or with L. *broccus* (see *broach*), from its projecting jaw (cf. *pike*).

brocket [*ven.*] Stag in second year. F. *brocart*, "a two-year-old deer, which if he be a red deer, we call a brocket, if a fallow, a pricket" (Cotg.), from *broche*, spike (see *broach*). Cf. *pricket*.

brodrick [*mil. slang*] Peaked cap introduced into British Army by St. John Brodrick, Secretary for War (1900-3).

brogue Ir. Gael. *bróg*, shoe, from ON *brōk*, *breeches* (q.v.), OIr. *brōc* occurring in compds. for various nether garments. Cf., for vague meaning, F. *chausses*, *breeches* (ult. from L. *calx*, *calc-*, heel). App. *brogue*, Irish accent, is a playful allusion to national attire.

brouder [*trachea*] Lengthened from MF *brouder* *Γ* *brouder* OF *brouder* (Prov *brouder*) from a prob Celt root which appears in MedL *brosidus* opus phrygium acupictum. The -oi is due to MF *brouden* AS *brýden* p p of *ð egdan* (see *brat*) whi I was perh also associated with the Prov form (v s) and in early use there is confusion in sense between the two words (v i). The word is thus of rather complicated origin. The surname *Brouder* (*broudsie*) preserves an older form.

Of g lismythee of tro dnyx and of st l
(Cha A 2173)

I broude a brouderer dith a bestin te j t do
(F l g)

I broude he a le such lyke) torhille
B ayd y u h a p (b)

Not w th lroude ha r gold or p l, ostly
rav (s Tim ii q)

broil Quarrel from obs *broil* to mix up *Γ* *brouiller* cf It *imbroglio*. The I and It forms suggest connection with *Γ* *brevil* thicket jungle (whence the *Broyle* Sussex) from Gaulish *brogiolos*.

broil Orig to burn char *Γ* *bróil*. Earliest ME form is *brule*. Prob influenced by *boil* but E is fond of oi (see *foist reco*). *Γ* *brúle* OF *brusle* is of unknown origin (? L *ustulare* from *urere* ust to burn × Ger *brennen*).

broke [*trach*] Short staped broken vool *Cf* *noil*.

broker AF *brokier* OF *brocheor*. Supposed to have meant orig a *broacher* and seller of wine (see *broach*). B t mod sense is prob influenced by some other word of wider meaning. We find also AF *abroco* r corresponding to MedL *abbreviator* which may have been confused with MedL *brocator* a broker lit one who brings buyer and seller mouth to mouth. Cf It *abbocca* here and *Γ* *aboucher* from *bocca* *bouche* mouth VL *bucca*. A plausible theory connects the word with Sp *albóroque* a gratuity given to one that makes up a bargain between two in the nature of brokerage (Stevens) recorded as early as 1000 and derived from Hebr *berá'ak* present or cogn Arab *baráka*. The medieval brokers were often Jews or Arabs. Cf Prov *abroca* brokerage *Hone* *Γ* *broker* in pol sense is Bismarck's *chlicher mákler* (in Reichstag Feb 19 1878).

ab6 tve a br k ad les-man s h s bing
men to pe k together (Flor)

broly [*collog*] I *erversion of umbrella* I do not know the phonetic explanation.

bromine [*chen*] I or earlier *brome* *Γ* from *Γ* *βρῦμος* stink.

bronchitis ModL (early 19 cent) ult from *Γ* *βρῦχος* wind pip. See *its* and cf other med couages in *broncha bronchio-bronco*. Half tamed horse (Mexico and California) Sp rough of unknown origin. Cf *mustan* *lariat* *quirt* etc.

bronze *Γ* It *brun o* from *Brundisium* (Brindisi). Pliny speaks of *aes Brundisium*. Cf *lust* of copper.

brooch Var of *broach* (q v) in sense of pin differentiation of spelling being quite mod. **brood** AS *brōd* cogn with *breed* (j) cf Du *broed* Ger *brut*. With v rb to brood (over) cf fig senses of Ger *brüten* and F *cocoyer* (see *cotey*).

brook Noun AS *bróc* cf Du *broek* marsh. Ger *bruck* marsh prob cogn with *break*. In *brookline* kind of speedwell the second element is not *line* but AS *hleo* *noc* name of the plant.

brook Verb AS *brucan* to use. Com Teut cf Du *braken* Ger *brauchen* to use Goth *brukjan* ult cogn with L *frui* *fruct* to enjoy. With mod meaning usu neg cf to *have no use* for. Intermediate sense was to digest etc (cf to *stomach*). Let *bruk* th present hour (S b i d).

broom AS *bróm* cf Du *braam* Ger *br m*. See *bramb*. For application of plant to implement *Γ* *brush*.

brose See *bous*.

broth AS *broth* cogn with *brew* cf OHG *brod* OV *broth*. Widely adopted in Rom langs (see *brews imbrue*). Hence *broth* of a boy (Ir) the essence of manhood as *broth* is the essence of meat (Joyce).

brothel ME *brothel* vile person of either sex from AS *brōtha* to go to ruin (cf synon *lovel* from to e). Mod sense springs from a confusion (c 1600) of *brothel house* with obs *borlel* *Γ* (cf It *bordello*) little house of Trust origin (board).

brother AS *brothor* Aryan cf Du *broeder* Ger *bruder* OV *brōthir* Goth *brōthar* L *frater* C *φρα ηρ* Sanskrit *bhrātṛ* G el Ir *bráthair* *Brethren* is a mixture of t o pl forms *brother* and *brothren*.

brougham From Loré *Broigham* (c 1850) Cf *spence sandwich* etc.

brow Of eye or hill AS *brū* eye lash lid brow unrelated according to the best authorities with *bras* (q v). In O' *brun*

eyebrow, *brā*, eye-lid, and OHG *brū*, later replaced by MHG *brā*, *brāw-*, we have similar pairs, cf Sanskrit *bhrūs*, eye-brow. Poet sense of forehead is 16 cent. In *brow-beat* (16 cent) the brow is that of the threatener. This compd appears also to have been associated in use with *beetle-browed* (q v).

Into the same hue doe they [Turkish women] die their eye-breies [?eye lids, or -lashes] and eye-browes (Sandys, 1615, in Purch)

brow² [*naut*] Landing-plank for horses. Dan or Sw *bru*, bridge, ON *brū*. Used in offic account of Zeebrugge raid (Apr 23, 1918). First NED record is from Smyth (1867), but see below. The newspaper accounts of Zeebrugge sometimes substituted *pro*w.

A brow [MS *brew*] or stage made at the stem of the ship (Phineas Pett, 1609)

browis See *brewis*

brown AS *brūn*. Com Teut, cf Du *bruun*, Ger *braun*, ON *brūnn*. Also adopted, like so many colour-words, by the Rom langs. Its earliest meaning contained also the idea of brightness (see *bunish*), hence it is in QF & ME a common epithet of the sword. To shoot *into the brown* is to shoot where the birds are so thick that missing is difficult. *Brown Bess* (18 cent) for earlier *brown musket*, was the old regulation flint-lock with brown walnut stock, it has been suggested that *Bess* is here for Ger *buchse* (see *arquebus*, *blunderbuss*), but it is more prob a personal name (see *Bess*). *Brown George* was used in 17 cent of a coarse loaf (cf F *gros-Guillaume* in same sense), in 19 cent of a brown wig (*Ingoldsby*) and a brown jug (*Tom Brown at Oxford*). *Browme* (Sc) is a little brown elf or goblin. With *brown study*, "gloomy meditations" (Johns), we may perh compare F *offusquer*, to overshadow, create melancholy absorption, from L *fuscus*, brown. *aonner la muse à* to amuse, or put into dumps, to drive into a brown study (Cotg).

browning Revolver. From inventor (c 1900), cf *derringer*, *bowie*, etc.

Brownist [*hist*] Adherent of Robert Browne (c 1581), puritan theologian (Independent).

browse From obs noun *browse*, young shoots on which cattle feed. OF *brouz*, pl of *broust*, from *brouster* (*brouler*), to browse. App from a Teut root meaning to sprout, perh cogn with *breast*.

rescat salicū frondes browse made for beasts of withie bowes (Coop).

frondator a wood lopper, a browser (ib).

bruin Du, brown, name of the bear in the Old Flemish poem *Reineke Vos*, Reynard the Fox. It appears first in Caxton's transl. See *renard*, *chanticleer*, *monkey*.

bruise Mixed form from AS *brīesan* (in *lō-brīesan*, to break to pieces) and AF *bruser*, OF *bruister*, var of *briser*, to break, prob from the AS word, ?of Celt origin. *Bruser*, pugilist, is used by Horace Walpole.

bruit Usu with *about*, *abroad*. From *bruut*, rumour, F, orig p p of *bruire*, to sound, etc, prob of unit origin (cf *bray*¹).

Brummagem For *Bromwicham* (*Thersites*, 1537), corrupt, under influence of *Bromwich*, of *Brumidgeham*, for *Bumming(e)ham*. The orig allusion is to counterfeit coin made there.

Bromwicham, particularly noted a few years ago, for the counterfeit groats made here (NED 1691).

brumous F *brumeux*, from *brume*, mist, L *bruma*.

brunette F, "a nut-browne girl" (Cotg), dim of *brune*, brown (q v).

Brunswick LG form of Ger *Braunschweig*, adopted in F & E. Hence *Brunswick black* (cf *Prussian blue*), *Black Brunswicker* (hussar), *House of Brunswick*, Hanover having once consisted of the Electorate of Brunswick-Lüneburg.

brunt Usu with *to bear*. Orig (c 1325) a blow, whence stock phrase *at the first brunt*. ?From ON *brundr*, sexual heat, as in *brund-filh*, rutting time, cogn with *burn*², cf Ger *brunst*, ardour, etc. Regular occurrence of *at the first brunt* suggests a sense-development like that of *blush*.

primo impetu at the first brunt (Coop).

brush Orig loppings of trees, faggots, etc, OF *brousse*, whence F *broussailles*, thicket, brushwood, of Teut origin, cf Ger *busche*, a brush, *borste*, a bristle. The implement *brush* is ult the same word (cf *broom*). The fox's *brush* (cf synon Ger *rute*, lit rod) is recorded c 1700. *To brush by* (*against*, etc) is from the idea of frictional contact, but there is an archaic *brush*, to decamp, spec from archaic F *brosser*, used of a stag, etc making off through the brushwood. With *brush*, encounter, cf F *se froter à quelqu'un* and somewhat similar use of *rub*.

brushes to make brushes on *bruvère* (Palsg).

For, that one of their drummers, and one Sergeant Matcham.

Had "brush'd with the dibs," and they never could catch 'em (*Ingoldsby*).

brusque *F* see *brisk*
Brussels *Lace* (Richardson) and *sprouts* (18 cent) are recorded earlier than *carpets*
brute *F* from *L brutus* dull stupid In earliest occurrence (15-10 cents) always as adj qualifying *beast*
brutus Wig and style of hair-dressing (19 cent) Said to be from a style of hair dressing affected by people of Republican ideas
bryology [*bot*] Study of mosses From *G βρυο* moss, *y* sea weed
bryony *L* (*βρυο* a from *G βρυον* to burst forth)
Brythonic [*ethn & lin*] From Welsh *brython* Briton Introduced by Rhys in contrast to *Goidelic* (*q v*)
bub¹ [*slang*] Drink For *bib*
bub² [*slang*] Breast (of woman) For earlier *bubby* cf Ger dial *bubbs* teat From baby lang
bub³ [*US*] Boy regarded as m of *sis* sis er but app from Ger *bube* boy (*q v*) The m. of *sis* is rather *bid* which may stand for *neuro brudder*
bubble Earlier *bu ble* Of imit origin f *bubble* blob etc Hence *bubble* to cheat to delude with bubbles or unrealities Its very common use in 18 cent is *perh spec* due to the *South Sea Bubble* (1710-20) *Bubble and squeak* yesterday's vegetables etc fried up is an allusion to the noise of frying *Bubble reputation* is from *As You Like It* II, 1
What mortals bubble? If and so eak
When midst the fry g p n i a ents s g
The be lso s i y qu r i with the calb g
(Peter P d)
bubbly jock [*Se*] Turkey-cock Imit cf *gobbler* *Jock* is *Sc* for *j.ck* (*q v*)
bubonic From Late *L tubo* *G β β v* groin swelling in groin
buccaneer Orig French hunter in San Domingo who prepared the flesh of wild oven by means of a *boucan* (*v i*) Later a free-booter and finally a pirate Cf *F boucan* smoke-dried *Boucan* is a Tupi (Brazil) word taken to Hayti by early travellers It is so explained (Purch xvi 319) by a Frenchman who was in Brazil 1557-8
boucan: a wood in gridron wh reon th c bals
h il pieces of men doth r il h (Cotg)
buccinator [*anat*] Cheek muscle *L* trumpet from *buccina* trumpet
bucellas White wine Village near Lisbon
bucentaur State barge in which on Ascension Day the Doge of Venice went to wed

the Adnatic by dropping a ring into it It *bucentoro* supposed to allude to the figure head of centaur See *bicephalus centaur*
bucephalus Horse of Alexander the Great *G βου κεφαλος* ox headed from *βου* ox *κεφαλη* head Cf *bayard rosinante* etc
buck¹ Animal *AS bucc* male deer *bucca* he goat Com Teut cf *Du bok* Ger *bock* *ON bokkr* all orig he goat also adopted by Rom & Celt langs *Med* application to a man (from c 1700) has a curious parallel in *ON bokki* my good fellow old *bu k* (cf *US old host*) Hence prob also to *buck* *1 p Buckbean* *Du bockstoon* goat bean also altered to *bog bean* *Buckj* *1 p* i e to jump like a buck *Austral* *Buck shot rule* in Ireland (c 1830) was popularly associated with W F I rster Secretary for Ireland With *bucklorn* cf *It spi o cervino* from *cervo* deer
buck² [*d al*] Body of vehicle as still in *U b ckboard* *AS buc* trunk belly (cf Ger *bauch*)
buck³ [*dial*] To wash clothes whence *buck basket* (*Merry Wives* iii 5) Cf *Sw byka* Ger *bauchen* (*MIIG buchn* whence *F buer*) It *bucare* prob com with *AS bic* pitcher still in dial use
bu ket wa he cloth s r (F lg)
buckeen [*Ir*] Squireen of poorer class From *bick* with dim suffix cf *clic squireen* etc
bucket *AF byket biquet* dim from *AS buc* pitcher (see *buck*) but prob assoiated also with *F laquet* bucket *B ch t shop* in New York is a low gin mill or distillery where small quantities of pint are dispensed in pitchers and pails When the shop dealing with one share and five share lots of stocks were opened these dispensaries of smaller lots than could be got from regular dealers were at once named bucket shops (*New York Evening Post* Oct 1831) With verb to *buck* in riding or rowing cf to *pun p* To *kick the l chet* is prob from dial *buck* beam yoke (cf to *kick the beam*) OF *biquet* balance which survives in *F t bucket* This is a separate word of obscure origin
Sw ft r than h that g bbet on th b ower sb cket
(H IV iii)
buckie [*Se*] Whelk shell App from *I buccin* n whelk lit trumpet.

buckle F. *boucle*, which in OF meant cheek, strap of helmet, boss of shield (see *buckle*), L *buccula*, dim of *bucca*, mouth With to *buckle to*, set hard to work, cf to *gnd up one's loins* preparatory to active exertion, and see *fettle* *Buckle*, to bend, is included here by the *NED*, but is surely rather connected with Du *buigen*, to bend, or Ger *buckel*, hump, cogn. with *bow*¹

Reason doth buckle and bowe the mind unto the nature of things (Bacon)

boghel, *beughel* hemicyclus, semicirculus, curvatura semicircularis (Kil)

My lady Batten and her daughter look something askew upon my wife because my wife do not buckle to them (Pepys, Aug 25, 1661).

to *buckle to his business* se ad opus accingere (Litt)
das kleid sitzt *puckelicht* this suit of clothes doth pucker (Ludw)

buckler F *boucher*, VL **buccularium* (sc *scutum*), with a boss (see *buckle*)

Trenchet ces hanstes et cez escus bucklers
(Roland, 1968)

buckra Master, white man, in negro patois of Surinam From Calabar *bakra*, master.

buckram Orig a fine cotton fabric, later applied to an inferior material used as stiffening ME *bukheram*, *bougeren*, etc., OF *boquerant* (*bougran*), cf MedL *boquerannus* and forms in most Europ langs Origin doubtful, perh from *Bokhara* (cf *astrakhan*, etc) Some authorities regard it as a corrupt of obs *barriacan* (see *barrağan*) Men in *buckram* is after 1 Hen IV, ii 4 For form cf *program*, for vague meaning *camel*

He [Kerenski] wasted time in delivering an oration, and the Red Guards scattered his buckram army
(T Buchan)

buckshee [mil slang] See *bukshee*

buckthorn See *buck*¹

buckwheat Du *boekweit*, first element meaning *beech*, this wheat having grains shaped like those of beech-mast Cf Ger *buchweizen* and It *fagopiro*, from *fago*, beech It was introduced from Asia (15 cent) whence its F name *sarrasin*

bucolic L, G. *βοκολικός*, from *βουκόλος*, herdsman, from *βοῦς*, bull

bud ME *boðde* Cf Du *bot*, Ger *bütten*, in *hagebütten*, hips and haws, lit hedge-buds Origin unknown F *bouillon* is from Teut.

Buddhism From *Buddha*, lit the enlightened, awakened, p p of Sanskrit *budh*, to awake, perceive, applied to a series of

heaven-scent teachers, and spec to Gautama, also called Sakyamuni and Siddhartha (fl 5 cent BC in Northern India).

bude light Invented (19 cent) by Gurney, who lived at *Bude* (Cornwall)

budge A "low word" (Johns) F *bouge*, to stir, VL **bullicare*, from *bullire*, to boil This etym, though rather speculative, is strongly supported by Prov *bolegar*, to budge

budgerigar Austral parakeet Native (NSW) *betcherrygah*, lit good cockatoo, corrupted in US to *beauregard*

budgerow [Anglo-Ind] Barge Hind *bājra*

budget OF *bougette*, dim of *bouge* (whence obs E *budge*, *bouge*), L *bulga*, of Celt orig; cf OIr *bolg*, bag, cogn with Ger *balg*, skin (see also *bulge*) Orig a bag, wallet, etc, as in *budget of letters*, *news*, etc (v1). The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in making his statement, theoretically *opens his budget*

This bochet with othre lettres conteigned in the same (1512-13)

bulga a male or bouget of leather, a purse, a bagge (Coop)

budmash See *badmash*

buff Colour Orig buffalo, then, buffalo-hide (whence *buff-coat*) and its colour F *buffle* (see *buffalo*) In to *strip to the buff* it is used for human skin The *Bufs* (E Kent Reg) and *Ross-shire Bufs* (2nd Seaforth's) were named from facings (cf the *Blues*)

buffle the buffe, buffle, bugle, or wild ox (Cotg)

buff, blind man's See *blind* The fact that in some other langs the game is named from an animal, e g Ger *blinde kuh* (blind cow), Port *cabracega* (blind goat), suggests some connection with *buff* (v.s.), which is supported by *behold the buff*, used (1647) to render It *ecco la cieca* On the other hand the game is also called *blind man's buffet* or *blind and buffet*

buffalo Port *bufalo*, L, G *βούβαλος*, orig kind of antelope, from *βοῦς*, ox, bull Earlier also *buffle*, from F Often wrongly applied to Amer bison According to a writer in *Notes and Queries* (Oct 1919), the *Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes* grew out of a convivial and friendly club started (18 cent) at the Harp tavern by Drury Lane actors The club-room was adorned with a pair of buffalo horns in honour of Nimrod, claimed as one of the founders of the society

buff-coat See *buff*

buffer¹ Fellow In ME stammerer (Wyc Is xxxu 4) In Sc foolish fellow in obs slang suborned witness Prob all belong to an smit *buff* cf *puff* and see *buffoon*

buffer² Of engine etc From verb to *buff* limit of muffled blow Cf synonym Ger *puffer* and see *buffer*¹ Hence *buffer state* rendered in F by *état tampon* (see *lampion*)

buffer³ Blow OF dim of *buffa* see *buffer* *buffoon* and cf Ger *puffen* to jostle hustle

buffer⁴ Side board F of unknown origin Cf It *buffetto* The 18 cent spelling *beaufet beaufait* is artificial and misleading Perh the same word as *buffet*⁵ OF *buffet* is used (13 cent) in Bouleau's *Vestiers de Paris* of a bench for displaying goods For sense cf *shamble*¹ also ori a low stool Quot below is from 12 cent

Duo banca tornat illa t u a mens dormien et unum buff th

(Hals Domesday of St Pa Ps p 137)

buffer⁵ Low stool hassock Now dial or in 16c to Little Miss Muffet though *buffet* is often substituted in mod versions OF (v s) of unknown origin

b fet is fied tole tripe (P mpt P rv)

buffo Comic etc It S e *buffoon*

buffoon F *boiffon* It *buffone* from *buffa* jest from *buffare* to puff prob with allusion to cheeks puffed out in grimacing etc cf F *pouffer de rire*

bug¹ Spectre Obs etc in *bugbear bugaboo* ME *bugge* Welsh *bug* ghost See *bogy boggle*

Th u shalt n t n de to be atryed for eny bugges by night (Cov d P xcl 3)

Warwick was a bug that f r'd all (3 H B I v)

The Germ n elem nt [US] i a bug a boo Ti p lice c n lock fter them all right (Sir H W Thornton Amer Man ger of GER)

bug² Insect Orig as still in dial and US beetle insect in general Irreg corrupt of AS *budda* beetle whence perh also *boi d* weevil Cf dial *shornbig* for AS *searnbudda* dung beetle

bulla a shorn bug the chafer or beetle (A sw th 1736)

bug³ In colloq *bi bug* See *big* *bugaboo* Welsh *buci-bo* elaboration of *bi g* (see *bug*) Cf OF *bi gidi*

bugbear Formed (16 cent) from *bug*¹ (q v) Second element may be an smit corrupt of some other ending We also find *bull*

bea bullleggar (? for *bo garl*) in same sense Cf Du *bullebak* (XVI)

Maugre s ch bu be e bull beare bellow ngs (1 ur b)

bugger F *boi-ere* L *Di 4 115* Bulgarian Orig sect of heretics who came from *Bulgaria* in 11 cent

Ma dame sa h he j m und rité loy l ul [anyon] l f t utre hose t dre illest b h e (Archbp Beckh m t Q et Cl a or 28)

buggy Vehicle Now US and colonial Ori gin unknown but prob facetious A Camb undergrad spells it *bouffe* in 1767

bugle¹ Plant F Late L *burula* whence also It *bugola* Perh related to *bu loss* with which it is confused by ME wr ters b glo a b gle (I c 1263)

bugle² Buffalo or wild ox OF L *buculu* dim of *boi* ox Hence mus n trument for *bu le horn*

O en hepe and gootes h rt oo and b gl (B ble f 1333 Dent 1 a v)

bugle³ Beard ornament Perh ident with *bugle*² from horny appearance

B ades l r elets h nes o c ll rs f bewg! (H kl 92)

b gle kind f glass bl k horn (Holvok 649)

bugloss Plant F *buglos* e L *buglossa* from G *βουγλωσ* e c c tongued See *bugle*³ *glossary*

Buhl Also *Boile* F wood carver (18 temp Louis XIV)

build Farther *bild* *byl* AS *byldan* Not known outside F

Il bu lled b tter th h k — The consco stone to b ty g w (Lm rson P bl m)

bukshee [An lo Ind] Paymaster Pers *bakshi* from *lakhshil* to give Cf *bichsheesh*

bulb L *bulbus* G *βαλβ* c onion its earlier meaning in E cogn with L *bulla* bubble etc

bulbul Eastern song thrush Iers Arab smit of note Cf *jug*¹ (q v)

Bulgarian A Slav lang **bulge** First as noun hump protuberance Prob ident with obs *bilke* wall t etc (see *budget bilze*) and ult cogn with *belly bellows*

bulmy Unnatural hunger MedL G *β* λ μ α from *βοει* ox *λμος* hunger

bulk Earliest sense *carg* whence to *break bulk* begin unloading Late O' *bulh* heap cargo or Dn *bulk* lump clod In late

ME, by association with *bouk*, AS *būc*, belly (cf Ger *bauch*), it came to mean trunk of body, etc, whence some of its mod senses and derivatives Cf OF *bouche*, bundle, from Teut

bulkhead First element is ME *bolc* (*Coventry Lect Book*, 1421), ON *balkr*, beam, balk, whence Norw *balk*, *bolc*. Linc dial *bulkar*, beams, is in Skinner Cf Shaks *bulc*, shop-front (*Cor* 11 1) The oldest sense of *bulkhead* is naut (in Capt John Smith, who also calls it a *bulc*) In *Pat R* temp Hen III occur *William le Balker* and *Gilbert le Bolker*, both of Canterbury

That no man hold no swyne in hur bulkys

(*Coventry Lect Book*, 1421)

That no other man or bocher kep within the wallys of this cite noo swyne in sties, ne bulkes

(ib 1123)

bull Animal ME *bole*, cf Du *bol*, Ger dial *bulle*, ON *boi* The corresponding word prob existed in AS as we have the dim *bulluc*, whence *bullock* Cogn with *bellow* For Stock Exchange use see *bear* Fig applications of *bull's eye* are numerous in 18-19 cents (cf Dan *høve*, Sw *oxoga*, both used of small round window) The earliest appears to be crown-piece (c 1690), later shortened to *bull* With *bullfinch* cf F *bouvreuil*, lit little bull-herd *Bullfinch*, stiff fence (hunting), is said to be corrupted from *-fence*, but is more likely due to some forgotten witticism With *bulldog* cf Ger *bullebeisser*, lit bull-biter John Bull as personification of England dates from Arbuthnot's satire (1712)

Four half-bulls, wot you may call half crowns

(*Bleak House*, ch xlvii)

bull² Papal Orig seal attached to document, esp leaden seal of Pope's edicts L *bulia* See *bul*³ and *bulletin*

The Pope sent a general sentence under his bulles of lde unto the archebisshop (Caxton)

bull³ Irish Earlier, jest, not at first associated with Ireland Cf rare ME *bul*, falsehood, and rare 16 cent *bull*, bubble, both prob from F *boule*, bubble L *bulia*, whence also perh Du *bol*, "garrulitas, loquacitas" (Kl) Mod sense of incongruous statement is perh partly due to *cock and bull story* See quot s v *mule* a *bull* or *incongruous speech* solrecismus (Litt)

Only on the terms or free choice can we have Irish compulsion (*Daily News*, Apr 1918)

"If the patients were deprived of tobacco," reported Dr Myles to the committee of the Bullinsloe Lunatic Asylum, "they would 'go mad'"

(*Pail Mall Gaz* May 17, 1918)

bullace. Wild plum OF *beloce*, with many Rom cognates (mostly dial), prob of Gaulish origin

bellocier a bullace-tree, or wilde plum tree (Cotg)

bulldoze, bulldoze [US] To intimidate, orig negroes, by unmerciful flogging Said to mean to give a "dose" strong enough for a "bull", but cf obs Du. *doesen*, "pulsare cum impetu et fragore" (Kl)

The War Department is trying to bulldoze the country into conscription

(Speaker of Congress, Apr 24, 1917)

bullet F *boulette*, dim of *boule* (see *bowl*²)

In ModF *balle* = bullet, *boulet* = cannon-shot E *bullet* also had the latter meaning in 16-18 cents, as still in *bullet-headed* (cf *pellet*)

bulletin Orig from It *bulletino*, double dim from L *bulia* (see *bull*²), meaning warrant, etc, with seal, but usual mod sense (from 18 cent) represents that of F *bulletin*, popularized by Napoleonic wars

bullion AF *bullion*, *boillon* (*Statutes of Realm*, 1336), which would represent exactly F *bouillon*, a boiling (of precious metal), but there is no evidence that the OF word had this spec sense, and the orig. meaning of the E word is also uncertain Cf however *brassage* (q v) for similar sense-development There has been confusion with *billon* (q v) *Bullion* lace is etym the same word, F *bouillon*, "fil d'or ou d'argent tourné en rond" (Littré), going back to L *bulia*, bubble, etc.

bouillons puffs, in a garment (Cotg)

bullock See *bull*¹

bully Oldest sense is brother, dear fellow, etc Du *boel*, lover, brother, etc, from MHG *buole* (*buhle*), lover, OHG. *Buolo*, as personal name only Prob orig brother Earliest meaning still in Shaks and in US Later meanings have perh been affected by *bull*¹, or by Du *bulderen*, LG *bullern*, to bluster Obs *bully-jack*, *bully-rock*, *bully-back*, etc. have parallels in LG *buller-jaan*, *buller-brook*, *buller-bak*, etc For *bullyrag* see *ballyrag* In *bullyrook* (*Merry Wines*, 1 3), later also *-rock*, *-rake*, the second element is of doubtful origin See also *billy-cock* The hockey *bully-off* is an imit of the Eton football *bully*

buler an amorist, a paramour, a lover, a wooer, a gallant, a spark (Ludw)

bully-beef Orig naut For earlier *bull-beef*

bulrush *MI* also *holrvsch* app from *AS*
hol hollow *Br* *l* is prob *bole* stem But
it may be intens like *h* *rse* in *horserat fish*
cow in *cow-parsley* etc

brays *h* *orb* *l* *ysche* *pa* *lr*
(*P* *amp* *P* *re* *H* *I* *MS*)

bulwark Orig rampart (*Deut* *xx* *o*) *naut.*
sense only from *c* 1800 From *bol* *l* (*q* *v*)
and *wark* Cf *Du* *bolwerk* *G* *r* *bolle* *h*
whence *F* *boulevard*

bulwark *block* *war* *propugnaculum* *agger* *l*
(*H* *I*)

bum *ML* *bon* *Dn* dial *boem* for *bode*
bottom Cf obs *bum* *very* (*Leys*) for
bottomry (*q* *v*) With *bi* *mbail* *ff* (*Tuelff*
Night *lu* *4*) Cf *F* *pousse-cul* *Bumboat*
orig (17 cent) *cavenger* *boat* is *tail* *rs*
slang

po *r* *cul* *a* *bum* *haly* (*N* *eg* 1689)

Bumble *Bumbledom* From *B* *mille* the *beadle*
(*Older* *Taliss*) The name is *AF* *bomb* *l*
good beautiful

bumble bee *Imit.* cf *hu* *mbie* *bee* See *bomb*
boom *l* etc

I *homme* as *a* *b* *mbill* *bee* *die* *or* *a* *v* *five* *je* *brays*
(*F* *l* *g*)

bumble-puppy Unscientific *whist* orig out
door game for *hol* *rs* Obs *bi* *stle* to
bingle *blunder* and *puppy* but reason
for name unknown

bumbo Weak coll *punch* Cf *It* *bonbo*
babyn *name* for *drink* and obs *bu* (*v* *l*)
Prob suggested partly by *rumbo* (*q* *v*)
Smollett is earl est authority for both

b *m* *d* *k* *potus* (*Ma* *p* *Toe*)

bummalo Fish *Bombay* *duck* From
Mahratti *bomlila*

The *s* *h* *ors* *by* *way* of *j* *k* *e* *ll* *them* *B* *mb* *y*
d *ka* (*Cord* *n* *r* *l* *o*) *l* *f* *d* *a* *18* *cent*)

bummaree Middleman in *B* *ling* *gate* *fi* *h*
trale ? *F* *bonne* *marie* good sea fish as
salesman *s* *ry*

bummer [*US*] *Loafer* *Ger* *bu* *miler*
stroller etc orig from student slang

bump *Imit.* of a dull blow and its result
Also influenced when referring to form by
cogn *bomb* (*q* *v*) Cf *F* *front* *bombe*
bulging forehead Hence *bumper* full glass
(cf *thumping* *whoppin* etc) also in
bumper *crop* (a *dience* etc)

bumpkin Prob dim of *Du* *bo* *n* *tree*
boom etc as in *naut* *h* *ukin* a short
boom Cf similar *u* *e* of *Ger* *fic* *el* *fail*

The first *qu* *t* *su* *gest* that the *v* *ord* *is*
orig applied to a Dutchman

a *b* *k* *l* *low* *B* *t* *us* *ing* (*V* *f* *l* *w*)

er *k* *er* *a* *g* *ve* *ll* *c* *i* *l* *n* *h* *bon* *l*
o *rut* *ll* *f* *ll* *w* *a* *h* *l* *a* *l* *w* *h* *c* *i* *n*
a *h* *yd* *a* *ee* *boor* *try* *bunk* *h*
p *i* *a* *pl* *h* *jo* *ger* *a* *k* *r* *l* *h* *l* *brook*
(*L* *l* *l*)

bumptious App *ocular* *coinage* (*c* 1800)
from *b* *imp* *cl* *fig* *usc* of *bo* *nce*

bun *l* *ake* *MF* *bun* *ie* *small* *round* *loaf*
Orig in unknown *P* *rh* *imply* *a* *po* *ise*
of *F* *bo* *l* *cl* *history* *cl* *co* *e* (*q* *v*)
b *n* *ah* *b* *le* *pl* *c* *ut* (*F* *imp* *P* *r*)

bun *l* *bunny* *Pet* *name* for *rat* *bit* *squ* *el*
etc *P* *rh* *F* *bon* *common* as *personal*
name in *MF* whence *surname* *B* *l*
Celt *bun* *stump* *h* *also* *been* *su* *rested*
bun *being* *commonly* *ued* in *Sc* for the
hare *s* *cut*

bunch Orig *hump* (*o* *it* *the* *back*) *I* *h* *su*
gested by obs *l* *ch* *the* *same* and *h* *h*
buncombe *see* *b* *inkum*

bund [*Am* *l* *l* *l*] *Embankment* *H* *nd*
ba *il* from *P* *er* *llence* *Rende* *r* *lit*
the *l* *mir* *s* *lam*

Th *r* *a* *bow* *fr* *u* *by* *B* *democr* *tr* *n*
(*L* *ll* *s* *K* *ok*)

At *k* *th* *n* *w* *l* *en* *lu* *d* *l* *ee* *p* *ed*
(*D* *d* *Cl* *Ar* *M* *h* *c* *q*)

Bundesrat [*hist*] *Federal* *c* *uncil* *cl* *Ger*
empire From *bund* *league* (*s* *e* *b* *nd*) *rat*
council (*s* *r* *lat*)

bundle From *bun* *cl* *Ger* *bundel* With
to *bundle* *off* *l* *similar* *use* of *pack*

bung Obs *Du* *bon* *he* *fr* *m* *F* *bonde* of
Ger origin cf *Ger* dial *pi* *it* *bunie* prob
L *puncta* and *Ger* *spuit* *L* *exp* *is* *cha*
(see *spoutoon*) Hence to *bin* *up* and
bi *is* *publ* *can*

bungalow *H* *nl* *adj* *ban* *la* *belonging* to
Bengal *lor* *cl* *pin* *l*

bungle ? Combined from *bo* *gle* and obs
b *ble* (see *bumb* *p* *pp*)

bun on Properly a corn on the ball of the
great toe ? *It* *brigne* *a* *push* *a* *bile*
a *lane* *a* *botch* (*ll* *r*) *augment* of
bugno cf *OF* *buene* *s* *veling* of unknown
origin whence app *MF* *bu* *n* *y* *watery*
s *eling* But the sense sug ests rather
F *bouillon* a lump or excrescency of
flesh that grows either upon or just by
the frush (*eo* *f* *og*) and makes the horse
halt (*Cent* *D* *cl* *1* *og*) which was in *E*
vet use The charge of *l* to *n* is easily
parall *l* *d* (see *bani* *ter* *mi* *ll* *on*) For the
etym of the *F* *v* *ord* see *bull* *on*

ME, by association with *bouk*, AS *būc*, belly (cf Ger *bauch*), it came to mean trunk of body, etc., whence some of its mod senses and derivatives Cf OF *bouche*, bundle, from Teut

bulkhead First element is ME *bolc* (Coventry *Leet Book*, 1421), ON *bálkr*, beam, balk, whence Norw *balk*, *bolc* Linc dial *bulkar*, beams, is in Skinner Cf Shaks *bulc*, shop-front (*Cor* II 1) The oldest sense of *bulkhead* is naut (in Capt John Smith, who also calls it a *bulc*) In *Pat R* temp Hen III occur *William le Baker* and *Gilbert le Bolker*, both of Canterbury

That no man hold no swyne in hur bolks

(Coventry *Leet Book*, 1421)

That no other man or bocher kep within the walls of this cite noo swyne in sties, ne bulkes

(ib 1423)

bull¹ Animal ME *bole*, cf Du *bol*, Ger dial *bulle*, ON *bol* The corresponding word prob existed in AS as we have the dim *bulluc*, whence *bullock* Cogn with *bellow* For Stock Exchange use see *bear* Fig applications of *bull's eye* are numerous in 18-19 cents (cf Dan *koöte*, Sw *ovöga*, both used of small round window) The earliest appears to be crown-piece (c 1690), later shortened to *bull* With *bullfinch* cf F *bouweuil*, lit little bull-herd *Bullfinch*, stiff fence (hunting), is said to be corrupted from *fence*, but is more likely due to some forgotten witticism With *bulldog* cf Ger *bullenbeisser*, lit bull-biter John *Bull* as personification of England dates from Arbuthnot's satire (1712)

Four half-bulls, wot you may call half crowns

(*Bleak House*, ch xlvii.)

bull² Papal Orig seal attached to document, esp leaden seal of Pope's edicts L *bulia* See *bulf* and *bulletin*

The Pope sent a general sentence under his bulles of lede unto the archebisshop (Caxton)

bull³ Irish Earlier, jest, not at first associated with Ireland Cf rare ME *bul*, falsehood, and rare 16 cent *bull*, bubble, both prob from F *boule*, bubble, L *bulia*, whence also perh Du *bol*, "garrulitas, loquacitas" (Kil) Mod sense of incongruous statement is perh partly due to *cock* and *bull story* See quot sv *mute* a *bull* or *incongruous speech* solecismus (Litt)

Only o! the terms of free choice can we have Irish compulsion (*Daily News*, Apr 1918)

"If the patients were deprived of tobacco," reported Dr Myers to the committee of the Bullinashloe Lunatic Asylum, "they would 'go mad'"

(*Pall Mall Gaz* May 17, 1918)

bullace Wild plum OF *beloce*, with many Rom cognates (mostly dial), prob of Gaulish origin

bellocur a bullace-tree, or wilde plum tree (Cotg.)

bulldoze, bulldoze [US] To intimidate, orig negroes, by unmerciful flogging Said to mean to give a "dose" strong enough for a "bull", but cf obs Du *doesen*, "pulsare cum impetu et fragore" (Kil)

The War Department is trying to bulldoze the country into conscription

(Specal er of Congress, Apr 24, 1917)

bullet F *boulette*, dim of *boule* (see *bowl*?) In ModF *balle* = bullet, *boulet* = cannon-shot E *bullet* also had the latter meaning in 16-18 cents, as still in *bullet-headed* (cf *pellet*).

bulletin Orig from It *bullettino*, double dim. from L *bulia* (see *bull¹*), meaning warrant, etc., with seal, but usual mod sense (from 18 cent) represents that of F *bulletin*, popularized by Napoleonic wars

bullion AF *bullion*, *bouillon* (*Statutes of Realm*, 1336), which would represent exactly F *bouillon*, a boiling (of precious metal), but there is no evidence that the OF word had this spec sense, and the orig meaning of the F word is also uncertain Cf however *brassage* (qv) for similar sense-development There has been confusion with *billon* (qv) *Bullion* lace is etym the same word, F *bouillon*, "fil d'or ou d'argent tourne en rond" (Littré), going back to L *bulia*, bubble, etc

bouillons puffs, in a garment (Cotg)

bullock See *bull¹*

bully Oldest sense is brother, dear fellow, etc Du *boel*, lover, brother, etc, from MHG *buole* (*buhle*), lover, OHG *Buolo*, as personal name only Prob orig brother Earliest meaning still in Shaks and in US Later meanings have perh been affected by *bull¹*, or by Du *bulderen*, LG *bullern*, to bluster Obs *bully-jack*, *bully-rock*, *bully-back*, etc have parallels in LG *buller-jaan*, *buller-brook*, *buller-bak*, etc For *bullyrag* see *ballyrag* In *bullyrook* (*Merry Wives*, I 3), later also *-rock*, *-rake*, the second element is of doubtful origin See also *billy-cock* The hockey *bully-off* is an imit of the Eton football *bully*

buler an amorist, a paramour, a lover, a wooer, a gallant, a spark (Ludw)

bully-beef Orig naut For earlier *bull-beef*

bunk Sleeping-berth *Perh Du bank*, bench
For vowel change cf *bulkhead* ?Hence to
bunk, abscond (?by sea)

bunker [Sc] Orig seat Then, earthen out-
door seat, hollow in sand-hills, receptacle
for coal Origin unknown Norw *Dan*
bunke means heap, cargo, earlier also hold
of ship

They sat cosily niched into what you might call a
bunker, a little sand pit (*Redgaw llet*, ch x)

bunkum, buncombe *Buncombe* is a county
in N Carolina, the member for which once
insisted, towards the end of a wearisome
debate in Congress, on "making a speech
for Buncombe," i.e. showing his consti-
tuents that he was doing something for
them

All over America, every place likes to hear of its
member of Congress and see their speeches, and
if they don't, they send a piece to the paper, in
quintin' if their member's died a natural death, or
was skivered with a bowie knife, for they hante
seen his speeches lately, and his friends are anxious
to know his fate Our free and enlightened citizens
don't approbate silent members So every feller,
in bounden duty, talks, and talks big too, and the
smaller the state, the louder, bigger, and fiercer its
members talk Well, when a crittur talks for talk
sake, jist to have a speech in the paper to send to
home, and not for any other arthly puppus but
electioneering, our folks call it "Bunkum"

(Judge Haliburton)

bunny See *bun*² Hence *bunny-hug*, with
which cf *turkey-trot*

bunsen Burner, etc Invented (1855) by
Prof Bunsen, of Heidelberg

bunt "Belly" of a sail, pouch of a net
?Corrupt of Sw *bugt*, bend, bulge, cogn
with *bow*²

bunter [geol] Ger *bunter sandstein*, varie-
gated sandstone

bunting¹ Bird ME *bountyng* This was a
female font-name in ME (*Bountyng the*
brewster, in the *Covenhy plays*) and is one
origin of the surname *Bunting* App this
is for earlier *Bonneion* (*Alice Bunetun*, in
the *Hund R*, 1273), which is a double
dim of F *bon*, as in the F surname *Bon-
neton* It may be that this was a pet name
for the bird (cf *robin*), as also for a child
in *Baby bunting* In the old play *Res-
publica* (1553) Avarice calls his plumply
filled purses his *buntings*

bunting² Flag material *Perh* from obs
bunt, to sift Cf F *étamine*, which means
both "bunting" and cloth used for sifting
or "bolting" flour, etc

étamine buntine, the woollen stuff of which the
ships colours are made (Lesc)

bunyip [*Austral*] Native name for fabulous
water-monster, hence impostor

buoy Du *boei* or OF *boie* (now replaced by
bouée), with forms in most Europ langs,
L *boia*, chain, fetter (by which the buoy
was secured), which some would connect
with the tribal name *Boni* See *bilboes*.
But some regard the *buoy* word-group as
belonging rather to the Teut root of
beacon, which is quite possible

boy of an ancre *bovee* (Palsg.)

bur, burr ME *boire*, *burre*, cf *Dan boire*,
bur, Sw *kad-boire*, *burdock*, the latter a
compd of *bur* (see *dock*¹) By some con-
sidered Teut, by others connected with
F *bourre*, shaggy substance, bristles on
plants etc, L *burra*, rough wool (see *burl*,
burgeon) In the sense of north country
accent it perhaps comes from the idea of
a *bui* in the throat, a phrase occurring in
Piers Plowm *Burr*, rough edge, as in the
dentist's *burr-drill*, and *burr*, whetstone,
clinker, etc, may be the same word, from
the idea of roughness

burberry Overcoat Maker's name (20 cent)
Cf *mackintosh*

If she [Spring] is a virgin wise as well as beautiful,
she will have a burberry over her arm
(*Sunday Times*, Mar 30, 1919)

burble To confuse, also to babble, talk non-
sense Cf obs *burble*, to bubble (with
parallels in Rom langs), and obs Sc
barbulye, to muddle, F *barbouiller*, "to
jumble, confound, muddle" (Cotg) All
of imit origin Cf Serb *brbljati*, to chatter
burbot Fish F *barbote*, *bourbotte*, from *bar-
boter*, to flounder, from *bourbe*, mud, but
the first form is perh rather connected
with *barbe*, beard, the *burbot* being a
bearded fish (cf *barbel*)

burden¹, **burthen** AS *byrthen*, from *bear*²,
cf OSax *burthinnia*, OHG *burān* (*burde*).
ON *byrth*, Goth *bauriher* For usual mod
form cf *murder*, which has prevailed, and
funder, which has not

burden² Of a song F *bourdon*, cf It *bor-
done*, Sp *boridon* Prob imit, cf Late L
burdo, drone bee Fanciful attempts have
been made to connect these words with
F *bourdon*, It *bordone*, pilgrim's staff, perh
from Late L *burdo-n-*, mule

bourdon a drone, or dorre-bee, also, the humming,
or buzzing of bees, also, the drone of a bag-pipe
also, a pilgrim's staff (Cotg)

burdock See *bui*

- brunnen*, ON *brunn*, Goth *brunna*, prob cogn with *burn*² (cf *torrent*)
- burn*² Verb AS *bærnan* (weak trans), causal of *biennan* (strong intrans) Com. Teut, cf OSax OIIG ON Goth *brinnan* (intrans), OSax OIIG *biennan* (*biennen*), ON *bienna*, Goth *biannjan* (trans) To *burn one's boats*, leave oneself no retreat, is an allusion to Cortez, or perh to earlier adventurers With *burning shame* (*disgrace*, etc) cf *flagrant*
- burnet* Plant OF *burnete*, *brunete*, dim of *brun*, brown
- burnish* F *brunir*, *bruniss-*, OF also *brunir*, from *brun*, brown, also bright See *brown*
- burnous* Arab cloak F, Arab *burnus* Cf Sp *albornuz* Purch has *barnuche*
- burr* See *bui*
- burro* [US] Donkey Sp, app back-formation from *borrico*, L *burricus*, small shaggy horse, prob cogn with *burnus*, reddish-brown (see *bureau* and cf *Dan Bunel the ass in Chauc*), cf F *bourrique*, donkey
- burrow* Var of *borough* (q v) with differentiated sense
- Foxes *hūn dīchis*, or *borowis* (Wyc *Matt viii 20*).
- bursar* MedL *bursarius*, purse-bearer See *piuse*, for which *burse* is still used in certain tech. senses
- burst* AS *berstan* In ME *bresten* is common Com Teut, cf Du. *berstan*, Ger *bersten*, ON *besta* Orig strong with p p *bursten*, still in occ use
- burthen* See *burden*¹
- bury*¹ Verb AS *byrgan* See *burial*
- bury*² In place-names See *borough*
- bus* For *omnibus* (q v) Mod mil slang for aeroplane
- busby* Hussar fur head-dress (19 cent), large bushy wig (18 cent) Prob from surname *Busby*
- bush*¹ Thicket, etc ME *bush*, *bush*, ON *bushr*, not found in AS; cf Du *bosch*, Ger *busch*, also Late L *boscus*, F *bois*, It *bosco* Earlier hist uncertain, perh orig pasture-land, from G *βόσκειν*, to feed cattle In the colonies *bush* is usu from Du *bosch*, as applied by early settlers from Holland So also *Bushman*, SAfr tribe The first *bushman* (c 1800) were escaped convicts *Bushwhacker* (US) is prob corrupted from Du *boschwachter*, forest watcher, woodman *Good wine needs no bush* alludes to the ivy-bush once used as tavern-sign

d bon vin il ne faut point d'enseigne good wine

- draws customers without any help of an ivy-bush (Cotg)
- bush*² Axle-box Du *bus*, box (q v); Cf. *arquebus*, *blunderbuss*, which have earlier forms in *-bush*
- bushel* OF *boissel* (*boisseau*), dim of *boisle* (*boile*), VL **burida* See *box*, *pyx*
- No man lightneth a lanterne, and puttith it in hidlis, other undir a boyschel (Wyc *Luke xi 33*)
- business*, See *busy*.
- busk*¹, *bust* These are the same word, a *busk* being a support for the *bust*, the latter orig meaning a torso, a body without a head Origin uncertain, but the analogy of It *torso* (q v), *fusto*, *tronco*, all used in same sense, "a bodie without a head" (Flor), suggests identity with Prov *bust*, tice-trunk, of unknown origin. The form *bush*, with differentiation of sense, is F *busc*, It *busco*
- busto* a trunk, a bodie without a head, a trusse Also a womans buske (Flor)
- busq* a buske, or buste (Cotg)
- busk*² [Sc & north]. To prepare ON *būask*, from *būa*, to prepare, with reflex pron *sik* (cf *bask*) Hence construction below is pleon
- Busk thee, busk thee, my bonnie bride
(*Braes of Yarrow*)
- buskin* Metath of *buck-skin* (sc *shoes*). The various continental words usu. mentioned as possible origins of *buskin* (c 1500) are quite unconnected Cf mod *buckskins*, *breeches*, or *cowhide*, whip
- My lord pried to his cordwainer [i.e. shoemaker] for a pyr bucskyns vild (NED 1481-90)
- buss*¹ Vessel, esp *herring-buss*. Cf AS *bulse*, in *butsecarl*, sailor, OF *busse*, Du *buss*, OIIG *būzo*, ON *būza* Origin unknown
- buyse* heering buss or bark (Heigham)
- Out and away aboard a ship among the buscarles
(*Kingsley, Hereward*)
- buss*² [dial] Kiss Replaces earlier *bass*, *I baiser*, L *basiare*. But may be quite a separate word, cf Ger dial *buss*, Sp *buz*, Gael *bis*, orig mouth (cf L *osculum*, little mouth, kiss).
- Thy knees bussing the stones (Cor iii 2)
- bust*¹ Of body See *busk*¹.
- bust*² Vulgar for *bust* (cf. *just* for *first*), esp in *bust up* (orig US)
- bustard* From 15 cent in NED, but occurs as surname temp John OF has *bistarde*, *oustarde* (*outarde*), both app from L *avis*

from *L* To *cabin* confine is an echo of *Macb* III 4

Hoc [i gurnum] rustici "capa na" vocant (Is dore)
Thi e tis of row rs and th h l cabana

(Wyc Esch x i 6)

cabinet Dim of *cabin* Orig small hut den etc Mod pol use (E only) comes from *cabanett* *counsellor* (Bacon c 1610) i.e. the inner group of the Privy Council meeting in a *cabinet* private room *Cabinet edition* (photog aph etc) means of style and size fit for a *cabinet* or room for display of valuable objects Hence sense of elaborate case and trade of *cabinet maker*

We e never r ady f w r and yet we never have a Cabinet that dare tell the people this truth

(Lo d Wolsey)

cable *F* *câble* cf *It* *cappio* *Sp* *cable* also Du Ger *kabel* (from some Rom lang) Late *L. capulum caplum* halter app from *capere* to seize With hybrid *cablegam* cf the still more barbarous *marconigram* Charlie Ch plin. has cablegraphically contributed 30 000 pounds sterli g to the new war loan (Da ly Gle Kingsl Jamaica Feb 26 1917)

cabob Meat on skewers Arab *kabāb*
caboched [her] Head (of deer bull etc) cut off close behind the ears From *F* *caboché* head (see *cabba* s)

cabochon Precious stone cut without facets *F* (v s)

caboodle [US] Usu with *whole* Some writers have *whole kit and boodle* in same sense Prob cow boy word. ?Port *cabedal* a stock what a man is worth (Vieyra) ident with *capital*? influenced by *bood* s (q v)

caboose Kitchen of small merchant ship Du *kibuis* *kombuis* earlier *cabuse* *com buse* LG *kabhuise* which suggests connection with *cabin* and *house* (cf *cuddy*) but the hist is obscure Falc and Lesc both describe it as a kind of cowl so it may be cogn with *capote* *capuchin* above co vert re des cheminées des cuisines dans les vaisseaux marcha ds (Lesc)

cabotage [nauf] Coasting trade *F* ?from Prov *cap* or *Sp* *cabo* as going from cape to cape

cabriolet *F* from *cabriole* *capriole* leap as of a goat *It* *capriola* from *L. capre* goat. See *cab* s

Cabin i t are abo t t be established in London a p lio conveyances at a fare on half th price of hackney co chr (Times Apr 3 1823)

caçador [mil] Port. lit hunter chaser For mil use cf. *F* *chasseur* Ger *jäger*

ca canny To work slowly so as to leave plenty for others to do Recent applica tion of *Sc ca canny* drive gently (Galt) from *Sc ca* to drive cattle with wh ch cf Norw *kaue* cry of summons to cattle

Ca the yowes to the knowes (Sc so g)

Willing work rs free from th bight of ca canny (Da ly Ch o Dec 23 1916)

cacao Earlier and correct form of *cocoa* still used in *F* & *G* *Sp* orig a wrong division of Mex *caca uall* cocoa tree

cachalot Sperm whale *F* from dial of Bayonne (17 cent) and now in most Europ langs Perh toothed from Gasc *cachau* tooth with many vars in dialects of S France Another plausible conjecture is *L. cacabus* pot which has Rom derivatives meaning pot skull etc The two characteristics of the sperm whale are its teeth and cranial reservoir A third suggestion supported by synon Catalan *cap gros* connects it with Port *cachola* head chump

cache Hiding place for treasure stores etc *F* from *cachier* to hide ?VL **coactica* s for *cogere* (co-a re) to force together A 19 cent word from French Canadian trappers but used once by Drake

cachet *F* stamp sign manual from *cachier* in obs sense of pressing See *cache*
cachexy [med] Morbid condition *F* *cachexie* *G* κ χ ε from κακ s bad s state from χεω to have Cf *malady*
cackinnation From *L. cackinnare* to laugh of imit origin

cachou For smokers *F* form of *catechu* (q v)

cachucha Dance *Sp*

A co t where th th ight in a lord o a duke
Do gra e to falksho t fa th b awl (their cachoue)
(I gold by)

cacique *Sp* a prince of the Indians (Tercyval) ? from Mayan word for chief
cack handed [slang] Left handed clumsy ? Connected with dial. *cach* stercorare *L. cacare*

cackle Imit cf Du *kakelen* Ger *gackeln* *F* *caquer*

Cut th ackl and come to th owes (Anon)

cacoethes Usu with *scribendi* (Juvenal Sat vi 32) *G* a οφθης bad habit sith from κακος bad ηθος character Cf *ethic*
cacolet Horse litter for wounded *F* dial word (Pyrenees) first employed in Crimean war Cf *ambulance*

cacophony *C* κακοφωνία Cf *eu & ny*

buy ME *bien*, also *beg-*, *big-*, *bug-*, AS *bycgan*, cf OSax *buggian*, Goth *bugjan*
Origin unknown See *abide*

buzz¹ Sound Imit

buzz² [*archaic*] Wig Short for *bushy* (q v)

buzzard Inferior hawk, hence, dullard OF *busard*, from *buse*, L *buteo* (Pliny)

by Earliest as adv., as in to *put by*, *stand by* / AS *bī* (stressed), *be* (unstressed), cf Du *biy*, Ger *bei*, Goth *bi*, said to be cogn with G *ἀμφί*, L *am-bi* With its force in *by-product*, *byway*, *by-election*, etc cf Ger *neben* in *nebenprodukt*, etc So also a *bye* (golf, tennis, etc), as opposed to a full game *By-law*, *bye-law*, now usu understood as subsidiary law, orig meant township-law, from ME *bi* as in *Derby*, *Whitby*, etc, ON *býr* We also find *byrlaw*, where the first syllable represents the ON gen With *by* and *by* cf Ger *nach und nach*, gradually, but the changed meaning (cf *anon*, *presently*) shows man's procrastinating nature In *by the by* we have the noun *by*, *bye*, side-way, subsidiary matter, which has developed from the prep *By and large*, now often fig., is naut., to the wind and off it

The end is not by and by [*εὐθὺς*] (Luke, xvi 9).

bye. Noun In various sporting senses Subst use of *by* (q v)

bye-bye Baby redupl., cf *lullaby*, *hushaby*, *bye baby bunting* Also playfully for *good-bye* (q v)

by-law, bye-land See *by*.

byre AS *býre*, cattle-stall, cogn with *bower*¹ (q v) Not from ON *býr*, in which the inflexional *-r* disappeared, giving ME *bi* (see *by*) Both words are however from the same root, and cogn with *boor*

byrnie [*poet*] Revived by mod poets from ME *brinie*, coat of mail, ON *byrnia*, cf OF *bronic*, *bioigne*, the stock name for armour in OF epic, from Teut ?Cogn with *brown*

byssus Fine fabric L, G *βύσσος*, Heb *bīls* (rendered "fine linen" in *AV*), Arab *bīls*, to be very white

byword AS *bī-word*, translating L *pro-verbum* or G *παρα-βολή* Cf *gospel*

Byzantine Of *Byzantium*, Constantinople Formerly used for *besant* (q v) As term of art, history, etc, it is mod Of late (1916) *Byzantinism* has also been used of tyrannical rule by moral degenerates, like some of the later emperors

c-. Some words of foreign origin not included here may be found under *k-*

C 3. Lowest physical grading for army purposes (Great War)

You cannot maintain an A r empire on a C 3 population (D Lloyd George, Sep 12, 1918)

Caaba Moslem "holy of holies" at Mecca, containing the "black stone" Arab *ka'abah*, cubical house

cab¹ Heb dry measure (2 *Kings*, vi. 25) Heb *qab*, hollowed out

cab² Short for *cabriolet* (q v) Not orig limited to public vehicles

"You had better take Tom's cab" quoth the squire (Ingoldshy)

cab³ [*school slang*]. To crib Short for *cabbage*² (q v)

cabal Earlier *cabbala*, MedL (whence F. *cabale*, It Sp Port *cabala*), Heb *qabbālāh*, tradition Mystical interpretation of OT., hence, mystery, secret intrigue, etc. Applied by Pepys to the junto of the Privy Council (1665), i.e. some years before the nicknaming of the 1672 ministry (Clifford, Arlington, Buckingham, Ashley, Lauderdale), whose names happened to fit it *Cabala* occurs 1521, *cabal* 1616, and "*Cabala*, Mysteries of State" was published in 1654

caballero Sp, gentleman, knight See *cavalier*, *chevalier*

cabana Cigar Name of Sp exporters.

cabaret Southern F, of unknown origin L *caput arietis*, ram's head (as sign), has been suggested, and has some sort of parallel in E *hogshead*

cabbage¹ Vegetable F. *caboche*, head (chump), which also means cabbage in Channel Islands, It *capocchia*, augment of *capo*, head, L *caput* Cf Du. *kabinskool*, cabbage cole Has almost replaced earlier *cole*, *kale*

cabbage² Shreds and remnants appropriated by tailor as perquisite; hence, to pilfer. Cf. OF *cabassei*, to steal, from *cabas*, theft, lit *basket*, Prov., ?from L *capax*, *capac-*, holding Cf to *bag*

cabbala See *cabal*.

caber [*Sc*] For tossing Gael *cabar*, pole, rafter Not Gael, but from VL **capro-n-*, rafter (see *chevron*), from *capra*, goat Cf *crane*, *easel*, etc, also Prov *cabroun*, joist

cabin F *cabane*, Late L *capanna*, hut, of doubtful origin (also Late L *canaba*, *canapa*). ModF *cabine* (of ship) is borrowed back

caftan Garment Turk *qafân* also used in Pers

cage F L. *cavea* hollow In 16 cent also *cadge* (q v) Hence also *cad e* frame on which hawks were carried if this is not a ghost word

A pair f g falcons, in golden hoods, upon a golden cadge (Hewl tt So g f Rem y)

cahier F as *quira* (q v)

caid kaid Arab *qa'id* leader

caiman See *cayman*

Cain to raise Orig US app euph for to raise the devil

calque Boat F Turk *kâik* The F form (Byron) has superseded earlier *caik* etc

Ça ira [Aist] F that will go Refrain of Republican song (c 1790)

cairn Gael. *caru* heap of stones as in *Cairn gorm* blue mountain whence precious stone

caisson F from *caisse* case* (q v)

caitiff [archaic] ONF *cailif* (chif wretched)

L. *captivus* from *capere* *capt* to take

Th forlaid caitiff my puple (Wyc Is v 13)

cajole F *cajoler* earlier sense of which was to chatter like a jay from *gayole* a southern dim of *geit* jay In ModF this has taken by some vague association of form and sense or perch via the sense of talking over (cf Ger *beschwatzen*) the meaning of F *enjoyer* etym to *engaul* See *gaol* In 17 cent referred to as new "a low word (Johns.)

a gowler to tract f thee, all win i agl besot inthrall (by faire and der lit 11 words) how to inc ge, o i g ole (C tg)

cake ON *kaka* whence Sw *kaka* Dan *kage* cogn with Du *koek* Ger *kuchen* cake but app not with L. *coquere* whence ult Ger *kuche* kitchen Orig a flat loaf as in story of Alfred Hence *Land o cakes* Scotland (17 cent) at first with bantering allusion to oat-cakes To take the cake v in the prize appears to be earlier than *cake walk* a grotesque nigger dance lately introduced from US The former may be a jocular allusion to G *wapp* s prize of victory orig cake of roasted wheat and honey awarded to person of greatest vigilance in night watch

Doest thou th k bee se ti on art virt the shall be no more kes and al?

(Twelfth N ght II 3)

For rud nes to the Grand Old Man

Lord Ra dolf takes th c ke

(Tops al Song c 1832)

calabash F *calabasse* Sp *calaba* a Pers *kharbus* or *kharbu* a melon ? cogn with L. (cu) *curbitis* gourd

cal b s ago d a bottle of s go d (Percy II)

calaboose Prison esp at New Orleans Negro F from Sp *calabo* o dungeon

cal boy kind f prison or pl o f e cut n wher condemned persons were t d wne h d long (Percyvall)

caladium Plant Latinized (1750) from Malay *kelidiy*

calamanco Fabric with checks on one side

Cf F *calmande* D: *kalamink* Ger *kal mank* Origin unknown Yule quotes (1876)

s v *chinte* painted calcuts which they call *calmendar* ie done with a pencil which suggests Ind origin

Then th l d m turn d p a d f st bt f S ncho

T re o t the whole seat of h s striped cal mancoe (I goldsby)

calamander Wood akin to ebony (India & Ceylon) Singhalese *kalamadi* rya which is regarded by some as a corrupt of *Coro mandel* ? Or from *calmendar* (v s) from grain

calamary Kind of cuttle-fish L. *calamarius* from *calami* s reed pen perh from pen like internal shell

calamine Ore of zinc F MedL *calam na* (cf Ger *kalmei*) prob corrupted by al chemists from L *cadm* v See *cadinum*

calamint Herb F *calamint* L G *ala mu* *th* from *kalos* beautiful *μυθη* mint

calamite Fossil plant ModL. *calamites* from *calamus* reed

calamity F *calamité* L. *calamitas* Derived by early etymologists from *calami* s stem (v i) but now regarded as related to an archaic L word which appears in *in columis* safe

The word *cal tas w* first derived f om *cala* when th corn could ot g to t of th st lke (Bacon)

calash [archaic] Vehicle woman s hood suggesting hood of same F *caliche* Ger *kalesch* Bohem *koldsa* lit wheeled carriage Cf Russ *koleso* wheel

Mrs Bitts Crawl y n he clogs d calash (F dy Fa ch ix)

calcareous From L. *calcareus* from *calx* calc lime

calceolaria From L. *calceolus* little shoe dim. of *calceus* from *calx* calc heel Also called *slipper flower*

cactus L, G *kárros*

cad Shortened from *caddie*, *cadec*, pop. forms of *cadet* (q v) Mod sense of *cad* originated (19 cent) at Eton and Oxf, as *snob* at Camb Hence quot 3 is a considerable anachronism Earlier meaning was that of humble person prepared to run errands, also bus-conductor *Caddie* (golf) is from Sc

There is in Edinburgh a society or corporation of errand-boys, called "cawdies" (*Huntley & Palmer*)

cad an omnibus conductor (Hotten)

These same day-boys were all "caddies," as we had discovered to call it (*Lori a Doone*)

cadastral Relating to survey and valuation of property for taxation From F *cadastre*, It *catast(r)o*, orig (12 cent) a Venet word, *catastico*, Late G *κατάστιχοι*, list (see *cata-*, *acrostatic*)

cadaverous From L *cadaver*, corpse, cogn with *cadere*, to fall, cf synon G *πτῶμα*, from *πί-τεω*, to fall

caddie See *cad*

caddis, caddice Larva of may-fly, etc, used esp as bait in angling Earliest as *caddis-worm* (17 cent) Perh from archaic or obs *caddis*, *caddice* (15 cent), a loose material, also worsted yarn OF *cadarce*, Prov *cadarz* (cf It *catarzo*, Sp *cadarzo*), G *ἀκάθαρτος*, uncleansed

caddy Earlier *catty* (16 cent), Malay *kāfi*, weight slightly over a pound

cade [*loc*] Cask for herrings F, L *cadus*, wine-jar, G *κάδος* See *albatross* With Shakspeare's etym (2 *Hcn VI*, iv 2) cf quot below

The rebel Jack Cade was the first that devised to put red herrings in cades, and from him they have their name! (Nashe)

cade [*dial*] Or *cade-lamb*, pet, or weak, lamb, reared by hand Occ of other animals ? For **cadet-lamb*, cf OF *cadeles*, "to cocker, pamper, feedle, chensh, make much of" (Cotg), thus prob from L *calulus*, puppy, kitten

It's all bringing up a cade lamb (*Adam Bede*)

cadence F, It *cadenza*, from L *cadere*, to fall Mus sense is in Chauc Her cadency is app associated with *cadet*

cadet Younger son, junior officer F, Gasc *cadet*, youth of noble birth, dim of *cap*, head Earlier *caddie*, *cadec*

Commissions are dear,

Yet I'll buy him one this year,

For he shall serve no longer a cadie

(Allan Ramsay)

cadet [*pol*] Name of Russ pol party (now mostly massacred) An acrostic formation from *konstituciónnaya demokrátia* (KD), constitutional democracy. Cf Russ *eser*, socialistic reformer (SR)

cadge, **cadger** Verb (c. 1607) is back-formation from noun (c 1550) Cf *beg*, *beggar* Orig pedlar, itinerant merchant, as still in Sc and Ir From F *cage*, in sense of vicker basket, carried on back of *cadger* or his pony. Immediate source prob Du. (v 1). See *cage*.

A cadgear, with capill [nag] and with creils [fish-bast etc] (Henryson)

cagie caver, corbis dosuaria (Kil)

cagiacrd qui caveam aut corbem portat (ib)

cadge Falconers' frame. See *cage*

cadí Arab *qādī*, judge Cf *alcade*, *alcalde*, and Nigerian *alkali* (*Daily Chron* Nov. 7, 1919)

Cadmean From *Cadmus*, G. *Kádmos*, legendary founder of Thebes and inventor of letters With *Cadmean victory*, destructive to victor, cf *Pyrrhic victory*

cadmium [*chem*] Metal Ult from *Cadmus* (v s) See *calamine*

cadre [*mil*] Detachment (orig corps of officers) forming skeleton of regiment F, lit frame, It *quadro*, L *quadrus*, four-sided Cf F *cadran*, dial

caduceus Wand of Hermes (Mercury) L, from Doric form of G *κηρύκειον*, from *κήρυξ*, herald

caducity F *caducité*, from *caduc*, infirm, L *caducus*, from *cadere*, to fall

caecum [*anat*] Blind gut Neut of L *caecus*, blind (sc *intestinum*) Cf. *rectum*, *duodenum*

caerulean See *caerulean*

Caesar Cognomen, ? meaning "hairy," of Caius Julius Earliest L word adopted in Teut (see *kaiser*, *czar*) Hence *Caesarean birth*, by incision, due to fancied connection of name with *caedere*, *caes-*, to cut. With *Caesarism* cf *Czarism*, *Kaiserism*

caesium [*chem*] Metal L, neut of *caesius*, bluish-grey

caestus See *caestus*

caesura [*metr*] L, from *caedere*, *caes-*, to cut

café F, coffee (q v)

caffeine F *cafféine*, alkaloid from coffee

Caffre See *Kaffir*

cafila Caravan, in earlier sense Arab *qāfilah*

The "cafiolla" as they call them, which is the fleet of friggotts (*Jourdain's Journ* 1611)

chatter OHC *chatōn* to talk noisily
Callin vocation starts from 1 Cor vii 20
Call has replaced native *chpian cleopian*
 (see *clept*) e.g. *clepe* in Wyc is always
call in Tynd With to *call out* challenge
 cf. synonym *Γ protoquer*

caller herrin App two words are here
 confused viz earlier *caller* (cf. Sc. *siller*
 for *siller*) of dubious sense and origin
 often applied to salmon and O'N *kaldre*
 cold fresh with exceptional retention of
 inflexional *r*

callet [archaic or dial] Scolding drab etc
 (Oth iv 2 and elsewhere in Shaks also in
 Burns *Jolly Beg ara*) ? A gipsy word
 It may be noted that there is a ME female
 name *Caote* (for *Violet e*) It was borne
 by the daughter of Langland author of
Piers Plowm Some female names assume
 a bad sense e.g. *gilt*

callidity I *cal iditas* from *cal idus* cunning

calligraphy C *καλλιγραφία* from *kallos*
 beauty

callipers See *calibre*

callipygian Epithet of Venus From G
kallos beauty *πηγή* buttock

callisthenics From G *kallos* beauty *σθένος*
 strength Cf name *Callisthenes*

callous F *calleur* L *callosus* thick-skinned
 from *callus* hardened skin

callow AS *calu calw* ball WGer cf Du
kool Ger *kahl* early loan from L *calvus*
 bald

calm First as noun F *calme* It *calme*
 VL *calma* G *καμα* heat from *καίω*
 to burn Supposed to have been applied
 orig to the mid-day heat general rest
 during that period cf F *chōmer* to knock
 off work VL *caumare* The phonetic
 change is unusual, but not unparalleled
 There may also have been influence of
 L *calv* heat

Calmuck. See *Kalmuck*

calomel F earlier *calomelas* coined from
 C *alos* beautiful *μαλας* black la
poudre blanche qui constitue le calomel
étant noir pendant la préparation de ce
corps (Dict Gén)

caloric. F *calorique* coined (18 cent) by
 Lavoisier from L *calor* heat. Cf *Γ calorine*
 (current in E in 1917) for heat producing
 unit

Plain d humbl f ik in t d f the numbe of
 caloros want t kn w the number of tallespois fols
 (P H Maf Gas M rch 8 29 7)

calotte Skull-cap. *Γ Prov calo a* It

cal otla G *καλ πτρα* hood veil (see *apoca-*
lypse) Cf *caut*

calotype Name given (1841) by Fox Talbot
 to photographic process From G *αλος*
 beautiful

caloyer Greek monk (*Childe Har* ii 49)
Γ It *caloiere* (common in Purch) Late G
αλογοπος beautiful in old age from *αλος*
 beautiful *γρηος* aged

calpack Eastern head-dress (Turkestan)
 Turki *qālpāč* Hence *Γ colback* kind of
 bushy

caltrop caltrap calthrop Name of various
 spiky plants and of a spiked ball put on
 ground to upset cavalry AS *calcatrapppe*
 thistle Also ME *calketrappe* from F
chausset ape O'N *al o cauketrape* Second
 element is *trap* (q v) first is L *calx* heel
 or *calcere* to tread

calumet Peace-pipe (*Hiswatha*) Dial *Γ*
 dum of L *calamus* stem *Calum et est*
 un mot normand qui veut dire *chaumeau*
 (reed pipe) et est proprement le tuyau
 d'une pipe (VED 1721) Taken to
 America by *Γ* settlers See *skawm*

calumny F *calomnie* L *calumniā* false
 accusation See *challenge*

Calvary L *calvaria* skull transl of Gol
gotha (q v)

A place that s clepid Golgotha, that is the place
 of Calvarie (Wyc Matt xxvi 33)

calvered [archaic] Used of salmon Exact
 meaning and origin unknown

Calvinism Doctrine of Jean Calvin or
Chauvin (1509-64) latinized as *Calvus*
 esp that of grace or predestination See
Arminian

O Th u who n the H a ens does dwell

Wh as it pl as best Thyel

Sends an t h av n ten to h ll

A f r Thy glory

(B ms, Holy B ly Payer)

Th bells of h ll go t g lunk a lunk

For you b t t lox me (T Atkins)

calx L lime Formerly used for oxide Cf
calcine

calycanthus Shrub From G *καλ* e calyx
ος flower

calyx See *calix*

cam [techn] Toothed rim of wheel etc. Var
 of *comb* Cf Ger *kamm* *rad* cogged wheel

camaraderie F see *comrade*

camarilla Clique junto Sp dim of *ca-*
mara chamber Orig inner group of the
Cámara de Castilla

Th small but powerful pro-G rm *camarilla* [in
 Russia] (*Dail CA* March 6 9)

calceine MedL *calcinare*, to reduce to lime,
L *calx*

And in amalgamying and calcenying
Of quyl-silver, y clept mercuric crude
(Chauc G 771).

calcium [chem] Named by Davy from L.
calx, *calc-*, lime

calculate Replaced earlier *calcule* (Piers
Plorum), F *calcules*, Late L *calculare*, from
calculus, pebble, dim of *calx*, *calc-*, lime,
used in elementary calculation

The New Englander calculates, the Westerner
reckons (Thornton)

calculus [med & math] See *calculate*

caldron See *caldron*

Caledonia L (Tacitus), from Gael *Dun-
Calden*, fort of the Caledonians (cf *Dun-
keld*), from Gael *coille*, wood

calefaction Heating L *calefactio*-n-, from
calere, to be hot, *facere*, to make

calendar OF *calendrier* (*calendrier*), L *calen-
darium*, account-book noting the *calends*,
first days of the month, prob from *calare*,
to proclaim In early use also for register,
list, esp of canonized saints At the Greek
calends, i e never, is L *ad calendas Graecas*.

calendar¹ To smooth cloth, etc F *calandrier*,
from MedL *calendria*, prob from G *καλάν-
δρος*, cylinder, roller Hence John Gilpin's
"good friend the calendar," for *calendrier*

calendar² Mendicant dervish (*Arabian Nights*),
described by Mr Pecksniff as a "one-eyed
almanack" Pers *qalandar*, of unknown
origin

calends See *calenda*

calenture [WInd.] Fever F, Sp *calentura*,
fever, from *calentar*, to be hot, from L
calere

calf AS *cealf* Com Teut, cf Du *kalf*, Ger
kalb, ON *kálfr*, Goth *kalbō* (f) Fig small
island lying near larger, e g *Calf of Man*,
also detached iceberg, both from ON use
The *calf of the leg*, ON *kalfi*, may be re-
lated (cf history of *muscle*)

hic *musculus* the *calfe* of the *lege* (Voc)

Caliban Prob suggested to Shaks by *canni-
bal* or *Carib*, as *Setebos* from the Pata-
goman devil mentioned by Magellan

A beastly sort of baptist Caliban (*Daniel Deronda*)

calibre. Also *caliver*, musket (hist), *calliper*,
compasses, used for measuring calibres
and projectiles All three appear in E in
16 cent and seem to have been at once
differentiated in form and meaning Cf
F *calibre*, It *calibro*, OSp *calibo* ? Arab

qālib, mould for casting metal, which
would suggest the OSp. form as earliest
in Europe. This ctym dates from Ménage
Cotg has *qualibre*, suggesting L *qua libra*;
and Jal quotes, without ref, an earlier
equalibre, which, if genuine, disposes of the
Arab origin and points to MedL **arguali-
biare*, for *acquilibrare*, suiting both sound
and sense.

calibro an instrument that gunners use to measure
the height of any piece or bullet Also the height
or bore of any piece, from whence our word *caliber*
is derived; being at first a piece different from
others (Flor 1611).

Caliburn See *Excalibur*

calico Substituted (16 cent.) for *calcut*,
from *Calcut* (India), whence shipped. Port
form of Arab *Qalcūt*.

caligraphy. See *calligraphy*

calipash, calipce Orig upper and lower shell
of turtle, now, gelatinous substance con-
tiguous to each As the words are WInd,
calipash may be a negro corrupt of *carapace*,
orig the upper shell, and *calipce*
an arbitrary variation But the odd form
below (with which cf. Sp. *galapago*, turtle)
is much earlier than dict records of L
calipash and F *carapace*, and may repre-
sent a sailors' perversion of some native
original

The upper part of them is covered with a great
shell, which wee call a "galley patch"
(Norwood's *Bermudas*, in Purch xix 190)

calipers. See *calibre*

caliph, calif F *calife*, Arab *khalifa*, successor,
orig Abu-bekr, after death of Mahomet
Cf the Sudan *khalifa*, who succeeded the
Mahdi

calisthenics See *calisthenics*

caliver See *calibre*

calix, calyx Distinct (but cogn) words,
though now usu confused by writers on
botany For *calix* see *chalice* *Calyx* is
G κάλυξ, outer covering pod, from root
of καλύπτειν, to conceal (cf *apocalypse*)
The same confusion is found in other langs,
e g Ger *kelch*, Norw *kalk* have both
senses

calc¹ See *caulk*

calc² [neol] To trace in drawing F *calquer*,
It, L *calcare*, to tread, from *calx*, heel
calkin Turned edge of horse-shoes, to pre-
vent slipping OF *calcain*, *cauquain*,
chauchain, heel, Late L *calcaneum*, from
calx, heel

call ME *callen* (north), ON *kalla*, to cry
loudly Com Teut; cf Du *kallen*, to

in winter quarters Cf Ger *feldzug* campaign

The next campaign is usually taken for the next summer's expedition of an army or its taking the field (Blount)

campanile Bell tower It from Late L *campana* bell Cf *campanula* the blue bell flower or flower called Canterbury bells (Litt.) *campanology* science of bells and bell ringing

campeachy wood Logwood from *Campeachy* Central America

camphor MF *caumfre* F *camphre* MedL *camphora* (cf It *canfora* Sp *Port alcamfor*) Arab *kāfir* Malay *kāfir* chalk Spelt *canphā* in *Song of Solomon* (114)

champion Flower Origin unknown As it has fantastic names in other langs it may be from obs var of *champion* Cf Norw *kjamp* plantain lit champion because children use the heads to play at con quarters

campo santo It holy field cemetery

camshot Facing of piles to protect the Thames alts against the current Also *shed shoot* etc Prob like many words of the water course vocabulary of Du origin Second element is Du *schut* barrier protection first may be *kampf* in cloud land field

camwood From native WAfr name *kambi* (Sierra Leone)

can' Verb Pres of AS *cennan* to know one of the preterito present group Com Teut cf Du *kennen* Ger *kennen* to know *kennen* to be able ON *kenna* Goth *kunnan* and see *ken* 1st coild for ME *coude* is due to *should would* Past part *couth* survives in *incouth* (qv) See also *cunning*

can Noun AS *canne* Com Teut and formerly applied to vessels of any material cf Du *kan* Ger *kanne* ON *kanna* Ulterior hist unknown derivation from L *canna* seed being unlikely in view of the early and wide existence of the word in Teut langs Sense of receptacle (n) is US

Canaanite Jewish zealot fanatically opposed to Rome Hence Simon the *Canaanite* (Matt 23) *Canaanite* (R1) *Zelotes* (Luko 1135)

canaille F It *canagl* collect from L *canis* dog

canal F L *canalis* See the earlier *channel* *kennal*

canard F lit drake Adopted in Ger as

zeitungsente newspaper duck Perh from phrase *donner un canard à mort* to take in lit half give a duck of obscure origin *Canard* is supposed to come from OF *cane* skiff Ger *kahn*

v *deu d ca ds à mou à a co seu r gull r coag f ter lye* (Coig)

Canarese (ling) Dravidian lang of *Canara* (SW India) Trop *kannada* from *kar* black *radu* country

Canary F *Canarie* Sp *Canaria* L *insula Canaria* from dogs *canes* found there (Pliny) Hence wine bird dance

canaster Tobacco From basket in which imported Sp *cañastro* (s e *caniste*) Cf Ger *knaier*

k aster toba k od a a ter tob k de toba t der na ter oder kurba us he Sp se kommt span h toba o (Ludw)

cancan Dance F orig univ speed then pedantic argument tittle tattle etc L *quangiam* although usual beginning of univ argum nt

D q oiles pód ut s ent le grand ans (Sully 69)

cancel OF *cancellor* L *cancellare* to make in form of lattice to cancel or crosse out a thing written (Coop) Quot below a stock AF phrase suggests that the ult connection with *cancellor* was still f lit See *chancel*

It a restitut et susc ndux os diles lettres e nostre cl uac il lo n ell r

(JH fG 12 Rg 12-76)

cancer L crab replacing in spec sense earlier *canher* (qv) From eating a vay

(cf *lupis*) Cf *Tropic of Cancer*

candelabrum L from *candela* candle

candescence From pres part of L *candescere* incept of *candere* to shine

candid L *candidus* white from *candere* to shine Hence *candid* because *candid* dates for office wore the white toga

S e sav oht save m from th andid (n d) (C nm g)

candle AS *candel* early Church word L *candela* To hold a *candl* to meant orig to help in subordinate capacity but in connection with the devil (v1) alludes to the advantage of having friends every where *The gains is not worth the candle* i e the stakes are not high enough to pay for the lights The above and other famous candle phrases have parallels in other langs *Candlemas* feast of the purification (Feb 2) AS *carde masse* is said

camber To arch slightly, esp naut F *cambrer*, from L *caminus*, bent

Lorries swaying perilously along the high cambered tracks on the edge of greasy ditches

(*Daily Tel* Nov 7, 1918)

camlist Expert in theory of exchange F. *camliste*, It *cambista*, from *cambio*, change (q v)

camium [bot] Formerly used of "alimentary humours" of the body Late L *camium*, change.

Cambria Same word as *Cumbria*, latinized from *Cymry*, Welshmen, older *Combrogēs*, "co-landers", cf L *Allobrogēs*, "other-landers," from Gaulish

cambric From *Kamerijk*, Flem form of *Cambrai* (Nord) See *batiste* and cf *arras kamerycks doeck* cambric (Hexham)

camel AS *camel* (or ONF *camel*), L *camelus*, G *κάμηλος*, Heb *gāmāl*, cogn with Arab *jamal*

These are the ships of Arabia, their seas are the deserts (Purch)

camellia Named (18 cent) by Linnaeus after *Kamel* (latinized *Camellus*), Jesuit who described vegetation of Luzon

camelopard L *camelopardus*, from G *καμηλο-άρδαλις*, camel pard, having legs and neck of camel, spots of pard See *leopard*, by association with which it is commonly pronounced *camel-leopard*

camembert Cheese French village (Orne) Cf *cheddar*, *gruyere*

cameo It *cameo*, with various forms in Rom langs Earliest are OF *camehu* (*cameheu*), MedL *camahutus*, also occurring in 13 cent E. Origin unknown

camera L, chamber Hence *camera obscura*, invented (16 cent) by Giambattista della Porta Simply *camera* (phot) since Daguerre

camerlengo It, chamberlain (q v.) Cardinal acting as Pope's chief adviser

Cameronian [hist] Follower of *Richard Cameron*, 17 cent Covenanter Also 1st Batt Scottish Rifles, orig Cameronians who joined William III

camisado [hist] Sp *camisada*, night raid made in shirts, so that attacking party should not mistake each other in darkness From Sp *camisa* (see *clenise*)

camisard [hist] Protestant insurgent in Cévennes (late 17 cent) From Prov *camisa*, uniform of rebels (v s).

camisole F, Sp *camisola* or It *camiciola* See *chemise*.

camlet [archaic]. F. *camelot*, *chamelot*, with forms in most Europ. langs Popularly associated with *camel*, and perh orig made from camel's hair, later from the hair of the Angora goat There is also an Arab *khamlat*, nap of cloth The word, like so many names of supposed Oriental fabrics, is of obscure origin and varying sense

camomile F *camomille*, L *chamomilla*, altered from G. *χαμαίμηλον*, earth apple See *melon*, *chameleon*

camorra It secret society Origin obscure App from earlier meaning "Irish rugge or mantle, a mariners frocke" (Flor), cf *camagnole*

The Camorists [? meaning Camarillists] at the War Office (*Sunday Times*, Jan. 20, 1918)

camouflage A word which was naturalized with amazing rapidity early in 1917 Orig from Parisian slang, which has *camoufle*, candle, personal description, *camouflet*, to disguise, *camouflet*, chandelier, app connected in some way with the older *camouflet* (v 1) Cf It *camuffare*, to disguise, ? for *capo muffare*, to muffle the head

I was in khaki by way of camouflage

(G B Shaw in *Daily Chron* March 5, 1917).

The ermine is simply the little brown stoat in winter camouflage (*ib* Jan. 7, 1918)

At Hampstead 50 girls, camouflaged for the day as Welsh peasants, presented Mrs Lloyd George with 50 purses (*ib* March 2, 1918)

camouflet [mil] Asphyxiating mine F., orig of blowing smoke in one's face Earlier *mosfet*, app from OF *mosfer*, to stuff; also (15 cent) *chaut* (*chaud*) *moufflet*, which may, however, be folk-etym. The verb *mosfer* gave E *muffle* (q v.)

can oufflet a snuff, or cold pie, & smoky paper held under the nose of a slug, or sleeper (Cott)

camp F, It *campo*, L *campus*, field, esp as in *Campus Martius*, place for athletic contests, parade ground, etc Cf ME *champ*, field, from F, and ME *camp*, contest, AS *camp*, early loan from L *campus* Cf Ger *kampf*, fight, from L, and mil sense of *field* See also *champion* The *Field of the Cloth of Gold* renders F. *camp du Drap-d'Or*

campagnol Short-tailed field mouse F, from *campagne*, country

campaign F. *campagne*, It *campagna*, L *campania*, from *campus*, field Orig. open country, cf archaic *champaign* (*Lear*, i 1), and F. *Champaigne*. Mil sense arises from contrast between armies in the field and

cant' Slang humbug OY **cant** (*chant*) singing hence the whining speech of beggars in 17-18 cents esp the secret jargon of the criminal and vagabond classes the canting crew Mod sense springs from hostile application of the term to phraseology of certain sects and groups *Canting arms* (her) are punning or allusive cf *F a mes parlantes*

The language g—which the y term peddlers French
or cant; g—began but within these x y res
(Hartman & Carver, 1867)

Hol yn—or Bullen—had th canting rm of a
black bull sb (C. M. Yong)

Cont is the Englishman's second nature
(Hung M ver lat professor at Liverpool)

Cantab For Cantabrigian MedL. Cantabri
ensis from latinized form of Cambridge
orig Grantabridge later Cantabridge Cant
abridge

The Occident and Christians are the happiest
Academicians on earth (How II 1619)

cantaliver See *cantilver*

cantaloup Melon F It *Cantaloupe* former estate of the Pope where it is said to have been introduced from Armenia

cantankerous Prob. coined on *cankeous*
rancorous from ME *cankeous* from MF
& AF *canak* *canke* strife *conkehoir*
disputant The first LED examples are
from Gohlsmith and Shenian so it may
be of Ir formation. *Conke* is altered from
AF *concl* (= contest)

Mort l'entet cumence a lever en la cite d' Noud
[Lincoln] (Mayor of Lincoln c. 1272)

cantata. It from *cantare* to sing

cantatrice F It L cantabile cantabile
f m of cantabile singer

canteen *F cantina* It. *cantina* app cogn
with *cant* of Du *market* shop lit come
Also in *F* and *E* a case fitted with bottl
knives and forks etc

The antennae of the very first red tide plant
(E. Acet 3) is 11 20

canter Short for Cant, burr for ga. p
pulsions pace on the Old Kent Road A
preliminary can precedes the race itself
The Pegasus of Pope like a knightly post he
is always of the Canterbury (J Den ~ 1722)

canterbury Music stand etc From c 1850
Cf. *canterbury*

Canterbury bell. Tautly associated with bells on palanquin horses. See center

cantharides. L. pl of cantharis G. aortapae
baster fr Spanish fr

canticle L. *canticulum* dum from *cantus*
song from *canere* to sing

cantilever [arch] Bracket Has been associated with *later* but the form *cant' lever* (1611) recorded in Appendix V to Plinyas Pett's *Autobiography* 50 years earlier than *NED* records points to something quite different. First element is *So can do*.

as in reflect to the end of timber or stone
jutting out of a wall on which old buildings
the beam used to rest and cantilever is

cantle Piece corner etc ONF *can el chan*
teay dim of *canfl* (a v.)

canto It. *L. cantus* First in Spain *et*

canton *f* It *cantone* augment of *ca* to corner See *cant*¹ It has many obs & archaic meanings For nil sense (*cantonments*) cf *qua le s*

and a corner or rose-w feet 10
canton or hundred a precinct, or circuit of
toys where there be divers good towns and
villages (Thi word spryng st H 12 or 5 te
land whi h thi day consist f the teen a
canton) (Cote)

cantoris [soul] L. of the singer i.e. on the side of the *p. cento*. Opposite is *decan* of the *dean*.

cantrip [Sc] Sp. II tri k One in the east
cantrips tell fortunes Earliest form can
trape (Allen Ramsey) Perh connected
with an antip on

Cantuar. Signature of archbp of Canterbury
Cf. Med. Cantuar. mon of Kent. Lib. 15

Canuck [US] French Canadian App from Canada by anal gy with CK r34 [v]

canvas. *F. canetas* (cf. *It. cana* 'a lo') (from
OF *canere* 'hemp' L. *cannas*, *G.* *canis* 'dog'
Prob. of Oriental origin (cf. Pers. *kān* 'dog')
and ult. cogn. with Awp. (q.v.) Hence
verb to *canvas*(s) perh. orig. to sit *u* *canvas*
canvas

савуор *See* **ламок**

canonel It can't be dry if canon
song VL can't be of F canon in canon
somewhere

caoutchouc F (18 cent) from native S'kr or
word (Carib)

cap AS. *capae* hood Late I *capa* mantle of obscure origin but possibly borrowed from *capitane* halberd of Late I *capa* cape cope Both words have a numerous progeny in the European languages and some of *cap* is evolved from that of woman's hood The *cap* *filic* is the Phrygian cap given to Roman slaves on emancipation Among figurative us-

to be partly due to the pre-Christian Roman candle-processions in the feast of purification (Feb 15)

It is a comon proverbe, "A man must sumtyme set a candel before the Devyle" (*Paston I et ii* 73)

candour Orig brightness, purity. L *candor*
See *candid*

candy From sugar-candy, F *sucré candi*, cf It *zucchero candi*, Sp *azúcar candé*, etc Arab *qandī*, candied, from *qand*, sugar, from Pers, ult Sanskrit *khandā*, piece
candytuft From *Candy*, obs form of *Candia*, 1 e Crete

cane F *canne*, L *canna*, G *κάννα*, reed, perh of Eastern origin, cf Heb *quāneh*, Arab *qānah*

cangue [*China*] Wooden frame round neck F, Port *cango*, cf Port *canga*, yoke It occurs first as verb, *congoed*, perh corrupt of *cangado*, p p of *cangare*, to yoke For non-Chin origin cf *joss*, *junk*, *mandarin*
canicular L *canicularis*, of the dog-star, *canicula*, L name of Sirius or Procyon Cf F *canicule*, dog-days, period of great heat
canine L *caninus*, of the dog, *canis*

canister L *canstrum*, bread-basket, G *κάνιστρον*, wicker basket, from *κάννα*, reed See *canaster*, *basket* Current sense of metal receptacle (from c 1700) is partly due to association with *can*²

canker AS *cancer* or ONF *cancie*, L *cancer*, crab. Formerly also in sense of *cancer* (q v) Normal F form is *chancre*, whence E *shanker*

canna Flower L, reed

cannel Coal Said to be for *candle-coal*, because it burns without smoke like a candle
cannelure Grooving F, from *canneler*, to groove See *canal*, *channel*¹

cannibal Sp *canibal*, for *Caribal* (Columbus), Carb, perh partly by popular association with Sp *can*, dog But Columbus believed the *Canibals* to be so-called as subjects of the Great Khan (of Tartary), whose territory he thought he had reached *Carib* is prob a native word for valiant See *Caibian*

Las islas se llamaron los Canibales por los muchos Caribes, comedores de carne humana, que truvon en ellas

(Herrera, *Descripción de las Indias Occidentales*)

A place called the Kennyballes, in the sayd lande of Brasyle (*Voyage of the Barbara*, 1540)

cannon¹ Gun F *canon*, It *cannone*, augment of *carra*, tube, L *canna*, reed (see *cane*) Cf F *canon d'un fusil*, barrel of a gun. Collect sense is in Shaks

cannon² At billiards. Perversion of earlier *carom*, *carrom* (still in US), short for F *carambole*, Sp Port *carambola*, the red ball This may be Port. *carambola*, a golden yellow fruit from Malabar, Mahratti *karanbal* Those who have misspent their youth in billiard rooms will think of the parallel "raspberry"

canny [*Sc & north*] App a fairly mod formation (17 cent) from *can*¹ (q v) Cf Sw *kunng*, knowing, cunning (in etym sense) See *ca' canny*. *Canny Scot* (chman) is app due to Scott (*Antiq xxxviii*)

canoe Orig *canoa*, Sp, native Haytian word (Columbus)

The boate of one tree called the canoa (Raleigh)

canon¹. Decree of the church, and hence, rule, principle, in various senses AS *canon*, L, G *καὶ νόμος*, rule With *canon* type cf *primer*, *brevier*, etc. To *canonize*, make eccl enactment, has already in Wyc spec sense of inscribing on calendar of saints *Canonicals* are the regulation dress of a duly appointed priest

A cloak and cassock for my brother I will have him in a canonical dress (Pepys, Sep 27, 1666)

canon² Dignitary AS *canonic*, Church L *canonicus*, regular priest (see *canon*¹), was replaced in ME by *canoun*, *chanoun*, OF *chanome* (*chanome*), L *canonicus*

cañon, canyon Sp *cañon*, tube, etc, applied to deep river-gorges in N Amer Thus ident with *cannon*¹

canoodle [*slang*] A dial word (Somerset) for donkey, "spoony" Perh in current sense vaguely associated with *cuddle*

canopy F *canapé*, sofa, OF *conopé*, bed-curtain, MedL *canapeum*, L *conopeum*, G *κωνωπέιον*, couch with mosquito curtains, from *κάνωβ*, gnat, mosquito E has thus more of the orig sense, the Rom langs taking that of the (curtained) couch

canorous From L *canorus*, from *canere*, to sing Cf *sonorous*

Canossa, go to [*pol*] Used by Bismarck of humiliating surrender Castle near Reggio, where Emperor Henry IV made submission to Pope Gregory VII (1077)

Mr Lloyd George approaching his Canossa

(*Westm Gaz Nov. 17, 1920*)

cant¹ Corner, edge ONF *cant* (*chant*), MedL *cantus* (whence also It *canto*, Du *kant*, Ger *hantel*), perh Late L *canthus*, corner of the eye, G *kanthós* Now more common as verb, to tilt, set edge-ways Cf F *poser de chant*, often wrongly spelt *de champ*

vire to turn But synon F *capoter* Sp *capu ar* suggest some connection with *cape* hood

1 *caposse* renverser ou chav. er q. l'ique chose cest ne p ess a vulga e (Lesc)

capstan Prov *cabestan* (whence F *cabestan*) for *cabestran* (cf Sp *cabestranle*) from *cabestrare* L *capistrare* to fasten with a rope L *capistrum* from *capere* to take seize Sp *cabrestante* is folk-etym stand ing goat So also E *capstern* as late as Marryat

cabestia the c pster or rab of a sh p (Lalc)

capsule F L *capsula* dim of *capsa* chest case

captain F *capitains* Late L *capitaneus* from *caput* head A learned word perh influenced by It *capitano* Sp *capitan* The true OI word is *chahaigne* *chevelain* whence F *chieftain* The *captain* of a ship orig commanded the fighting men (see *master*) Also in poet sense of great commander as in Kipling's line *The captain is and the kings depart* the deletion of which from a press article as likely to convey information to the enemy gained anonymous immortality for one of the censor's staff *Led-captain* hired bully is associated with F *capitan* braggart ruffler from Sp (vs)

caption [neol from US] Title of article etc captious F *captiosus* L *captiosus* from *captio* sophistical argument lit taking hold from *capere* to seize

captive L *captivus* See *califf* With *capti vate* cf *enthral*

capture F L *captura* from *capere* a *capti* to take Cf *caption* *captor*

Capua Place of effeminate influences from trad effect on Hannibal's soldiers

How skillfully G unborough p t i def at Bath b i und his Cap a (the arm Oct 2) 1857]

capuchin F It *capucino* from *capuccio* hood from *capa* (see *cape*) Pointed hood adopted by Franciscans of new rule (1528)

capybara Largest extant rodent (Samer) Native Braz name Cf *cary* Purch has *cap cara* (xvi 288)

car ONI *carra* Late I *carra* for *carrus* whence F *char* It Sp *carro* Of Celt origin (cf Ir *carr* ult. cogn with L *carrus*) First used by Caesar of the Celt c war-chariot Application to public vehicles is US

Carabas marquis of I from title invented for

his master by Puss in Boots (Perrault 17 cent)

carabine See *carbine* The *Carabinees* are the 6th Dragoon Guards

caracal Feline animal the lynx of the ancients F Turk *qarah gulak* black-ear caracole [squit] Half turn F It *caracollo* or Sp Port *caracol* spiral shell staircase etc Origin unknown ? From Celt cf Gael *car* turn twist

caracul Tur resembling astrakhan From Kara Kul i.e. black lake (near Bokhara)

And n b s he d be plac d h he p kin ap

Bl k glou y l d th fleec f ka k l l

(M Arn M S h ab & R st m)

carafe F It *caraffa* Pers *qa dbah* flagon (see *carboy*) Another etym is from Arab *gharafa* to draw water cf. Sp Port *garrafa*

carambole See *cannon**

caramel F It Sp *caramelo* marchpane or such like delicate confection (Minsh) ? Ult L *canna mellis* (cf *suga stick*)

carapace F ? cogn with *capa* ison But see also *calispash*

carat F It *carato* Arab *qirāt* C *ap* low little horn hence fruit of carob tree small weight In earlier use confused with obs *carat* mark sign (*character*)

ca t a w ght d g e e c led ar et (T)

caravan F *caravane* a word datin from the Crusades Pers *kārdūn* company of merchants or ships travelling together also of late corruptly used with us for a kind of waggon to carry passengers to and from London (Blount 164) Hence *caravaneras* from Pers *sa* of mansion inn New sense in E prob arose in connection with the wanderings of gypsies

caravel [hist] See *carrel*

caraway carraway Cf F It Sp *cary* (Sc *cary*) OSP *al-ca area* Arab *ka arwa* prob from C *po* whence F *caryum carum* (Pliny) cf Du *karz* Ger *ka w* The C form has parallels in surnames like *Ottoway Hadaway* etc where the final syllable is kr wv ab -at as in *Fduy* from *Eadig*

carbine Earher (17 cent) *carab e k* (16 cent.) app weapon of a *carabin* light horseman though the converse may be the case (cf *d r con*) Origin unknown OI var *ca abrin* and Medl *calabrinus* have suggested connection with Ca *qaria* *carab n e lu or rheet n arqu t r e servi g on horseback* (Cotg)

percussion cap, put like a cap on the nipple of the gun To *cap verses* (anecdotes, etc.) is to fit one on another To *set one's cap at* is orig one of the many naut metaphors which are no longer felt as such; cf F *mettre le cap sur*, to turn the ship's head towards Here *cap* is Prov for head, L *caput*

capable F, Late L *capabilis*, receptive, in early theol use, from *capere*, to hold

capacious For obs *capace*, L *capax*, *capac-*, from *capere*, to take

cap-à-pie OF, head to foot ModF *de pied en cap* *Cap* is Prov or It *capo*, L *caput*, whence also F *chef*

caparison F *caparaçon*, Sp *caparazon*, app from Late L *capa* (see *cape*¹), cf MedL *caparo*, hood (see *chaperon*) Or it may be ult cogn with *carapace*, having been orig applied to armour of warhorse

*cape*¹ Garment, orig hood, "Spanish cloak" F, Sp *capa*, Late L *capa* True F form is *chape*, cope See *cap*

*cape*² Promontory F *cap*, Prov or It *capo*, head, L *caput* Cf *headland* From 17 cent spec for Cape of Good Hope, usu Cape de Bona Speranza in Hakl and Purch See also *boy*

capelin Fish F, ? from L *caput*, head

*caper*¹ Plant F *câpre*, It *cappero*, L *capereis*, G *κάρπαις* Spelt in OF and ME with final -s which has been taken for pl sign and dropped Cf *pea*

The erbe caperis shal be scattered

(Wyc Eccles xii 5)

*caper*² Gambol App short for *capriole* (see *capriole*) Cf to *play the giddy goat*

capriola a capriole or caper in dancing (Flor)

capercaillie Cock of the woods The -z- is late printer's substitute for obs palatal better represented by -y- (cf *Dalziel*, *Mackenzie*, etc.) Gael *capull-coille*, horse (from L *caballus*) of the woods Cf *Caledonia*

capias Writ of arrest L, thou mayst take Cf *habeas corpus*

capibara See *capybara*

capillary From L *capillaris*, from *capillus*, hair, cogn with *caput*, head *Capillary attraction* dates from Laplace (†1827)

*capital*¹ Of a column For *capitel*, L *capitellum*, dim of *caput*, head, cf OF *chapitel* (*chapiteau*)

*capital*² Adj L *capitalis*, from *caput*, head, etym sense surviving in *capital punishment* (offence) Later senses show the same

tendency as *ripping*, *awfully*, etc With *capital*, chief town, cf synon AS *hēafod-slōl*, head stool, capital

*capital*¹ Money Late L *capitale*, stock, property, neut of *capitalis* (v s). See *cattle*, *chattel* *Capitalist*, as term of reproach for the provident, is F *capitaliste*, a Revolution coinage (see -ist)

capitan [hist] Sp, captain (q v); esp in *capitan pasha*, chief admiral of Turk fleet *capitation* F, L *capitatio*-n- Cf *poll-tax*, *head-money*

capitation head-silver, pole-money (Coig).

Capitol L *capitolium*, from *caput* Orig Temple of Jupiter on the Tarpeian Hill; later, the citadel Trad from a head which was discovered in digging the foundations

capitular See *chapter*

capitulate From MedL *capitulare* (from *caput*, *capit-*, head), to draw up an agreement under "heads" Retains orig sense in the hist *capitulations* (1535) between Turkey and France

caplin See *capelin*

capon AS *capun*, L *capo-n-*

caponier [fort] Covered passage F *caponnière*, Sp *caponera*, "a coope wherein capons are put to feed" (Minsh.). - For sense-development cf *sentinel*

caporal F, tobacco of quality superior to *tabac du soldat* (de cantine) See *corporal*

capot Winning all tricks at piquet From *capot*, hood, dim of *cape*, in *faux capot*, though metaphor not clear See *aomino*

Vous allez faire pic, repic et capot tout ce qu'il y a de galant à Paris (Mol *Précieuses*, 9)

She would ridicule the pedantry of the terms—such as pique, repique, the capot

(Lamb, *Mrs Battle*)

capote F, also *capot* (v s), dim of *cape* (see *cape*¹)

caprice F, It *capriccio* (also formerly in E use), from *capro*, goat, L *caper* (cf *caper*²). But It *capriccio* is connected by some with L *caput*, head; cf synon F *coup de tête*

Capricorn L *capricornus*, horned goat (v s) Cf G *αἰγόκερος*

capriole Leap, etc See *caper*²

capsicum ModL, perh. from L *capsa*, case, pod Cf *capsule*

capsize Replaced (18 cent) earlier *overset* Orig *capacise* (v 1), an older form than *NED* records First element prob means head; cf Ger *koppseisen*, from E, & F. *chavirer*, to capsize, prob from *caput* and

- career** *F carrière* *It. carriera* from *carro* chariot (see *car*) Orig. race race course cf *in full career to come careerin down the street* etc For later sense cf *curriculum*
- caress** *F caresser* *It. carezzare* from *care* *L caritās* from *carus* dear
- caret** [*typ*] Sign of omission (A) *L* from *carere* to be lacking The symbol is the circumflex accent commonly used as sign of omission
- carfax** [*hist*] Cross-roads as still at Oxford and Exeter *ME carrefouhes* *carfox* pl of *OF carrefouren* (*carrefour*) *VL quadri furcus* four forked
- cargo** *Sp cargo* or *carga* from *cargar* to load cf *It carrica* *F charge* See *charge*
- carh**
- cariatid** See *caryatid*
- Carib** [*arg*] Used of a large group of Windilangs See *cannibal*
- caribou** *Namer* reindeer *Canad F* from *Michmac* (Algonkin) *kalebo* said to mean shoveller because the deer shovels away the snow with its hoofs to get at the moss on which it feeds
- caricature** *F* *It caricatura* The *It* form was in common *E* use 17-18 cents Lit an overloading from *caricare* to load See *charge* and cf *F charge* caricature
- carillon** *F chime* *VL quadris* on peal of four *OF* had also *carignon* *VL qī at into n* cf *Prov tri sho triho* chime from **trino n* The references are mostly to Flanders where the carillons ripple from old spires (Dowden)
- carin** [*bot*] From *L carina* keel
- cariose** See *carriole*
- carious** [*med*] From *L caries* decay
- cark** *AI kark* load *Norm* form of *F charge* load burden Thus load of care with which it commonly occurs e.g. *cark ing care* for which Spenser has *careful cark*
- carl** (*carlin*) [*dial*] Man old woman *ON karl* (*m*) *kerling* (*f*) whence *Sw Dan karl* fellow cogn with *churl* (*qv*)
- Th *arha* cf *ghth* by the rump
A *dī* *ft* *por* *e* *N* *ggio* scarce a stump (*Yam Sh ter*)
- carline** This *tlc* *F* *Sp* *It* *MedL carlina* with a legendary ref to *Charlema ne*
- carling** [*naut*] Longitudinal timber *Ice* *kerling* suggests identity with *carlin* (*qv*) But *F carlingus* is app for older *esca lingue* [*Jal*] which suggests connection with *Du schaer* *Ger scher* as in *schaer slokken scherstōche* carlings The second

- part may be *OF le gne* wood *L lignum*
Cf *It Sp carlinga*
- Carhol** Signature of bishop of Carisle
MedL Carholium
- Carlist** [*hist*] Spanish legitimist supporting claims of Don Carlos second son of Charles IV of Spain as opposed to reigning family sprung from daughter of Ferdinand VII (†1833)
- Carlovingian** *Carolingian* [*hist*] *F* kings descended from *Charlemagn* *MedL Carolus Magnus* *F* *carlovingien* is after *nd o* *en* *ien*
- carmagnole** Revolutionary song and dance (Paris 1793) from a kind of jacket favoured by the Republicans ? From *Carria nola* in *Liedmont*
- Carmelite** White friar From monastery on Mount Carmel founded by Berthold (12 cent) Hence also fabric
- carminative** I remedy for flatulency From *L carminare* to card wool hence *fib* to purify
- carmine** *F carmin* (12 cent) *MedL carinus* from Arab *qirma* *F* from *qirmiz* kermes (*qv*) Cf *Sp car* in *carmesi* crimson (*qv*) Form has perh been in fluxuated by association with *minium* (see *miniat* *e*)
- carnac** [*archaic*] Elephant-driver mahout *I cornac* Port *corndea* *Singhale ek ana nāyaka* stud keeper Has been assimilated to surname *Carnac* a famous Anglo-Ind name
- carnage** *F* *It carnaggio* carnage slaughter murder also all manner of fle h meate (*Flor*) from *L caro* *ca n* fle h Cf *archaic F ekarna e* Church season at which flesh may be eaten
- carnal** *L carnalis* of the flesh *curo carn* Cf *F chirel*
- carnation** Orig flesh-colour *F* from *L caro* *carn* fle h after *It ca na one* the hew or colour of ones skin and flesh (*Flor*) The flower is also called *incarnation* and *coronaton* by 16 cent herbalists but *F cuille* *ca nē* flesh-coloured pink points to *carnat* on as the original For converse sense development see *pink* Cf *corne lian*
- carnelian** See *cornelian*
- carnival** *F carnua* or *It carnet le* Shrove Tuesday Cf *MedL carn leu ar um* *ca nile* *carnen* from *L carnem* *leu e* to remove meat Forms have been influenced by fanciful derivations from *I tale* sawewell

carbolic From *carbon* by analogy with *alcoholic*

carbon Coined by Lavoisier (†1794) from L *carbo-n-*, whence F *charbon*, charcoal.

carbonado [archaic] Sp *carbonada*, "a carbonado on the coals" (Minsh.) Hence, to broil, and fig to slash See *carbon*

I'll so carbonado your shanks (Lear, II 2)

Carbonari [hist.] Secret society formed in Naples during Murat's rule (c 1810) Pl of *carbonaro*, charcoal-burner (v s) Cf *gueux*, beggars, name assumed by Du republicans (16 cent)

carboy Large wicker-covered vessel for chemicals Pers *qarābah*, flagon See *carafe*

carbuncle ME & OF usu *charbucle*, but ONF *carbuncle*, L *carbunculus*, little coal Forms in most Europ langs, including Ger *karfunkel*, popularly connected with *funken*, to sparkle For double sense-development, found also in other langs, cf *anthrax*

carbunculus a little cole a certaine botch comming of inflammation a precious stone a carbuncle (Coop)

carburet Coined (18 cent) from *carbon*, by analogy with *sulphuret*

carcajou Canad F for wolverine. Amer Ind name

carcanet [antiq.] Jewelled collar, fillet Dim of F *carcan*, iron collar as pillory, Merovingian L *carcanum* Cf OHG *cwerca*, throat, ON *ferb*, angle under chin Obs E *quarhen*, to choke, is cogn

carcase, carcass ME *carcays*, AF *carcois*, OF *charquois*, represented by MedL *carcostum* This was replaced (16 cent) by mod form, F *carcasse*, It *carcassa* Earlier sense was skeleton It is possible that the first form is L *carchestum*, tall drinking vessel, G *καρχήσιον*, whence It *carcasso*, Sp *carcaj*, quiver, OF *carquois*, upper part of skeleton, now also, quiver, but the whole group of words is obscure Others regard all these words as coming, via MedL *larchestum*, from Pers *tarbāsh*, quiver, with dissem like that of Ger *larloffel* (see *truffler*) In archaic sense of bomb always split *cruass*

carcel Lamp Name of F inventor (19 cent)

carcinology Study of the crab, G *καρκίνος* card' Kastenboard F. *card*, It *carta*, L *charta*, G *πάπυρος*, leaf of papyrus Earliest

in playing-card sense *Carte* is still usual in Sc See *chart*, with which *card* was once synon, as in to *speak by the card*, i.e. by the compass-card As applied to a person, *queer card*, *knowing card*, it may be an extension of the metaph *good card*, *sure card*, etc, or may be an anglicized form of F *card*, tinker (cf *arful beggar*, etc) On the cards refers to the possibilities of the game

I showed them tricks which they did not know to be on the cards (Smollett's *Gil Blas*)

card² For wool. F *carde*, teasel, Prov *carda*, VL **carda*, for *carduus*, thistle Earliest as verb

To karde and to kembe (Piers Plowm C x 80)

cardamine Plant Mod (Linnaeus), G *καρδάμην*, from *κάρδαμον*, cress

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cardinal L *cardinalis*, essential, as in *cardinal points* (virtues), from *cardo*, *cardin-*, hinge, cf G *καρδάρ*, to swing Earliest as noun (12 cent), from Late L *episcopus* (or *presbyter*) *cardinalis*, orig in charge of one of the cardinal (or parish) churches of Rome, and, since third Lateran Council (1173), member of council electing the Pope As name of colour from red hat and robe

cardio- See *cardiac*

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Post equitem sedet atra cura (Odes, III 140)

careen To turn a ship on one side for cleaning, etc F *caréner*, from *carène*, keel, It' (Genoaese) *carena*, L *carina* Or perh. rather from Sp, the duties of the "carnero or calker" being described in detail in Hall's (xv 147)

career F *carrière* It *carriera* from *carro* chariot (see *car*) Or_g race race-course cf in full career to come careering down the s reel etc For later sense cf curriculum

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caret [ʃɪp] Sign of omission (A) L from *carere* to be lacking The symbol is the circumflex accent commonly used as sign of omission

carfax [hɪst] Cross roads as still at Oxford and Exeter ME *carrefoukes* ca fox pl of OF *carrefour* (*carrefour*) VL **quadri furcus* four forked

car Sp *cargo* or *carga* from *ca gar* to load cf It *carrica* F *charge* See *char* & *carh*

caratid See *carvatiid*

Carib [ʃɪŋ] Used of a large group of Wind lings See *cannibal*

caribou N Amer reindeer Canad F from Micmac (Algonkin) *kalebo* said to mean hoveller because the deer shovels away the snow with its hoofs to get at the moss on which it feeds

caricature F It *caricatura* The It form was in common L use 17-18 cents Lat an over loading from *caricare* to load See *charge* and cf F *charge* caricature

carillon F chime VL *quadrilōn* peal of four OF *hal* also *carignon* VL **quadrinio* n cf Prov *trinho trinho* chime from *trinio*-n The references are mostly to Flanders where the carillons ripple from old spurs (Dowden)

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cariole See *carriole*

carious [med] From L *civ* es decay

car AF *kark* load Norm form of F *cha* a load burden Thus load of care with which it commonly occurs e.g. *ca k ing care* for whi h Spenser has *careful car*

carl carlin [dial] Man old woman ON *kari* (m) *kerling* (f) whence Sw Dan *kari* fellow cogn with *ckrl* (q v)

Th e hnd ght h bytl mp

A d i t poo Ma gi searce a t mp

(Tam o Sh ter)

carline Thistle F Sp It MedL *carlina* with a legendary ref to Charlemagne

carling [naul] Longitudinal timber Ice! *kerling* suggests identity with *ca lin* (q v) But I *ca lingua* is app for older *escar lingua* (Jal) which suggests connection with Du *schaar* Ger *schar* as in *schaar stöcken* *scherstöße* carlings The second

part may be OF *leigne* wood L *lignum* Cf It Sp *carlin* a

Carliol Signature of bishop of Carlis! MedL *Carliol* m

Carlist [hɪst] Spanish legitimist supporting claims of Don Carlos second son of Charles IV of Spain as opposed to reigning family sprung from daughter of Ferdinand VII (1833)

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Carmelite White friar From monastery on Mount Carmel founded by Berthold (11 cent) Hence also fabric

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carmine F *carmin* (12 cent) MedL *carminu* from Arab *qī ma ī* from *qirm* a kermes (q v) Cf Sp *a min carne* a crimson (q v) Form has perh been influenced by a sociation with *minim* (see *miniature*)

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Caroline Belonging to *Charles*, esp *Charles-magne* (see *Carlovingian*), and *Charles I* and *II* of England

Carolingian See *Carlovingian*

carolus Gold coin of *Charles I*, also of *Charles VIII* of France Cf *jacobus*, *louis*, etc

carom See *cannon*²

carotid G *καρωτίδες* (pl), from *καρὸν*, to stupefy, because compression of the artery has this effect (Galen)

carousal From *carouse* (q v), but sometimes confused by hist writers with archaic *carousel*, *carrousel*, festival with chariot-racing, tilting, etc, "a kind of superb, be-tailored running at the ring" (Carlyle), F, It *carosello*, prob. from L *carrus*, chariot (cf *carree*)

carouse From the phrase *drink carouse*, to drink bumpers, OF *carous*, Ger *gar aus*, quite out We also find obs *garous*, *garais*, straight from Ger *All out* was also used, cf Ger *all aus* See also *rouse*²

Je ne suis de ces importuns lireslofres, qui, par force, par oultrage, contraignent les compaignons triquer, voyre carous et alluz, qui pis est

(*Pantagruel*, in *Prol*)

The queen crouches to thy fortune, Hamlet

(*Ham* I v. 2)

carp¹. Fish F *carpe*, Late L *carpa* (cf. It

Sp *carpa*, used (6 cent) of a Danube fish, and hence prob of Teut or Slav origin. Cf Ger *harpfen*, Russ *karpu*, Serb. *krap*, etc

carp² Verb ME to speak, talk, later ME, to talk censoriously. App ON *karpa*, to chatter, brag, influenced in meaning by association with L *carpere*, to pluck, pull to pieces

Thus conscience of Crist and of the croys carpede
(*Piers Plowm* C xxi 199)

carpal [*anat*] Of the wrist, L *carpus*, G *καρπός*

carpel [*bot*] Pistil cell Dim. from G *καρπός*, fruit Cf F. *carpelle*

carpenter ONF *carpentier* (*charpentier*), L *carpentarius*, cart-wright, from *carpentum*, chariot, of Celt origin, cf. Gael *carbod*, chariot, OIr *carpat*, Welsh *cerbyd* (from Ir), prob cogn with L *corbis*, basket, ground-idea being vehicle of wicker For Celt origin cf *car*

carpet OF *carpite*, a coarse shaggy material, cf MedL It *carpita*, rough patch-work, etc, from VL **carpire*, for *carpere*, to pluck Cf F *charpie*, lint for wounds, from OF *charpir*, to pluck to pieces For sense-development cf *rug* *Carpets* covered tables and beds before they were used for floors Hence on the *carpet*, like F *sur le tapis*, means on the table, before the council, etc (see *bureau*) A *carpet-knight* was one knighted at court, kneeling on the carpet before the throne, instead of on the battlefield A *carpet-bagger* was orig a pol adventurer from the northern US, who, after the war (1861-5), threw himself into southern politics to exploit the negro vote The verb to *carpet*, to reprimand, was first used of servants made to "walk the carpet," i e summoned into the "parlour" for a wiggling

This man [Paris] is alwaye described of Homere as a more pleasaunt carpet knight then stoute warrior, and more delighting in instrumentes and dalaunce then martial prowesse and chivalrie

(*Coop Dict Hist* 1565)

carpo- [*bot*] From G. *καρπός*, fruit

carrack [*hist*] Large ship, galleon OF. *caraque*, It. *caraca*, Sp Port *carraca*, MedL *carraca*, *carrica*, whence also Du *kraak* and obs E *crack*. A Mediterranean word ? From Arab *qarāqir*, pl of *qurqūr* (whence Port *coracora*, kind of ship), from Late L *carricare* (see *charge*, *carry*) Hence perh

also naut. *carrick-bend* *carrick-tie* cf *karryk a ker* (Nae Accs 1403-9)
And now both Gaelic & Welsh *k* at L
Urld *r* than of a *carrick* L. *car* (1)

(Clare D 163)

Two *gras* *carrageens* and two *grasse* *gras*
(Journ 193 Journ 1613)

carrageen F lit. sea weed From *Carra*
ghera near Waterford

carraway See *ca* *arway*

carrage ONF *ariare* (*charriage*) from
carrie (two *carri*) The sense of vehicle
was evolved from the abstract id. a of
carrying (cf *carriage*) and has since
little of 19 cent. partly absorbed *caruck*
16 cent. I *carrocks* (*arrosie*) It *carrie* a
car *car* from *carro* *car* F *carriere* VL
to *carra* shows the same transition from the
abstract to the concrete For fig. sen. e
cf *bearing department*

carrocks a *carrocks* a *car* (Percyval)

Da illi di his *carriage* (I *le* v *a* *quas* *at* *et* I)
in the hand of the keeper of the *carriage*
(I *Sae* xvi 22)

carrick bend [naul] See *carrack*

carriage F It *carra* *la* from *carro* *car*
Common in Canada (also kind of sleigh)
and US where it is sometimes altered to
carry-all

Awaken brightly p. into any side w. by a sk. thful
A sy home (O Henry)

carion ONF *caronie* *carionis* (*charogn*)
VL *caronia* from *car* flesh cf *le*
carona Sp *caro* I Orig (OI & MF)
lead body

carronade [naul] Short heavy naval gun
introduced 1779 From *Carron* iron works
near Falkirk

carrot F *carrotte* L *ca* *ota* G *karrot*
prob from *apa* head

carry ONF *carier* (*hart* *er*) from *car* (*char*)
vehicle *car* For sense of winning e.g. to
carry a foot *ess* (a l before one) cf similar
use of F *emporter* Intrans to *carry on*
(*haut*) seems to be evolved from *to carry*
sa l F *charrie* *de la* *vo* *le* F *r* fig. sense
cf *to go on*

cart ON *ka* *tr* cogn. with AS *crat* *chariot*
? Orig. of *wicker* (see *crate*) Has prob. also
absorbed ONF *carale* (*char* *tie*) dim. of *car*
(*char*) To *cart* defeat utterly to be in the
(*cart* done for perh. g.) back to the cart in
which criminals were taken to execution

carte *quarte* [Jensing] I *quarta* (sc
parade) fem. of *quart* fourth L *quartus*
Cl *furca*

carte I in *carte* *blanch* blank charter
carte de *visite* small photograph orig. in
ten led to be used as visiting card See
ca *d*

cartel Challenge written agreement I It
cartel *o* from *cartis* (see *ca* *d*) Sense of
commercial trust also *ka* *tel* is app. via
Ger *karle*

Cartesian Follower of *René Descartes* I
mathematician and philosopher (1595-
1650) latinized *Cartes* *s*

Carthusian MedL *Ca* *thus* *anus* monk of
La Grande-Chartreuse (15 re) Order found
ed by St Bruno (1086) See *cha* *ter* *hot*

cartilage F L *ca* *t* *lag* *o*

cartle See *karle*

cartography See *ca* *d* *chart*

carton F *card* *bourg* *card* board box (v i)

cartoon F *carton* It *cart* *n* augment. of
carta *card* French sense is mod.

cartouche Ornament in scroll form also
figure in Egyptian hieroglyphics I It
cartouche from *car* *a* *card* Lari *r* also
ca *t* *idge* (v i)

caruck as *carton* *a* *iso* *a* *tridg* or roll (in
ambit) } (Leig)

cartridge Corrupt of *car* *uck* I It *ca*
lor *to* *a* *cxlin* of paper (Flor) from
carta *card* *Ca* *t* *idge* *paper* was orig. th
stuff rough paper used for cartridges

cartouche *a* *cartouch* or full *ha* *ge* for a pistol
p *t* *p* within a little *p* *re* *t* *b* *th* *re* *dier* *for*
uo (Leig)

cartulary *chartulary* Late L *ca* *tularium*
from Late L *cartula* charter dim. of I
ca *ta* *charta*

caruate [hist] Measure of land prop. as
much as could be ploughed with a team
of eight in a year MedL *caruata* from
Late L *caruata* plough from *caruata* *car*
Cl *bo* *ale* *oxa* *g*

caruncle Fleshy excrescence F *ca* *oncula*
L *caruncula* dim. from *caro* flesh

carve AS *ca* *rfa* *n* Com Teut cf Du
keren Ger *kerben* to notch ON *hy* *ja*
cogn. with C *ypso* *er* to write ON *oro*
strong as in arch. uc p p *carren* Replaced
by *cut* etc. in spec. sen. es

carvel *caravel* [hist] As I have shown else
where in an exhaustive note (Trans. Phil
Soc Feb 1910) these were orig. separate
words *Carvel* *but* *ie* with planks fitting
edge to edge as opposed to *cl* *nk* *r* *built*
with overlapping planks 1 of Du origin
The reference is to the kind of nail used

Du *karvel* Sp *cavilla*, L *clavicula*, contrasted with *clinchet* *Caravel*, F *caravelle*, It *caravella* (cf Sp *carabela*), is from Late L *carabus*, coracle, G *καράβος*. The two words soon became hopelessly confused

caryatid [*arch*] Column in form of female figure From L, G *Καρυάτιδες*, pl. of *Καρυάτις*, priestess of Artemis at *Caryae* in Laconia

cascabel [*archaic*] Knob at rear of cannon Sp, little round bell, child's rattle, from Late L *cascabus*, bell

cascade F, It *cascata*, from *cascare*, to fall, VL **cascare*, from *casus*, fall, case¹

cascara Sp, rind, bark, from *cascar*, to break, VL **quassicare*, from *qualere*, *quass-*, to break Cf *quash*

case¹ Orig what happens or befalls F *cas*, L *casus*, from *cadere*, *cas-*, to fall In gram sense a transl of G *πτῶσις*, from *πίπτειν*, to fall Hence *casual*, *casually* A much overworked word

Case and instance are the commonest and the most dangerous of a number of parasitic growths which are the dry-rot of syntax

(*Times Lit Supp* May 8, 1919).

case² Receptacle ONF *casse* (*châsse*), L *capsa*, from *capere*, to take, hold Hence *case-hardened*, of iron hardened on the surface, but, as *case* was used in 16 cent for skin or hide, perh the epithet was orig of the same type as *hide-bound* (cf to *case*, i e skin, a *hare*, Mrs Glasse)

Glosty the fox is fled, there lies his case
(*Loof about you*, 1600)

Hide-bound officials and service people of the case hardened armour-plate type
(*Sunday Times*, July 8, 1917)

casein [*chem*] From L *caseus*, cheese

casemate F, cf It *casamatta*, Sp *casamata* Orig a cavity in the foss of a fortification, as is shown by the Ger equivalents *mordgrube*, *mordkeller*, murder-ditch (-cellar) First element has been associated with It *casa*, house, hut, and second with Sp *matar*, to slay (cf *matador*), hence Flor has *casamatta*, "a casamat, or a slaughter-house" But the earliest authority for the word, Rabelais, has *chasmate*, both in the mil sense and in that of chasm, abyss (v 1) Hence Ménage was perh right in deriving the word from G *χάσμα*, *χασματ-*, which may very well have been introduced into mil lang by the learned engineers of the Renaissance, whose theories were chiefly based on Caesar, Thucydides, etc The use

of *voider*, to empty, in quot 1, shows that the casemate was a cavity or pit

Les autres escuroyent contremines, gabionnoyent defenses, ordonnoyent plates formes, vidooyent chasmates (*Pantagruel*, li. Prol)

Bestes nommes neades, à la seule voix desquelles la terre fondoyt en chasmates et en abysme
(ib iv 62)

casement Prob aphet for *encasement*, cf. OF *enchâssement*, window frame. See *chase*², *sash*²

caseous See *casein*

casern [*archaic*] Barracks Orig used, like *barracks*, of small huts ? for four men each (cf *mess*) F, Prov *cazerna*, L *qualerna*, cf Prov *cazern*, quire (q v.)

cash¹ Money F *caisse* or It *cassa*, L *capsa*, receptacle (see *case*²) Orig money-box Financial terms are largely It (cf *bankrupt*) In ModF *caisse* means counting-house

assa a chest, also, a merchant's cash, or counter (Flor)

cash². Various small Eastern coins Perh ult Tamil *kāsu*, some small coin or weight Cf. Port *caixa*, *cava* Spelling has been influenced by *cash*¹

cashew Nut F, Port *acajou*, which also means mahogany, Brazil *acaju*

cashier¹ Of bank Adapted from F *caissier* (see *cash*¹)

cashier² [*mil*] To dismiss Archaic Du *hasseren*, F *casser*, to break, L *quassare*, from *quassus* (*qualere*) Cf *roster*, *leaguer*, *furlough* and other war-words from the Low Countries Earlier also *cas*, from F *casser*, of which the p p is still in mil use, in *cash stores* (*horses*, etc)

casser to *cas*se, *cassere*, discharge (Cotg)

But the colonel said he must go, and he [the drum horse] was cast [i e cased] in due form

(Kipling, *Roll of the White Hussars*)

cashmere From *Kashmīr*, in Western Himalayas Hence corrupt *herseymere* With archaic *cassimere* cf F perversion *casimir*, assimilated to Pol name

casino It, from *casa*, house, L *casa*, hut
cash Sp *casco*, pot, head, helmet, orig potsherd, from *cascare*, to break up, VL **quassicare* (*qualere*) For sense-development cf F *tête*, L *testa*, potsherd, vessel With later sense of helmet cf once common use of *pot*, *kettle-hat*, etc in same sense (see also *bascinet*) *Casque*, from F, is thus the same word as *cask*, from which it did not earlier differ in spelling The Elizabethan sailors regularly use *cask* as

collect, or pl (cf *cannon* and see quot
s v *size*)

casco a cake or bargain t the sheards of an
earthen pot a l sheard a he d a head peer
(3) in h)

casket Corrupted from *F. cassette* (14 cent)
dim of *cassa* (see *case*) For *k* cf *gasket*
ca sett a small casket chest cabinet or forer
(Cotg)

casque F Sp casco replacing OF *Acadme*
(OHG *helm*) See *cash*

Cassandra Unbeeded prophethess Priam's
daughter who foretold destruction of Troy
cassation F annullment as in *cour de cassa*
tion from I *casser* to quash (q v)

cassava Plant A Haytian word with forms
also in F Sp Port See also *manioc*

casserole F from casse bowl Sp cati
Arab gaza dish Cf cassollette

cassia kind of cinnamon (Ps xlv 8) G
 * *qisa* from Heb *qitsa* to strip off bark
 cassimere See *cashmere*

cassock 1 *casaque* It. *casacca* a frocke
a horse mans cote a long cote (flur)
cf *Sp casa* a Prob of Slav origin
? *Cosso h* (coat) Cf. *dalmatic cravat* and
obs *eschuine* Slav mantle *Cossock* is
regularly *casack* in Hnkl Lecl sense is
latest (17 cent)

cassolette Pan or box for perfumes. *See* *casseroles*

cassowary Malay *kassir* prob via Du or Fr
cast O'N *kasta* cogn with L *gestare* In
MF this replaced AS *worpan* (see *warp*)
and is now itself largely replaced by *throw*.
Formerly used in mod sense of warp turn
as still in a *cast in the air*. The oldest sense
seems to have been to throw into a heap
give shape to (cf Norw *kast* *kast* heap
pile). Hence metal *castin* *cast of mind*
(*ackers*) *casting a horoscope*. From the
last comes *forecast*. Oth sense of deciding
appears in *casting vote*. *Cassius* is oldest
as theol term reprobate (1 Cor ix 2)
where Wyc has *reprob* He. So in 1 Cor
xiii 5 Tynd Coverd., Cranmer have *cast*
away where Al has *reprob*. Used
allusively by Cowper (1799) as title of
poem and hence now associated with the
sea. Some of the senses of the *p* exist
from the obs *pass* (see *cast* 7). Here
belongs also partly *cast in dam* etc.

They all were called for to do
[March 2, 1965]

Catalan Of the Muses. From G. Kautalus,
spring on Mount Iarnissos

castanet Γ *castagnette* bp *castaneta* dim
of *castan* chestnut (qv) Γ *castanea*
 Γ rom share

castaway See *ca t*

caste Sp *Port casta* race orig fem ol
casto pure chaste L *cast* First from
Sp but in mod sense from India via Port
the spelling being taken from F. Cf *padre*
pink Hence to *be* caste *caste* is now
(191-18) much used of any class claiming
special privileges and immunities. Junkers
Bois exists trad unionists etc

castellan [a chanc]	ONI	astelamin	See
chdelasing			

castigate From *l. castigare* See *chat* 14

castle AS *castel* village L *castellum* dim.
of castrum fort ML *castell* castle ON
cas el (château) Introduced twice in lit-
erent senses now amalgamated With *ast*
in the air (16 cent.) of the earlier *astle*
Spain from F *château en Espagne* re-
corded in 13 cent. (*Dom de la Rose*) The
class *castile* r placed the root² in 1 cent.

Go y into the castel which i az n f
(Wpc L 6 18 3)

castor³ Beaver beaver hat F I C *Castor*
an Eastern word *Castor-oil* now vege-
table was earlier applied to a drug ob-
tained from the animal *L. castoreum* oil
made from the stones of the beaver
(Litt) *Cold-drawn castor oil* pressed out
of the seeds without use of heat

castor¹ As in *pepp* *castor* *ca* *r* is har
leg *fore* *har* *castor* from *cast* to *throw* abo
to turn Hence *castor* *sug* (neol) with
whi h cf *l r streum* *har* lit *stren-sugar*
Castor and *Pollux*. See *Di* *even*

castrametation (f vt) From L. *castra* camp;
meto : to measure

castrate from *castra* & perh cogn with
causare etc

casual L. casualis from casus chance
Hence casual laborer (jauntier word)
Casualty in mil. sense is from earlier sense
of mil. accident

casualty I can make S₁ answer to the question
who resolves cases of conscience (Maitl,
can us consistent del & j (c if so) with ref
to j. I can't

cat ONP cat (427) Late L. also cf. La e
C. acra. In most Lure la g. but of
obscure origin. Hence ca e was said
(1st cent) the game of cat (16 cent) was
known the cat in pairs of its kind (1st).
cat all was orig. an I. transmut. Pappa
I. with one for Uea re. Pappa. Cat e

refers to fable of cat, monkey and chestnuts. To see which way the cat jumps, i.e. to await events, appears to be mod. cf. to sit on the fence. The obs. vessel called a cat (hence perh. mod. catboat) is the same word, though the reason for the name is not known. With it rains cats and dogs cf. F. *il pleut des hallebardes*, Ger. *es regnet heubeln* (bauernbuben).

My Lord Bruncker, which I make use of as a monkey do the cat's foot (Pepys, June 6, 1666)

cata- G. *κατά*, down, but with many subsidiary senses. Also *cat-*, *cath-*.

catagchresis [rhet.] Improper use of term G., from *καταχρησθαι*, to misuse.

cataclysm F. *cataclysme*, G. *κατακλυσμός*, from *κλύειν*, to wash.

catcombs. Mod. sense dates from exploration of subterranean Rome, but the name, Late L. *Catacumbas* (c. 400 A.D.), was orig. applied only to the cemetery of St. Sebastian near the Appian way. It is prob. a proper name the origin of which is lost. It occurs in AS (10 cent.) and has forms in most Europ. langs.

catadromous. Of fish periodically descending river. Opposite of *anadromous*. From G. *καταδρομος*, running down. Cf. *hippodrome*.

catalfalque F., It. *catalfalco*. See *scaffold*.

Catalan [ling.] Lang. of *Catalonia*, dial. of Provençal with Sp. affinities.

catalepsy. G. *κατάληψις*, from *λαμβάνειν*, to seize.

catalogue F., Late L., G. *κατάλογος*, from *λέγειν*, to choose.

catalpa Tree. Native N. Amer. name (Carolina).

catalysis [chem.] G. *κατάλυσις*, from *λύειν*, to loose.

catamaran. Navigable raft. From Tamil *katta*, tie, *maram*, wood.

catamount, catamountain. Leopard, panther, now more esp. puma. ME. *cat of mountain* was used to render L. *pardus*.

And the beast which I sawe was lyke a catte off the mountayne (Tynd. Rev. xiii. 2).

cataplasm G. *κατάλασμα*, poultrice, from *-λάσσειν*, to plaster.

catapult L. *catapulta*, G. *κατα-έλτης*, from *-άλλειν*, to hurl. Orig. warlike engine, current sense from c. 1870.

cataract F. *cataracte*, L. *cataracta*, G. *καταράκτης*, ? from *ρήγνυμι*, to break, ? or *ράσσειν*, to dash. Oldest ME. sense is portcullis, whence the *cataract* obscuring

the eye. It occurs of the floodgates of heaven earlier than in the waterfall sense. *cataractae caeli apertae sunt* (Vulg. Gen. vii. 11). *coulisse* a portcullis, also a web in the eye (Cotg.).

catarrh F. *catarrhe*, L., G. *κατάρρως*, from *καταρρῆν*, to flow down.

catastrophe G. *καταστροφή*, from *στρέφειν*, to turn. Orig. the fatal turning-point of a drama.

catawampous, catawamptious [US]. Humorous coinage, perh. suggested by *catamount*. *catawba* Grape and wine. River in S. Carolina, named from the *Katahba* Indians.

catch ONF. *cachier*, Picard form of *chasser*, VL. **caphare* for **capiare*. See *chase*. Past *caught*, for *catched*, is app. due to obs. *laught*, from ME. *lacchen*, native synonym of *catch*. This word perh. also accounts for the spec. sense which *catch* has acquired in E. A *catchword* was orig. the initial word of the following page placed to catch the reader's eye before turning over. Cf. the musical *catch*, in which each singer catches the line or melody from the preceding.

Things in motion sooner catch the eye.

(Troil. & Cress. iii. 3)

catchpole [hist.] MedL. *cacephollus*, OF. *chacepole* (*chasse poule*, hunt hen). See *catch*, *chase*, *polecat*. Orig. tax-gatherer, confiscating poultry if money was not forthcoming. Later, lower law officer.

Saul sente catchpollis [Vulg. lictores] for to take David (Wyc. 1 Sam. xix. 20).

catchup, catsup. Incorr. for *ketchup* (q.v.).

cate [archaic] Aphet. for ME. *acate*, ONF. *acat* (*acha*), from *acheter*, to buy, L. **ad-capitare*, to add to one's capital. Orig. purchase, later, dainty, delicacy, etc. Cf. *cater*.

My super dainty Kate,
For dainties are all Kates, and therefore, Kate,
Take this of me (Shrew, ii. 1).

catechize MedL. *catechizare*, G. *κατηχίζειν*, from *κατηχεῖν*, to resound, teach, etc. (Luke, i. 4), from *κατά*, down, *ἥχαι*, to sound. *Catechumen* (Piers Plowm.) is G. *κατηχούμενος* (pres. part. pass.).

catechu Astringent from bark. Malay *katchu*. Also in Canarese and Tamil.

category G. *κατηγορία*, accusation, assertion, from *κατηγορεῖν*, to speak against, from *ἀγορά*, place of assembly. Use of the word is chiefly due to Aristotle. *Categorical imperative*, moral law springing from pure reason, is from Kant.

catenary [math.] From L. *catena*, chain.

cater First as noun ME *acatour calour* buyer (see *cale*) For lengthened *1 caterer* cf *fruiterer poullterer upholsterer* Hence perh archaic *cater cousin* intimate (cf *foster brother messmate chum*)

A gent l m n dle was tere of a temple
Of wh h a h turs myghte take ex mple
Algate he wayted so in his achaat
That he was ay biforn and in good staat

(Chauc *A* 367)

cateran Highland marauder Orig collect Gael *ceathairne* peasantry The th long mute in Celt should have disappeared as in the doublet *hern* but cf *bother bothy*

caterpillar From OF *chalepelose* hairy cat from L *philosus* hairy Cf F *chenille* caterpillur lit little dog also F *woolly bear* of a special kind (see also *catkin*) The ending has been assimilated to *piller* one who pill the bark from trees plunders This connection appears in the frequent use of *caterpillar* for extortioner *caterpillar worme* ch tie p l use (Palsg) Covetous person e torcionem opp essours, cat p llers, u ures (Latime)

caterwaul Replaced (c 1500) older *caerwau* (Chauc) *caterwaul* etc The second syllable is imit of the voice of the amorous cat the first element suggests Ger & Du *kater* male cat not otherwise recorded in E It is perh for *cata* with a as in *blackamoor Greenauv* etc

catgut From *cat* and *gut* though made from intestines of sheep Cf synonym Du *katte da m* Farliest ref (16 cent) is to fiddle strings Cf *catline*

cathartic Purgative L G *ad purgans* from κ *thapros* clean

Cathay [foet] Northern China MedL *Kitas* (13 cent) as name of inhabitants from foreign dynasty the *Khitans*

cathedral Orig adj as in *cathedra* l c l u ch MedL *cathedra* l from G *καθῆρα* seat from *καθ* down *ῆρα* sit Cf *see* and see *cha* r Cf *ex cathedra* authoritative pronouncement as from seat of dignity

Catherine wheel Spiked wheel used in legendary martyrdom of St Catherine of Alex andria whose name *Αικατερινα* was altered on *καθ* pos pure

catheter G from *καθ* v a to send do n

cathode [electr] G *καθῶς* way down Cf *anode*

catholic F *catholique* MedL *catholicus* G *καθολικος* universal from *καθ* and *ολος* whole as applied to the Church through

out all the world The E word dates in gen and spec sense from 16 cent At first applied to the whole Christian Church it had been assumed by the Western Church after its separation from the Eastern (Orthodox) In F it tended to become offensive after the Reformation and was replaced by *Roman Catholi* in the negotiations for the Spanish Match (1618-24) Cf *catholicon panacea*

catkin Used by Lyte (15,8) in his transl of Dodoeus to render Du *katteken* lit kitten Cf F *chaton* Ger *kat chen* both used in same sense and synonym derivatives of *catulus* in most Rom dialects Earlier called *aglet* l

katons the catkins *catteish* gl t l k bl tog
bloom ngs fuit trees to. (Cotg)

catling Fine cat gut (*Troil & Cress* iii 3) From *cat*

catonism Austerity From *Cato* the Censor or *Cato of Utica*

catoptric Of reflexion G *κατοπτριος* from *kata* and *trope* see Cf *optics*

catsup See *catsup* For folk-etym per version of *Welsh rarebit* for rabbit

cattle ONF *catel* L *capitale* stock capital from *caput* capi h ad In ME esp moveable property beasts (*chattels*) as opposed to lands et (goods) Cf *hust of fee* and *pecuniary* See *chattel* Used of farm beasts from 13 cent and of horses from 17 cent

With n my wo l d ly cath l l th ndows
(D m Ma al, c. 1400)

catty Weight (EInd) Ident with *caddy* **cauben** [Ir] Hat Ir *caibin* dim of *cap* Cf *colleen squires*

Caucasian Formerly used (first by Blumenbach c 1800) for Indo-European white races from supposed place of origin

Is our cl i l ation a f l l ?
O the Caucas an played t? (Heathe Ch ec)

caucus US (18 cent) Private political meeting Applied opprobriously (18,8) by Beaconsfield to the Birmingham Sx Hundred but used much earlier in E (v1) Prob an Algonkin word for counsellor found in Capt John Smith as *Caw-cau-uas* sough Cf *paw-wou Tammanj*

Asel etion similar to tw b or Transatlanti
br thren would call a
cu
(Lo d Strangford, in H of L 183)

caudal caudate From L *cauda* tail

Caudine Forks Pass near Capua where the Romans were defeated (321 B C) by the Samnites and were made to pass under the yoke Hence fig irremediable disaster
caudle ONF *caudel* (*chaudeau*), from *chaud*, hot, *L calidus*

chaudeau a caudle, or warme broth (Cotg)

caulk See *cawh*

caul Orig close-fitting cap or net *F cale*, cap, back-formation from *calotte* (q v)
 For naut superstition connected with *caul* cf its Icel name *sigurcufl*, lit victory cowl With archaic *born with a caul* (i.e. lucky) cf *F né coiffé*

cauldron ONF *caudron* (*chauderon*), augment of *chaudière*, *L cal(i)daria*, also *cal(i)-darium*, from *calidus*, hot Cf It *calderone*, Sp *calderón* The -l- has been restored by learned influence See also *chaldron*, *chowder*

What shal comune the caudron to the pot?

(Wyc *Ecclesiasthus*, viii 3)

cauliflower For earlier *cole florée*, with first element latinized (*caulis*, cabbage) Cf *F chou-fleur*, earlier *chou-flori*, Sp *coliflor*, Ger *blumenkohl*, etc See *cole*

chou fleuris the collyflory, or Cypres colewort

(Cotg)

caulk, calk Late *L calicare*, to stop up chunks with lime, *L calx* This replaced (c 1500) earlier to *lime* Cf *F calfater*, Port *calafetar*, from *cal*, lime, *afetar*, to arrange, *L affectare*, forms of which exist in this sense in almost every naut lang The earliest *caulkers* (Noah and the mother of Moses) used bitumen, still employed for the same purpose in the East (see *goussa*)
 In MedL *bituminatus* is regularly used for caulked, and is rendered *i-glewed* by Trevisa Raleigh caulked his ships with "stone-pitch" from the pitch lake of Trinidad and caulking with lime is described in Haki (x 202)

Lyme it [the ark] with cleve and pitche within and without (Cavton, 1483)

The shippe for to caulke and pyche (NED c 1500)

In stead of pitch we made lime and did plaster the mortar into the seams (Haki)

cause *F, L causa*, which had the main senses found in *F & E Causeine, causeuse, F*, are from *causer*, in secondary sense of talking

causeway Folk-etym for earlier *causey* (still in dial use), ONF *caucree* (*chaussée*), Late *L calcinata* (*via*), which some connect with

L calx, lime, others with *calx*, heel (cf *hadden way*).

The causey to Hell-gate (Par *L. v* 417)

caustic *L, G καυστικός*, from *καίω*, to burn.

cautelous [*archaic*] *F cauteleux*, from *L cautela*, caution (q v).

The Jews, not undoubtedly resolved of the scietica side of Jacob, do cautelously in their diet refrain from the sinew of both (Sir T Browne)

cauterize *F cauteriser*, Late *L cauterizare*, from *cauterium*, hot iron, *G καντήριον*, from *καίω*, to burn

caution *F, L cautio-n-*, from *cavēre*, *caut-*, to beware Oldest sense, security, as still in *caution-money* (univ.) The US meaning of extraordinary person, circumstance, etc, perh springs from such use as that exemplified below Cf *example*

The way I'll lick you will be a caution to the balance of your family (Thornton, 1834)

Our appetite for dinner will be a caution to alligators (ib 1862)

cavalcade *F*, Prov. *cavalcada* or It. *cavalcata*, from p p fem of Late *L caballicare*, to ride, from *caballus*, horse Cf *F chevauchée*, mounted raid, the earliest sense of *cavalcade* in E

cavalier Orig horseman *F*, It *cavalhere*, from *cavallo*, horse, corresponding to *F chevalier* Earlier adopted as *cavaliero* from OSP *cavallero* (*caballero*) As applied to the partisans of Charles I it was orig reproachful (like *Roundhead*) In both E & F it has also the sense of off-hand, discourteous, e.g. *cavalier treatment* (tone, etc)

cavally Fish, "horse-mackerel" Synon It *cavallo*, lit horse

cavalry *F cavalerie*, It. *cavalleria* See *cavalier, chivalry*, for the latter of which it is often used in 16 cent

cavatina [*mus*] It, dim of *cavata*, prop a detached air, from *cavare*, to hollow out, remove, from *cavus*, hollow

cave *F, L cava*, neut pl of *L cavus*, hollow In ModF means cellar only For current pol sense see *Adullamite*.

cave in Chiefly US, also with trans sense Altered, on *cave*, from earlier E dial to *calve in*, with which cf WFlem *in-kalven*, to cave in, Du *af-kalven*, to break away, *int-kalven*, to fall apart, all "navvy" words Perh introduced into EAngl by Du drainage experts So also we have

dial to *coll in* in same sense ground idea
being app separation at birth

A dyche bank upon the same dyche the whi h
colted in (*Coventry Leet Book 1431*)

The way they heard those fossils in their anger
was a sin

The skull of an old mammoth called the head
 of Thompson in (B) at Hart.

caveat [/ g] L. let him beware from *cavere*
Init word of certain legal cautions Cf
schoolboy *cave* (imper) and proverb
caveat emptor let the purchaser look out
for himself

cavendish (1) Tobacco ?From name of ex
porter (2) Treatise on whist (1862) from
pen name of author H Jones

cavern F *caverna* L. *caverna* from *cavus*
hollow

cavesson Nose band for a horse. **F** *categor*
It *cavessone* from *cavessi* halter prob
connected with *L. capistrum* halter (see
capistrum)

cavey See **carb**

caviare Earlier also *cavial* (16 cent Γ *cavial* It *caviale*) Γ *caviar* It *caviaro* Turk *kāvir* is prob from It Though from Russia it is app not a Russ word the native name being *štra* The earlier E forms are numerous and varied Hence *cavi* are to the general too subtle for the common herd (*Haml* ii 2)

Of ikare or cavery a great quantity is made upon the river of Volgha (H. K. iii. 36.)

cavil & caville L. *cavilla*; to satirize
argue scoffingly But dual *cavil* to squabble
suggests rather synon. Norw. dual *kja* is
to quarrel ult. coen. with AS *ceaf* ian.

cavity of ear. Late L. cavity from ear cavity
hollow of it cavity. Sp. cavity.

cavort [US] To prance Prob cowboy per
version of *currel* (q.v.)

The general's (his) avowing steed (O Henry)

cavy Rodent of guinea pig tribe *Cabia*
native name in I. Guiana Cf. cavia

caw Imut Ct Du Agdme iachdaw

cawk [geol] Loc. name [r kin] of par
Northern form of *skalk*

saxon [archaic] Wig ? From surname
Caron ? cf. Lushy

carbon Block printed by Car' n (11402)
Cf 11402

CAY See key²

cayenne Pepper Garlic *ayun kien* etc.,
as still pronounced Tupá (Brazil) *kyynka*
mistakenly associated with the town of
Cayenne (I' Guiana) Cf *guinea pig*

caiman caiman Sp Port caiman of Carib
origin but described as a Congo word in
1598 Many early exotic names of ani
mals plants et wandered from E to W
and vice versa, often perh in connection
with the slave trade (cf *bana* 1 p. 32
1225)

A fish called by the Spaniards la rto, and by the Indians aima which indeed crocod (llakl)

cease ME *cessen* F *cesser* L *cessare* the
agent of *cedere* cess to give way

coety *L. caecus* from *caecus* blind

Cecropian Of *Cecrops*, founder of Athens

cedar F. *cf* *fre* L. G. *cf* *pos* Also AD cedar
direct from L.

cede *L. cedere* to yield

cedilla Sp *cedilla* It *ced glia* little r

cee spring C spring (carriage-builder. From
shape Cf S d a : T square Y-bracket
etc

ceiling ceiling From verb to *ceel* prob from
 Γ *ciel* canopy L. *caelum* heaven (cf *cer-
 amuel* heaven ceiling) but influenced
 by OE *celere* L. *cael* *e* to carve and by
*seil** (q v) in its sen e of complete enclo-
 sure 3/11 *seel* are the usual earlier spell-
 ings

celadon [arehaid] Pale green F name of
character in d l r l e s 4st &c (1610) (f
isabel

celandine Swallow wort Earlier ce do
OF celandine L chelidonia from G xel
don or from xelidō s tallo s

celarent (x₂gic Maem nu word See b₂
b₂ a

tele [med]	In <i>teleocete</i> etc	G only
swelling		

celebrate I from *L. c h l a e* long to honour
by assembling from *celeber celebr* popu-
lous renowned Earliest (1 cent.) in rel-
to Eucharist.

celery (g v) arbitrary fraction from

celerity F *clér h* *L. celeritas* from *ce* *er*
swift

celery Γ *celar* It dial. *elaz* i pl *elaz* na o
(lt. *sedum*) ult. from G *celar* Γ r pl
form of *celar*

celestial. *Ol celesti* from *cel. s* L. *castellus* from *suum* heaven *Cel sha. Em* first for China, i. due to the title *T'en t s* son of heaven formerly borne by the Emperor

Celestine Branch of Benedictines, established by Pope Celestine I (13 cent.)

celibate From L *caelibatus*, celibacy, from *caelebs*, *caelib-*, unmarried

cell ME & OF. *celle*, L *cella*, cogn with *cellare*, to hide Earliest sense is monastic Biol sense from 17 cent

cellar L *cellarium*, set of cells But *salt-cellar* is for earlier *saler*, *seller*, F *salère*, salt-cellar, whence ME *saler*, *seler*, so that *salt-* is pleon

sahere a salt-seller (Cotg)

cello For *violoncello* (q v)

celluloid Invented in US and patented here in 1871 Orig adj, cell-like, from F *cellule*, L *cellula*, which in F (and consequently in many E derivatives) has replaced OF *celle*, L *cella*

Celt, **Kelt** F *Celte*, L *Celta*, sing of *Cellae*, G *Κελτοί* (Herodotus), used by the Romans esp of the Gauls, but app not of the British Mod usage in ethnology and philology began in F (c 1700) Hence *Celtomania*, philologist who finds Celt traces everywhere See also *Brythonic*, *Goidelic*

celt [antq] Prehistoric implement Prob a ghost-word, occurring only in some MSS of the Clementine text of the *Vulg*, where it may be a misprint for *celle* Adopted (c 1700) by archaeologists, perh by a fanciful association with *Celt*

Stylo ferreo, et plumbi lamina, vel celte sculptantur in subec (I ulg Job, xiv 24)

cembalo Mus instrument It, as *cymbal* (q v)

cement ME *cymment*, F *ciment*, L *caementum*, for *caedimentum*, from *caedere*, to cut, the earliest cement being made from small chippings of stone

cemetery L, G *κοιμητήριον*, dormitory, from *κοιμάν*, to put to sleep Adopted in this sense by early Christians and applied at first to the catacombs Earlier *cymetery* came via F *cimetière*

cenacle Literary coterie F *cénacle*, name of first Romantic group (c 1820), L *cenaculum*, supper-room, esp in ref to Last Supper from L *cena*, supper

cenobite See *coenobite*

cenotaph Monument to person buried elsewhere G *καταθήκη*, from *κατός*, empty, *-θήκη* tomb A nousehold word from 1919

censer For *incenser* cf F. *encensoir*. See *incense*.

censor L, arbiter of morals from *censere*, to judge *NED*. (1893) finds no example of verb to censor Cf *censure*, F, L *censura*

census L, from *censere*, to estimate. Earlier used also of a poll-tax The offic. census dates from 1790 (US), 1791 (France), 1801 (Great Britain), 1813 (Ireland)

cent F, L *centum*, hundred. *Per cent* is from It *per cento* (cf F *pour cent*), our financ and bookkeeping terms being largely It Adopted (1786) in US for one-hundredth of dollar Cf F *centime*, one-hundredth of franc (First Republic) *A red cent* may refer to colour of copper (cf archaic F *rouge liard* and E *brass farthing*), or *red* may be a substitution for a more emphatic adj

cental Weight of 100 lbs introduced into Liverpool corn-market 1859, and legalized 1879 From *cent* after *quintal* (q v.)

centaur L, G *κένταυρος* Hence the plant *centaury*, G *κένταυρίον*, med qualities of which were fabled to have been discovered by Chiron the centaur.

centenary L *centenarius*, numbering a hundred Cf *centennial*, formed after *biennial*, etc

centesimal From L *centesimus*, hundredth

centigrade Thermometer of Celsius (†1744), with 100 degrees between freezing and boiling point F, from L *centum*, hundred, *gradus*, degree

centipede F *centipède*, L *centipeda*, from *pes*, *ped-*, foot

cento Composition from scraps of other authors L, patchwork, cf G *κέντρον*, patchwork

centre F, L *centrum*, G *κέντρον*, goad, stationary point of compasses, from *καταίν*, to prick Several of the math. senses appear in Chauc, who also uses *centr* for later *centre* of gravity (17 cent.) In F politics the *centre* is composed of moderates, the *left* being radical and the *right* reactionary This is an inheritance from the National Assembly of 1789 in which the nobles took the place of honour on the president's right, while the representatives of the Third Estate (the Commons) were on his left In Ger the *centre* is composed of the Catholics or Ultramontanes *Centrifugal* (L *fugere*, to flee) and *centripetal* (L *petere*, to seek) were coined by Newton

centuple F, Late L *centuplus*, for *centuplex*, from *centum* hundred, *plus*-, fold.

century L *centuria*, group of one hundred in various senses Cf *centurion*, explained by Tynd. as *hunder-captain* Usual mean-

ing peculiar to F is f r earlier *century of years* (17 cent)

ceorl [hist] AS original of *churl* (q v) Cf *ceol*

cephalic F *céphalique* L. C *εφαλικος* from *εφαλη* head Cf *cephalopod* cuttle fish etc from *κεφαλη* head- f x t

ceramic C *αμαμος* from *αμαμος* potter's earth

cerastes Horned viper L. C *κεραστη* from *κερας* horn Cf *biol* terms in *cerato*

Cerberus L. C *Κερβερος* watch-dog of hell Hence *sof to Cerberus*

Cut vates, horrore vifens; m colla eol dnis
M H *ceporat* m et m dic Ls frugib a off m
Oliet (Am vt 4 9)

cereal L. *ceréal* s from *Ceres* godless of agriculture

cerebral From L. *cerebrum* brain (with dim *cebellum*) cogn with G *pa* head U s *conscious cerebration* was coined (1853) by W B Carpenter

cerethe (Merck of Len ii 7) cerement (Haml i 4) From I *cirer* to wax from L. *cera* wax G *κερος* cf obs to *ere* to wrap corpse in waxed cloth (Cymb i 1)

ceremony Also MF *ceremonie* OF *ceremonie* (cf *l m e*) L *caer monia* With to stand on *ce emony* (Jul Caes ii 2) cf to insist L *insti here* to stand on

ceriph serif {typ} Fine horizontal hair line at termination of (esp capital) letter 'Du *schroef* line stroke Many early printing terms at Du but *sine* if (1) is earlier

cerise I clerry {1 v}

cerium [chem] Named after the then (1801) recently discovered planet *Ceres*

ceto From L. *cera* or G *κερος* wax

cert Colloq alor tening of certainty App mod (not in NFD)

certain F Late L *certanus* from *certus* orig pp of *certare* to decide Sense-devel pment follows that of L *certus* Indef meaning app the opposite of the original a *ce lain man* a *lady of a certain age* etc springs from the idea of an ascertained fact the details of which are not necessarily accessible to all

A ry old h use perhaps as of l as it l ms d to be and perhaps older wh h will som times happe it's bo es of an certale, a with ladies of a cert l ag (Bar aby Rudg ch 1)

certes [archaic] I prob L *certas* used as adv cf OSp *certas*

certify F *certifier* Late L *certifi* are from *certus* and *fa ere* Cf *certificate*

certiorari [leg] Writ from higher to lower court L. to be made more certain occu s

in writ Cf *habeas corpus caueat* etc

ceritude F Late L *certitudo* from *certu*

cerulean caerulean From I *caeruleu* blu blue green etc prob by *issim* for

**caeruleus* from *caelum* heaven sky

ceruse White lead F *ceruse* L *cerussa* perh from C *κερος* wax

cervical Fr m I *cervix* *cervic* neck

cervine L *cervinus* from *cervus* hart Cf *bovine ovine* etc

Cesarevitch witch Farther *Cares* tsch (a o wice etc son of *czar* (q v) was replaced as official till by *Cesa* evit ch modelled on restored spelling (*Caesar*) The ending i Russ *czar* ch Pol *czar* common in patro nymics The race called the *Cesa* witch (Newmarket 1833) was named in honour of the Russ prince afterwards Alex ander II who was on a state visit t England

cespitose From I *caespis* *caespit* turf

cess [Sc & Int] Rate land tax also as verb For *ess* apheet f r a *seis* (q v) In Ir also of military exacti ns hence perh *lat cess* to *gor* (? or for *bird succ*) I *censu* tax etc has app had some influence on this word (cf *excise*)

usus valued, essed t ed (Coop)

The English g rison *cessed* ad pillag d th farm rs of M th and Dublin (F o d)

cessation L *cessatio*-n See *cease*

cesser [leg] Termination F *cesser* to *ere* (q v) For use of infin cf *misnomer ore* *el term ner* etc

cession F L *cessio*-n from *cedere* *cess* to yield

cesspool Earliest form *cespe alle* (16 cent) suggests perversion of obs *inspiral* F *soupiral* ventilator air shaft from L *suspirium* breath Further corrupt to *cesspool* (*suspool sesspool cesspool*) would be quite possible It *cesso* privy from L *secessus* has also been suggested but it does not seem likely that an It v ord would have been introduced to form a hybrid dial compd Skeat sugg st. *cece* s and quotes (1764) two recesses or perls as reservoirs of dung and water but no other record is known of *recess* in this cis

Cestr Signature of bishop of Chester For MedL *Cestrensis*

cestus Girdle esp of Aphrodite L G *κεστος* lit stitched Ierh hence also the

gladiatorial *caestus*, *cestus*, glove, usu regarded as irreg formation from *caedere*, to strike

cesura See *caesura*

cetacea ModL from L *cetus*, whale, G κῆτος

chablis White wine from *Chablis* (Yonne)

chabouk See *syambok*

Chadband Sanctimonious humbug (*Bleak House*) Cf *Stiggins*, *Podsnap*, etc

Chadbands all over the country have shrieked over the soldier's rum ration

(*Referee*, June 24, 1917)

chafe Earlier *chaufe*, F *chauffer*, VL **calefare* for *calefacere*, to make hot, *calidus*

Cf *chafing-dish* For vowel cf *safe* Fig

senses via that of heat-producing friction

chafer Insect AS *ceafor*, cf Du *kever*, Ger *käfer* Prob gnawer (cf *beetle* and see *jowl*)

The more usual *cockchafer* is comparatively

mod The prefix may suggest size, but may be for *cach*, *stercus* Cf synon *dung-beetle*, and Ger *kotkäfer*, *mistkäfer*, also obs *kaakl äfer*

chaff AS *ceaf*, cf Du, Ger dial *kaf* In

AS Bible versions also for straw With

chaffinch cf Late L *furfurio*, *chaffinch*, from *furfur*, bran The verb in its mod

slang sense is a combination of *chafe*, to

irritate, and of the noun *chaff* in its fig

sense of nonsense, worthless matter (which

will not catch birds)

His reasons are two gruns of wheat hid in two

bushels of chaff (*Merch of Ven* 1:1)

chaffer Now equivalent to *barter*, *haggle*, but

orig trade First as noun, from AS *cēap*,

price, *faru* journey, etc, cf ON *kaupför*,

commercial journey, and Ger. *kauffahr-*

reis *schiff*, merchant ship *Cheapsfare* occurs

in ME See also *chapman*, *cheap*, *coper*,

*cooper*²

To witte hou myche ech hadde wonne bi chaffaryng

(*Wic Like*, line 15)

chagrin F., from Turk *sazlır*, lump of a

horse, whence *chagrien* (q v), a leather of

granulated appearance, is prepared For

the metaphor of *gooseflesh* and F *chair de*

poile There are chronological difficulties

in the list of the F word, but the quot

below points clearly to association with

the leather in F

Thoughts which had made their skin run into a

chagrin (*VID* 1713)

chain F *chaîne*, L *catena*

chair F *chaire*, L *catidra*, G. καθέδρα,

from *καθ-*, down, *ἔδ-*, sit For F *chaise*,

which has superseded *chaire*, exc in spec senses (pulpit, professorial chair), see *chaise* Replaced native *stool* as name for seat suggesting added ease and dignity, traces of which survive in some mod. senses (e g in *chairman*).

chaise F, chair (q v), taking the sense of vehicle via that of sedan chair, *chaise à porteurs*. *Chau* was used in same sense in 18 cent. See also *chay*, *shay* F. *chaise* is due to an affected Parisian interchange of *r-s* (15-16 cents) often satirized by F writers

Les musaïlles ont deroiselles (Marot)

chalcedony L *c(h)alcedonius* (Rev *xxi* 19), G χαλκηδών The ME form was *cassidoine*, from OF Vars such as *carchedonius* occur in Pliny and Isidore Hence place of origin may have been *Chalcedon* (Asia Minor) or Καρχηδών (Carthage)

Calcedoine est pierre jaline

Entre iacint e beril meaine

De Sithie [Scythia] est envelee

E de culurs treis est trovee

(*Lapidaire de Marbod*, 12 cent.)

chalcography Copper engraving From G.

χαλός, copper

Chaldaic, Chaldean, Chaldee From G Χαλ-

δαῖος, of *Chaldea*, i e *Babylonia* Esp with

ref to magical and astrological studies

The lang (Aramaic) was that of the Jews

after the Captivity and is exemplified in

the few reported sayings of Our Lord

(*ephphatha*, *talitha cumi*, etc)

Like the Chaldean, he could watch the stars

(*Childe Harold*, line 14).

chaldron Dry measure (32 bushels, or, if

coal, 36, and, at Newcastle, 53 cwt) This

and Sc *chalder* (32 to 64 bushels), earlier

(1497) also *chelder*, are usu referred to F.

chaudron, cauldron (q v). But what a

cauldron! The Sc forms, with correspon-

ding ModL *ceidra* (in early Sc statutes)

and AF. *chalire de carbons* (1416), also do

not favour the "cauldron" etym. 2 From

Du *helder*, cellar

A chaldre of coles for the merchants own house,

meanyng so many coles as ye will open yea chere

(*York Merch Idms* 1462).

chalet Swiss-F. Origin obscure ? A dim.

of L *castellum*; cf Languedoc *castum*,

shepherd's hut

chalice OF (*calice*), L. *calix*, *calice*, cogn.

with G. κάλαξ, cup In eccl. sense appears

earlier in AS. *calic*, and *cal-* forms are also

found in ME.

See *main*^{1,2} For sense-development of *hazard*

Sevene is my chaunce, and thyn is cynk and treye
(Chauc. C. 653)

To set all on a maine chance (Holinshead)

chancel F *cancel*, *chancel*, L *cancellus*, for *cancelli*, lattice (see *cancel*) separating the choir from the nave, dim of *cancer*, grating, ? dissim of *carcer*, prison (see *incarcerate*) Hence *chancellor*, AF *chanceler*, F *chancelier*, orig keeper of the barrier, but introduced as offic title into E by Edward the Confessor

chance-medley [leg] Orig homicide intermediate between manslaughter and accident Lit mixed chance

chancery For *chancellery*, *chancehy*, office of *chancellor* (see *chancel*). Hence *pupil in chancery*, i e not likely to get away without serious damage

chance Venereal ulcer F, see *cancer*, *canker*

chandelier F, candle-stick, etc (v 1)

chandler F *chandelier*, candle-stick, candle-maker, from *chandelle*, L *candela* In first sense, common in ME, now replaced by ModF *chandelier* Second sense has been extended (*co:n-chandler*, *ship-chandler*), cf *costermonger*

change F *changer*, Late L *canbiare*, for *canbue*, from *canbium*, exchange, of Celt. origin (cf *gombeen man*), cf It *canbiare*, Sp *canbiar* (see *canbist*) Hence *change*, meeting-place of merchants, often erron 'change, as though for the later *exchange* To *ring the changes* was orig of bells In sense of swindling there is a punning allusion to *change*, money, i e the smaller coins for which a larger is changed *Changeling* is from OF *changeon*, with suffix altered on *suckling*, *nursling*.

channel¹ Water-course OF *chanel* (*chenal*), L *canalis*, whence *canal* (cf *kennel*?) The *Channel* is first in Shaks (2 *Hen VI*, iv 1)

channel² [naut] For *cham-wale*, cf *gunwale*, and see *wale*

port-aubans chune-wales pieces of wood nailed on both the outsides of a ship, to keep them from being worn, or pulled by the shrowdes (Cotg)

I took my station in the fore-channels

(Frank Midway, ch xi)

chanson F, song, VL *cantio-n-* (v 1).

chant F *chanter*, L *cantare*, frequent of *cantare*, to sing Hence *chantry* (Chauc A 512), endowment for good of founder's soul, With *horse-chanter*, fraudulent horse-dealer,

cf F *chanlage*, blackmail Both are neologisms difficult of explanation

chantarelle; **chanterelle** Cup-shaped fungus. F, dim from L *cantharus*, drinking-cup, G *kávθapos*

chanticleer OF *Chante-cler*, sing-clear, name of the cock in the *Roman de Renart* (13 cent) Cf *bruin*, *renard*

She hadde a cok, heet Chauntecleer
(Chauc B 4039)

chantry See *chant*

chanty Sailors' song. Earlier *shanty* ? F imper *chanter* (cf *revelly*) A very early example occurs in the *Complaynt of Scotlande* (1549)

chaos G *χάος*, abyss, empty space, etc, cf *χάσκω*, to yawn. Its earliest E use is with ref to *Luke*, xvi 26 Cf *cosmos*

chap¹ To crack Related to *chop*, *chop*¹ Cf. Du LG *kappen*, to chop

The ground is chapt, for there was no ram in the earth (*Jer* xiv 4)

chap² Jaw, esp lower Now usu *chop*, as in to *lick one's chops*, *chops* (jaws) of the *Channel*, *chopfallen* (*Haml* v 1) for *chapfallen*, orig of the dead Perh altered, by association with *chop*¹, from north dial *chaft*, of Scand origin, cf Sw. *käft*, Dan *kjæft*, cogn with Ger *kiefer*, jaw

chap³ Fellow Short for *chapman* (q.v.) Cf fig use of *customer*, and Sc *callant*, lad, Du *kalant*, F *chaland*, customer So also *chap-book*, coined (19 cent) on *chapman*, to denote type of book formerly sold by itinerant vendors Dim *chappy* was orig Sc

chaparral Thicket Sp, from *chapana*, evergreen oak, Basque *zaparra*

chap-book See *chap*³

chape [hist] "Cap" of a scabbard F, cape, cope, used in same sense See *cape*¹ OF used also the dim *chapel* (*chapeau*, hat), e g *chapiaux d'outiaux et d'espees* are mentioned in 13 cent *ordonnances* for the sheath-makers, so perh *chape* in this sense is rather a back-formation from the dim.

chapel F *chapelle* Orig sanctuary where was deposited the *cappella*, or sacred cloak, of St Martin In most Europ langs See *cape*¹, *cap*, *chaplain* *Chapel* of ease is 16 cent Application to place of worship outside the state religion, e g *Roman Catholic* (*Nonconformist*, and, in Scotland, *Episcopal*) *chapel*, begins in 17 cent Sense of printers' workshop association is also 17 cent

chaperon *F* hood as in *Le petit Chaperon rouge* from *chape* (see *cape*¹) Mod sense is due to *chaperon* being regarded as a protection. Not orig always a female

chaperon an affected word of vry recent introduction to denot a gentleman attending a lady in a publick asen bly (Todd)

chapter {arch} *F* *chapitre* now replaced by *chapiteau* Etym ident with *chapter* (q v)

chaplain *F* *chapelain* The orig *cappellanus* were the custodians of St Martin's cloak. See *chapel*

chaplet *F* *chaquete* dim of *OF* *chapel* (*chapeau*) hat, hood garland See *cape*¹ For later sense string of beads cf *rosary*

chapman {archaic} Dealer *AS* *ceapman* cf *Du koopman* Ger *kaufmann* Cf *chaffer cheap* (horse) *coper* etc See also *chap*²

chapter *F* *chapitre* *L* *capitulum* dim of *caput* head Earlier also *chapitr* *chapille* The *chapter* of a cathedral order of knights etc was orig the meeting at which a *chapter* was read a practice instituted (8 cent) by Bishop Chrodegang of Metz Hence *chapter house* *Chaple of accidents* is 18 cent

char¹ chare Turn of work spell Also *chore* (US) *AS* *cierr* time occasion from *cierran* to turn ? cogn with Ger *kehren* to turn. Hence *charwoman* (14 cent.)

char Verb Also found as *chark* Back formation from *cha coal* (q v)

char² Fish Perh Gael *ceara* blood red from *cear* blood Cf its Welsh name *torgoch* red belly

char & banc *F* car with bench

character Restored from ME *caracter* *F* *caractère* *L* *G* *χαρακτῆρ* tool for stamping marking from *χαράσσειν* to cut grooves engrave Earlier also *ca act* *OL* *caracte* *VL* *cha acta* Sense of fictitious personage (in play novel) whence in (*out* of) *character* is 18 cent

In all his dressings, e acts titles forms
(*Uran for Meas* v 1)

charade *F* Prov *charrala* of obscure origin perh *f* on *charvare* to prattle cogn with It *ciarla* e wh ch may be of unit origin. See *charlatan*

charcoal Perh from *char* to turn (see *char*) Cf *cole-turned wood* (Chapman's *Odyssey*) ? Or a mixed form from *coal* wh h in ME meant charcoal and *F* *charbon* Mod verb to *char* is a back formation

chard Of artichoke Cf *F* *carde* *Sp* *card* in same sense Ult from *I* *carduus* thistle
chare See *char*¹

Th maid that milks a d does th meanest b
(*Int. & Cleop* i 5)

charge *F* *charger* to load burden *VI* *carrica* *e* from *carrus* (see *car*) From the sense of load 1 evolved that of task responsibility office custody In mil sense the idea is that of using weight but *chir* or horse app meant orig one for carrying heavy loads pa k horse e g *our chardger and horse* (*York Merck Advent* 1579) The Bibl *charger* bearer (*Matt* xiv 8) is in Wyc *dr ch* in Tynd *platter* Sense of price outlay etc is evolved from that of burden For association with fire arms cf *load* (q v)

chargé d'affaires *F* entrusted with business

chariot *I* from *char* (s e *car*) Mod *F* *chariot* means waggon

charity *F* *charité* *L* *caritas* from *carus* dear *Caritas* in Vulg usu renders G ἀγάπη love (e g 1 *Cor* xiii) perh in order to avoid sexual suggestion of *amor* For spec sense of alm giving cf sense history of *pit* *Colt* as *cha ity* may be partly due to Wyclif's rendering of *Matt* xxiv 12

charivari Recorded 1615 (William Browne's *Works* ii 23 ed Hazlitt) *F* orig mock music expressing popular disapproval At one time also the title of a Parisian satirical paper hence the sub-title of *Punch* *OF* also *calalai caribari* Origin unknown The second element appears in *houreari* *hullabaloo*

char wis d poelle the cart g f an f mo a person gra ed with th harmony of t ngi g k titles a d tryng pan m m cke (Cotg)

charlatan *F* It *cia latano* a mountebank prattler babler (*Flor*) app alte ed by association with *cia la e* to chatter from *ciaralano* (*Flor*) for earlier *cerelano* (*Flor*) orig vendor of papal indulgences from *Ce reb* (Spoleto)

Charles s Wain At o called *Ursa Major* or the Plough *AS* *Carles wagn* (see *wain*) the wain of *Arcturus* (q v) having first been understood as that of *Arthur* and then transferred to *Carl* i e *Charlemagn* by the legendary associat on between the two heroes of ME *Ch rl wagnez wayne* *Charles* is Ger *Karl* i l unized as *Ca olus* and ident with *churl* (q v) cf Ger *herl* fellow

charley [*hist*] Watchman Conjecturally explained as due to reorganization of London watch temp *Charles I* (cf *bobby*), but chronology is against this

charlock Wild mustard AS *cerhuc*

charlotte, charlotte russe F, from the female name

charm F *charme*, L *carmen*, song, incantation, for **canmen*, from *canere*, to sing (cf *germ*) For sense-development cf *bewitching*, etc *Charmed life* is from *Macb* v 8
Seelth to me a womman havynge a charmynge goost (Wyc 1 *Kings*, xxviii 7)

charnel-house Explanatory for earlier *charnel*, burial place (*Piers Plowm*), OF, Late L *carnale*, from *caro*, *carn-*, flesh F has also *charnel*, Late L *carnarium*, both for larder and cemetery

Charon Ferryman G *Χάρων*, ferryman of the Styx

charpie Linen unravelled for dressing wounds F, p p fem of *charpin*, VL **carpire*, for *carpere*, to pluck, unravel Cf *carpet*

charpoy Indian bedstead Urdu *chārpāi*, Pers *chahārpāi*, four-footed, ult cogn with *quadru-ped*

charqui Peruv for dried beef, early corrupted to *jerked beef*

chart F *charte*, L *charta*, paper, G *χάρτης* Cf F *carte*, Ger *karte*, map, and see *card*
Latest sense in *health-chart*

charter OF *chartre* (*charte*), L *chartula*, dim of *charta*, paper Hence *Chartist*, from the *People's Charter* (1838) *Charter-party*, now only used in connection with ships, is F *charte partic*, divided document, half of which is retained by each party (cf. *indenture*). With *chartered libertine* (*Hen V*, 1 1) cf colloq use of F *fieffe*, lit encloined, e g *filou fieffe* (Mol)

Charterhouse Carthusian monastery Folk-etym for F *chartreuse* (see *Carthusian* and cf Ger *Karthause*) The famous public school and hospital was founded (1611) on the site of a Carthusian monastery

Children not yet come to, and old men already past, helping of themselves, have in this hospital their souls and bodies provided for (Fuller)

Chartist See *charter*

chartreuse Made by monks of *Chartreuse* See *Carthusian*, *Charterhouse*

chartulary See *cartulary*.

charwoman See *char*¹, *chare*

chary. Usu with of AS *cearig*, from *care* Orig careful, i e sorrowful, but now only associated with secondary sense of *care*

Charybdis See *Scylla*

chase¹ Pursuit F *chasse*, from *chasser*, VL **captiare* for **captiare*, frequent of *capere*, *capt-*, to take (see *catch*), cf It. *cacciare*, Sp *cazar* A *chase* differed from a park in not being enclosed

chase² To emboss, engrave Aphet for *en-chase*, F *enchâsser*, to enshrine, from *châsse*, shrine, L *capsa* (see *case*²)

chase³ Hollow, groove, in various senses, esp cavity of gun-barrel Also frame in which type is locked F *châsse* in various senses, also in some cases from the masc form *chas* See *case*², *chase*².

chaas the space and length between beame and beame, wall and wall, in building (Cotg)

classe d'un trebuchet the shrine of a paire of gold weights, the hollow wherein the cock, tongue, or try all play eth (*ib*)

chasm G *χάσμα*, cogn with *chaos* (q v)

chasse Liqueur after coffee. For F *chasse-café*, now usu *pousse-café*.

chassé-croisé Dance-step F, see *chase*¹, *cross*

chasse-marée Coasting-vessel F, *chase* tide

chassepot Obs F rifle Inventor's name It means "pot hunter," in the sense of seeker after hospitality

chasseur. F, lit hunter Cf *jäger*
chassis [*neol*] Of a motor-car, etc F *châssis*, from *châsse* See *case*², *sash*²

chaste F, L *castus*, pure.

chastise Irreg from OF *chastier* (*châtier*), L *castigare*, to make pure, *castus* In ME we find also *chaste*, *chasty*, in this sense *Chasten* is later All orig to improve, correct

Whom the Lorde loveth, him he chasteneth [Wyc. *chastisth*] (Tynd Heb vii 6)

chasuble F, dubiously connected with L *casula*, little house (dim of *casa*), which in Church L also meant hooded vestment. ME & OF *chasuble*, *chesible*, suggest a form **casipula* (cf *manipulus*, from *manus*), cf It *casipola*, hut

chat Shortened from *chatter* (q v) Also applied, owing to their cry, to various birds, e g *stone-chat*, *whin-chat*

château F., OF *chastel*, L *castellum* (see *castle*) Hence *Château-Margaux*, etc, clarets named from famous vine-growing estates

châtelaïne. F, lady of castle (see *château*). Hence, belt with keys, etc, cf secondary sense of *housewife*.

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chiaux See *chouse*

chibouk, chibouque Long pipe Turk
chibūk, stick, pipe-stem

chic F, smartness Cf Ger *schick*, in same sense, found early (14 cent) in LG From *schicken*, to send, in secondary sense of arrange appropriately, etc

chicanery Pettifogging, quibbling F. *chicanerie*, from *chicane* The latter word was applied in Languedoc to a form of golf, and golfers will readily understand how the sense of taking advantage of petty accidents may have been evolved The F word is from MedG *τρυκαρίζειν*, to play polo (q v), a game once known all over the Mohammedan world and in Christian Byzantium This is from Pers *chaugān*, a crooked stick The game has given rise to many metaphors in Pers

chicha Fermented drink from maize Native lang of Hayti

chick¹ Bird Shortened from *chicken* (q v)
Cf *oft* for *often*

il n'a enfant ni breman hee hath nor childe, nor chickie to care for (Cotg)

chick² [Anglo-Ind] Cane blind Hind *chik*, perh a Mongol word

Old Chinn could no more pass that chick without fiddling with it than

(Kipling, *Tomb of his Ancestors*)

chick³ [Anglo-Ind] Short for *chicken* See *chicken-hazard*

chickabiddy From *chick¹* and *biddy*, obs child's name for bird (? *budy*)

Ay, biddy, come with me (*Twelfth Night*, iii 4)

chicken AS *cicen*, cf Du *kneken*, Ger *kuchlen*, ON *kjūklingr*, perh ult cogn with *cock* In *chicken-po* app in sense of small, inconsiderable

Perrette l' dessus saute aussi, transportée
Le lait tombe, adieu veau, vache, cochon, couvée
(La Fontaine, *Fables*, vii 10)

chicken-hazard For *chicken*, Anglo-Ind form of *sequin* (q v), *zecchin*

Billiards, short whist, chicken hazard, and punting
(Ingoldsby)

chickery-pokery Var of *jiggery-pokery* (q v)
chick-pea Earlier *ciche pease*, F *pois chiche* (earlier *ciche*), L *cicer*, pea Also called *chichling*, earlier *cichling*

chickweed For earlier *chicken-weed*, as still in Sc

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chide AS *cīdan*, not known in other Teut langs Orig intrans, to brawl, rail, with dat of person (now disguised as acc) Construction with prep *with*, *against* is intermediate

The people did chide with Moses (Lx viii 2).

chief ME *chefe*, F. *chef*, L *caput*, head Correct OF spelling is *chief*, which may have affected mod form In *chief* in oldest sense (feud) represents L *in capite*. With adj use cf native *head* as in *head-master*, or Ger *haupt* in *hauptmann*, captain Hence *chiefstain*, ME & OF *chevelain*; remodelled on *chief* See *captain*

chiff-chaff Bird Imit of note.

chiffer-chaffer Nonce-word, redupl on *chaffer* (q v)

Let the Labour party cease chiffer-chaffening over things it does not understand, like the disposal of Africa, or the state of Russia

(Daily Chron Sep 27, 1918)

chiffon F, lit rag, dim of F *chiffe*, perh for OF *chipe*, rag, ? from E *chip* Hence *chiffonnier*, orig with drawers for putting away sewing materials, etc ModF, sense is ragpicker

chignon OF *eschignon*, nape of the neck, from *eschine* (*échine*), backbone (see *chine²*), confused with F *chaînon*, dim of *chaîne*, also used of the nape of the neck

chamon du col the naupe, or (more properly) the chine-bone of the neck (Cotg)

chigoe Wind, burrowing flea, jigger² (q v)
Prob negro corrupt of Sp *chico*, small, whence also synon F *chique*

chilblain From *chill* and *blain* (q v.)
child AS *cild* (neut); ? cf Goth *kilthei*, womb In E only, in other WGer langs represented by *kind* AS pl was *cild*, ME *child* and *childre*, the latter surviving in dial *childe*, replaced in south by double pl *children*, after *bethren* Earliest sense esp in connection with birth (*childbed*, with *child*) In ME and later also spec youth of gentle birth (cf *Childe Harold*), also servant, page In 16 cent esp girl My *child* in Shaks never refers to son, and mod usage shows traces of this With *Childermas*, Feast of the Holy Innocents (Dec 28), cf AS *cyldmæsse* (see *mass¹*).

By the mouth of our fadir Davith, th child
(Wyc *Acts*, iv 25)

A very pretty bairn, a boy or a child, I wonder? -
(Winter's Tale, iii 3)

chiliad Thousand L, G *χίλις*, *χίλιάδ*, from *χίλιοι*, thousand

chill AS *cele ciele* cold (noun) in gen sense 'Noun gave way in ME to *cold* and in its mod sense (*take a chill* etc) is from the adj or verb derived from orig noun See al o *cold cool*

chilli Capsicum pod used in pickles etc Sp Mex *chilli* native name

Chiltern Hundreds Former crown manor (Oxford and Bucks) of which stewardship (a sinecure or fictitious office) is taken by M P s as a way of resigning an office under the crown being (since 1701) a disqualification for membership of Parliament See *hund ed*

chime! Of bells ME & OF *chimbe* I cymbalum G *κymbalo* from *κυβη* hollow of a vessel (cf L *cymba*) Cymbal (q.v.) was orig sen c of L *chime*

Lo 1 h m la chymys wei sownand (Hampol s P R 15)

chime chimb Rim of a cask In Johns Cf Du *him* the same Ger *him* e edge

AS *cinbing* joining Also incorr *chime*

chimer chimar [hi i] Bishop's robe OF *chimarre* (*simarre*) cf It *zimarra* Sp *zamorra* Origin unknown

chimera chumaera Fabulous composite monster L C *χμαιρα* she goat

chimney F *cheminée* Late L *caminala* from *caminus* furnace oven G *καμινος* Orig fire-place as in *chimney corner* *chimney piece* the latter orig a picture But earliest sense of Late L *caminala* was room provided with a stove! (q.v.)

The clim y
I so th the chambe and the chl n y piec
Cha t D b th g (Cymb il 4)

chimpanzee Bantu (Angola) *kamfensi*

chin AS *cin* WGer cf Du *kin* Ger *kinn* cogn with C yoww lower jaw I *gena* cheek

China San.krit *China* perh from *Chin* or *Tsin* dynasty (3 cent B.C.) *Chin* in Marco Polo Hence porcelain from *China* pronounced *cheerney* well into 19 cent with the consequence that *Cheyne Walk* Chel sea was sometimes spelt *China Walk* With *China* *oran* c cf Ger *apfels n* orange lit apple of China the fruit having been introduced from China by the Portuguese in 16 cent The OED quotes a hundred pounds to a China orange on Eclipse (1771) A *Chinar* tree was before the 19 cent a dealer in Chinese ware (cf *Ind a na t*) Chinese OF *Chiness* (Chinois)

was formerly used as noun For lang *Chinee* cf Portuguese *ma que bis re* etc

Send a w b Chl ewe dn
With sa is and w d th re y waggon light
(P Lot i 439)

Sh { lady of rank who died t t 4 18
always pike of h h n and of the tal'dry
th d y t i (From correspo i nt)

church Bug (US) Sp *huche* L *cu ex* *emic*

chunchulla Small rodent (S Amer) Sp perh from *chunch* (q.v.) from et on belief that it smelt badly Cf OF *cinecle* *chuel* bug

chun chun [Anlo Chin] Chin t in tsing please please

Tb mandari went f n h g l e say g hi
hin ash depart d will th yommo sal t
tion (H ck j M m e r i t)

chunchona See *cinchona*

chine Ravine (Hants and I of W ht) AS *cinu* assure Cf Du *keen* chap! A common ME word no superseded by *china* (q.v.) Cogn with Ger *ke m* bud (at its opening)

In the chyne of sto w l
(W) 5 g of cinny i 141

chine Backbone etc F *chine* OHG *cna* (*schiena*) splinter shinbone (cf history of spine) whence also It *schiena* Sp *quesa* See *shin*

chine See *chi ne*

Chinese Chinese See *Ch na*

chink! Fi sure Replaces (from st cent) *chine* from which it is app de r ed For abnormal format on cf *Chink*

chink Sound Impt. cf F *tinger* Ce *king* In Hence money earliest sen e recorded in AED

T b t the heape b e ch kes in thy p rue
(T e 1573)

Chink [Au tal & US Chinese For formation cf *chink*]

Chinook Pid. n language of Columbia and Oregon also warm ocean wind Name of native tribe on Columbia river with which Hudson Bay traders came in contact

chintz For *chints* pl of *chint* Hind *chint* I arh r also *chite* Mahrati *chit* from Sanskrit *chitra* variegat d Cf *cheetah* *hit* and for pl form *baie* So also Du *its* earl er *chits* *chit en* *chints* (Dewet)
Bought my wife a h t that is p ted Ind an call w (P p) Sep 5 663

chip, Prob thinned form of *chop*¹ (cf *drip*, *drop*) Cf *hippen* in various LG dialects To *chip in* may be a variation on to *cut in* (orig at cards) or come from *chip* in slang sense of counter used in card-playing, whence *chips*, money, cf Du *sphint*, splinter, *spaan*, chip, both used for money *Chip of the old block* is used by Milton (*Smectym-nuus*)

chipmuck, chipmunk Squirrel (US) The alternative name *hackle* (J G Wood) suggests an E formation from *chip* and *mink* (q v)

chippendale Name of cabinet-maker (†1779) Cf *sheraton*

chippy Dry as a *chip*, hence, suffering from after-effects of alcohol

chiro- Latinized form of *cheiro-* (q v), adopted in F Hence *chirography*, handwriting, *chiromancy*, palmistry, *chiro-podist*, from G *χρῶς*, *ποδ-*, foot.

chirp, chirrup Imit For obs *chirk*, *chirt* (= *cheep*) With later *chirrup* cf *alarum* Earliest is AS *cearcian*, whence ME *chark*, to creak To feel *chirpy*, *chirrupy* is coloured by *cheer-up*

[He] *churkith* [ar *chirtith*] as a sparwe (Chauc D 1804)

chirurgion [archaic] Restored spelling of OF *cirurgien* (whence ME *sirurgien*, *sur-gren*) corresponding to Sp *cirujano*, Port. *cirurgião* From G *χειρουργός*, surgeon, from *χείρ*, hand, *ἔργον*, work

chisel ONF *chisel* (*ciseau*), VL **cisellus*, for **caesellus* (whence It *cesello*), from *caedere*, *caes-*, to cut See *scissors* With *chiselled features* cf *pencilled eyebrows*

chit¹ Brat App var of *kit* (*kitten*), cf dial *chit*, kitten, Sc *cheet*, puss Cf use of *kid*, *cub*, *whelp*, etc But associated in sense with dial *chit*, sprout Cf *imp*, *scion*, and Ger *sprossling* Wyc has *chittles*, var. *uhelpis* (Is xxxiv 15) for Vulg *catuli*.

murcelegus, *catulus*, *catulus* *catte*, idem est *chyte* (Voe).

chit², chutty [Anglo-Ind]. Document Mahrati *chitti*, Sanskrit *chitra*, "black and white." See *cheelah*, *chintz* and cf *pie*¹

At fist I got his cheet for some [of his debt] (Purch 1608)

chit-chat Redupl on *chat* (q v) Cf *chitter* for *chatter*, and *tittle-tattle*

chitin Substance forming integuments of insects, etc F *chitine*, ureg from G *χρῶν*, tunic

chiton Tunic G *χιτών*.

chittagong Breed of fowls, from *Chittagong*, Bengal

chitterling Mostly dial, with numerous vars With secondary (slang) sense of shirt-frill cf F *fraise*, mesentery, ruff, and see *tripe* Origin obscure; ? cf Ger *kuteln*, chitterlings, Goth *qithus*, belly, cogn with LG *kuit*, intestine, Du *kuit*, fish-roe, from a Teut root applied to soft parts of the body

andouille a linke, or chitterling, a big hogges gut stuffed with small guts (Cotg)

fraise a ruffe, also, a calves chaldern (ib)

chitty See *chit*²

chivalry F. *chevalerie*, collect from *chevalier* (q v) Doublet of *cavalry*, with which it was sometimes synon, though earliest E sense is bravery, prowess, e.g. *flower of chivalry* (1297)

chive Herb ONF *cive*, L *cepa*, onion Cf AS *cipe*, onion, from L

chivy See *chevy*

chlamys G *χλαμῦς*, cloak.

chloral Coined by Liebig from *chlor*(me) *al*(cohol)

chlorine Named (1810) by Davy from its colour G *χλωρός*, yellowish green

chlorodyne Artificial trade-name from *chloro-* form (q v) and *anodyne* (q v)

chloroform F *chloroforme*, coined (1834) by Dumas See *chlorine* Used as anaesthetic by Simpson (1847)

This new anæsthetic agent was used most successfully last Monday (Ill Lond News, Dec 4, 1847)

chlorophyll Green colouring matter of plants G *χλωρός*, green, *φύλλον*, leaf

chlorosis "Green sickness" Mod, from G *χλωρός*, green

chock, chuck Block of wood, wedge (chiefly naut) ONF *choque*, *chouque* (*souche*, stump) *Chockfull*, *chokefull*, though now to some extent associated with *chock*, is a much older word (c 1400) and prob comes from ME *choke*, jaw-bone, "chops," ON- *kjälki*, jaw-bone (cf Sc *chowk*); thus "full to the chop," with which cf F *regorge*, to be chock-full, from *gorge*, throat.

chocolate F *chocolat*, Sp *chocolate*, Mex *chocolatl* Orig (c 1600) a drink, made from cacao seeds, but, according to some, distinct from *cacao* (q v.)

To a coffee house, to drink *jocolatte*, very good (Pepys, Nov 24, 1664)

choctaw Name of Red Indian tribe used as fancy skating term Cf *mohawk*

choice ME & OF *chois* (*choix*) from *choisir* OFC *kuusjan* (*kiesen*) See *choose* As adj *choice* replaced ME *chis* (AS *eis* fastidious perh from *chosan* to choose) partly under influence of F adj *de choix* (cf a fj is of prize) *Choice spirit* is from Shaks (*Illec II v 3 Jul Caesar iii*)

choir quire ME *quer* OF *cuer* (*chœur*) L *chorus* G *choros* company of dancers or singers *Quire* (still in PB) was replaced c 1700 by *choir* an assimilation to F & L forms

choke Aphet for a hoke AS *deðrean* prob cogn with *cheek* (cf throat *þrútr* L *jugulum* *jugulare* F *gorge* *gorger*) To *choke off* is orig of dogs With *choke fear* also fig cf synon F *faire d'angoisse* (*d'étranquillon*) A *choke-bore* diminishes towards the muzzle

chokee See *chokey*

chokidar [*Anglo-Ind*] Watchman Urdu *chakīdār* from Hind *chāukī* watching (vi) Pers *-dar* possessing master as in *sirda* etc

choky chokee [slang] Prison quod Orig Anglo-Ind from *chāukī* station watch house etc Cf *chokidar*

cholera ML & OF *colra* (olive) I G *χολέρα* bilious disorder from *χολή* bile *Choler* assumed the meaning of *χολή* and became the name of one of the four humours (*sanguis cholera melancholia phlegma*) Certes this dream which ye han met to-ȝht Cometh of the greet superfluyte Of youre rede col a [*four colere colere colore*] (Chaucer B 4116)

cholera In ME ident with *choler* (qv) from 16 cent used of English cholera and from c 1800 of Asiatic cholera

choliambic [metr] Variation on iambic metre G *χολιαμβικός* and *ωπλιος*

chondro From G *χόνδρος* cartilage

choose AS *ēdan* Com Teut cf Du *kiezen* Ger *kiesen* Goth *kiesan* also ON *kōr* choice cogn with L *gustare* to taste Usu *choose* till Johns F *choisir* is fr m Teut (see *choice*)

chop¹ To cut ME also *chap* corresponding to Du *kappen* (see *chap¹*) Its parallelism in use with *cut* suggests influence of OF *couper* (*couper*) which had a Picard var *chofer* A mutton *chop* is chopped off In some colloq sen es *chop¹* runs together with *chop²*

Medre Robiers ebopa la coife d'her t li fist grant plai en la tieste (Le Roi Flore i la Bell Jeha ne)

chop² [archaic] To barter AS *chapian* See *chap¹* *cheap* Survives in to *chop and chat* ge orig to barter and exchan e but now associated partly with *chop¹* and applied to sudden movements e p of wind & also to *chop logic* to exchan e arguments is perh now understood in a minor sense

to k p p mercan negotiari (Cath x fj)

changer to e ha g interchange trucks seors

barter chop with (C tg)

Ma v which ch ppe d l g l l dult rantes, with th worde ft d (Tynd t r)

chop³ Jaw etc eg *chops of the Channel* See *chop¹* Once literary

Th souer ers sweet d t l g d rps

Upon the meddowes th rstr vawning hops (Sylv 4 h)

chop⁴ As in *first chop* Hind *chāp* seal impression stamp Common in Purch in ense of authorizing s gnature Taken by Europ traders from India to China

The American (wh m th Ch ese d t l g h by th t t l f second h p l g lshun) h lso d g (H key s *Vern* s)

The hop mark of th friend of s e m y e t e r ye rs to com in conservati Ch n

(F II M II Gas March 5 1917)

chop⁵ [H fj] Food to eat Suggested by *chop-sticks* or from obs *chop* to devour from *chop²*

chopsticks Sailors rendering of Chin *ch'ien* i.e. numble ones *chop* being pidgin for quick In Dampier (1 cent)

choragus Chorus leader Master of musical Praxis (Oxf) L G *χορηγος* from *choros* ay v to lead

choral e In spec sense of statly hymn sung in unison adapted from Ger *choral* (*gesa g*)

chord Pestored spelling on G *χορδή* of *cord* (j) in pec sense So also (*math*) *chord* of a arc lit string of a bow In sense of combination of notes it is f r ob. co d aphet for a *cord* (qv)

In pawtiry t ten cordi

(H impole P adler c lat)

chore [US] See *chore*

chorea [et] St Vitus Dance *chorea Sancti* i i i G *χορεία*, dance (see *chorus*)

choriambus [metr] C from *χοῖος* be longing to dancing *ωπλιος* iambus

chorister Altered on *chorus* (see *cho*) from ME *querister* AF *cuerriste* cue sle ModL

chorista Cf *barrister*

chorography Intermediate between geography and topography F *chorographia*

L, G χωρογραφία, from χώρα, land Cf chorology, science of distribution of fauna and flora

chortle Coined by Lewis Carroll (*Through the Looking-Glass*) Cf galumph, jabberwock

chorus L, G χορός, dance, etc See choir Earliest E use is in drama (16 cent)

chouan [hʃt] Irregular fighter in West of France on behalf of Bourbons (c 1793 and 1832) F, screech owl (by folk-etym chat huant), cry of which was used as signal, Late L *cavannus*, prob imit of cry chough Bird of crow tribe, now esp red-legged crow, Cornish chough Cf Du hauw, Dan kaa, OHG chāha, etc, also ME co, coo, jackdaw Prob imit of cry Cf also F *choucas*, jack-daw, and see *chouan* *choquan* a chough, or, Cornish chough (Cotg)

chouse Orig swindler Earlier (17 cent) also *chiaus*, etc, Turk *chāush* (cf Pers *chāwush*), messenger Used several times by Ben Jonson with the implied meaning of swindler (cf *cozen*) Gifford's story about an individual *chiaus* who did some swindling in London in 1609 dates from 1756 only, and is not mentioned by 17 cent etymologists who recognized the etym of *chouse*

The governor [of Aden] sent a chouse of his owne, which was one of his chiefe men

(*Jourdain's Journ.* 1608)

Chiaus'd by a scholar (Shirley, c 1659)

chow [Austral] Chinaman, dog of Chinese breed App from "pidgin" word for food See *chow-chow*

chow-chow [pidgin] Mixed pickles or preserves

A small jar of sacred and imperial chow-chow (Kipling, *Bread upon the Waters*).

chowder [Canada & US] Stew, including fish or clams F *chaudière*, cauldron (q v), introduced into Newfoundland, etc by Breton fishermen

chowry [Anglo-Ind] Fly-whisk, prop tail of Tibetan yak elaborately mounted In 17-18 cent E usu called *cow-tail* Hind *chaurī*

A confidential servant waved the great chowry, or cow tail (*Surgeon's Daughter*, ch xiv)

chromatic Concerning money G *χρηματιστικός*, from *χρῆμα*, money, lit the "needful"

chromatathy Choice of extracts G *χρηστομάθεια*, from *χρηστός*, useful, -*μαθεια*, learning

chrism, chrisom Consecrated oil in various rites ME *crisme*, *crisum*, *cieme*, etc., AS, *crisma*, L, G *χρίσμα*, anointing, from *χρίω*, to anoint Hence OF *crisme*, (*crême*); see *cream* *Chrisom* is for *chrisom-cloth*, -*robe*, etc, white robe of baptism, orig perh a head-cloth used to avoid the rubbing away of the *chrism*

crisme the crisme, or oyle wherewith a baptized child is annointed (Cotg)

Christ L *Christus*, G *Χριστός*, anointed (v s), translating *Messiah* (q v) Hence *christen*, AS *cristenan*, and *Christian*, restored spelling for earlier *cristen* *Christendom* orig meant Christianity. In all these words *ch-* is a restored spelling *Christian science* was established (1866) in US by Mary B Eddy

Et docuerunt turbam multam, ita ut cognomina rentur primum Antiochae discipuli, Christiani (P'ulg Acts, xi 26).

Christadelphian Sect founded (1847) in US From G *Χριστός*, Christ, *ἀδελφός*, brother

He appealed for the certificate [of exemption] granted to a Christadelphian to be cancelled. The latter had been fined for knocking a horse's eye out (*Daily Chron* Jan 23, 1918)

christ-cross-row, criss-[āichat] Child's horn-book (q v) with cross preceding alphabet

Infant-conning of the Christ-cross row

(*L'ecurion*, viii 419).

Christmas AS *Cristmæsse* (see *mass*). The *Christmas tree* is a Ger institution, popularized by its introduction into the royal household temp Queen Victoria The institution is not old in Germany, being app of local origin See also *box*.

tree box a Christmas box, a box having a cleft on the lid, or on the side, for money to enter it, used in France by begging friars, and here by butlers, and prentices, etc (Cotg).

Christy Minstrels Original troupe of "negro" entertainers, organized (c 1860) by George Christy of New York

chromatic G *χρωματικός*, from *χρῶμα*, colour Earliest, and most usu, in mus sense

chrome F, G *χρῶμα*, colour, cogn with *χρῶς*, skin Orig name given (1797) to metal *chromium* by its discoverer, Vauquelin With *chromograph* cf *oleograph*.

chronic F *chronique*, L, G *χρονικός*, from *χρόνος*, time Mod slang sense is evolved from that of *chronic complaint*

chronicle ME also *cronique*, F *chronique*, Late L, G *χροινικά*, annals, from *χρόιος*, time For ending cf *participle*, *principle*,

syllable Cf *chronos* *ra n chronol y chro io meter*

chrys *chryso* From G χρυσος gold

chrysalis G χρυσάλλης from χρυσος gold
o ving to usual colour Cf Late L *aurelia*
in same sen e

chrysanthemum G χρυσανθεμον lit gold
flower αθρον

chryselephantine Of gold and ivory See
elephant

chrysolite MF & OF *crisolite* G χρυσολιθος from λιθος stone

chrysoprase MF & OF *crisoprase* G χρυσοπρασος from πρασιν leek from its colour
The tenth *crisoprasus* (W; Rev x 1)

chub Fish Also dial block of wood dolt
Origin obscure ? cf Norw *kubbe* log
kubben stumpy Hence *chubby*

acou e *chubby* tru t up short and strong
(Coig)

chubb Lock From Charles *Chubb* lock
smith (1845)

chubby See *chub*

chuck¹ Call to fowl Imit. and partly s ig
gested by *chick¹* Cf *chū k* archaic term of
endearment for *chick*

chuck² To throw Earlier *chock* F *choquer*
of doubtful origin Earliest E sense is
connected with *chūn*

ma low ur a chocke or bob der th bi
(Coig)

chuck³ [dial] Lump of wood See *chock*
chuckle Orig of noisy now of somewhat
suppressed lau hter Cf obs *cheekle* also
cackle and *chuck¹*

chuckle head From *chick³* Cf *block head*
chum A chamber fellow a term used in
the universities (Johns) Clipped form
of *cha ber fellow* It is recorded for 1634
and explained thus c. 1690 This was the
age of clipped words (nob est dam etc.)
and the vow l change is like that of *com
rade* [jv] b *ngalow p ndit* etc See
Pickwick ch xlii

Cou e my Bro Richard from sch l to [be] my
chambe fellow t th n ersit; (E cl 7 64)

T riv ch m Mr Hody f Walhan Col go
(VED 1634)

Where b w of W th m bei g chambe f Dow
f H mph. Hody (Hearn 1700)

chump Log thick end vulg head Of mod
formation perh suggested by *chun²* *lu n p*
chunk Chiefly US App var of *chuck²* Cf
dial *junk*

chupatty [Hist] Hind *chapatt* unleavened
cake U edas fiery cross in Ind Mutiny
(1857)

chuprassy [Anglo Ind] Attendant hench
man Hind *chaprasi* from *chapra* official
badge

church AS *cirice* C παρο (sc δωμα)
from κηπος lord cf Du *kerk* Ger *kirch*
ON *kirkia* See also *kirk* Not found in
Rom & Celt langs which have deriva
ti es of *ecclesia* (see *eccles astic*) nor in
Goth though most Teut Church words
came through that lang The Church is idle
is the Church on earth as ontrasted with
the invisible mystical Church Church of
En land is used in L form by Becket
(see *Anglican*) Holy Church is AS Mother
Church is in Wyc Churchward n is for
olter *chu church* (till a surname) AS
ciriccard W th poor as a church mou e
cf I *gient comme un rat d'eglis* and with
churchyard co gh cf F *lous gr sent to
sapiu* (coff'n wood)

churl AS *ceort* man used for husband
(John iv 17) later countryman peasant
etc. W Ger cf Du *kerel* Ger *hevl* fellow.
Hence name Charles See *carl* For de
generation of sense cf *boer villain*

churn AS *cyrin* Com Teut cf Du *ha n*
Ger dial *kurn* ON *kurna* From a Teut
root meaning cream (cf G r dial *hern*
cream) prob cogn with *corn¹* kernel from
granular appearance assumed by churned
cream

chute Fall esp of water F VL *caduta*
from *cad re* to fall (for *cadere*) Confuse i
with *shoot* as in to *shoot the rap ds* partly
due t adoption of *chute* from Canad F
But cf to *shoot coil* (rbb sh) with some
what similar mental picture and see also
sloot²

chutney Hind *chatni*

chyle chyme [phys ol] G χυλος χυμος
juice from χυ to pour Differentiated
by Galen

chymist See *chemi t*

ciborium MedL C κύβριον cup-shaped
seed ves el cup Eccl sense receptacle
for Eucharist, due to fancied connection
with L *cibus* food

cicada cicala Insert L e cada With second
form from It cf F *cigale* from Pro

cicatrice F L *cicatrix* t se scar

cicerone It lit Cicero L *Cicero* n a name
prob derived from *cice* small pease. Cf
Gabinus Lentulus P o

Cicestr. Signature of bishop of Chichester
Cf *Cestr*

cicisbeo Recognized gallant of married lady
It, of unknown origin

The widow's eye glass turned from her cicisbeo's whiskers to the mantling ivy (*Ingoldsby*)

Cid Sp, hero, Arab *sayyid*, lord, title given by the Arabs of Spain to the champion of Christianity, Ruy Diaz, Count of Bivar (11 cent)

Puisque Cid en leur langue est autant que seigneur,
Je ne t'enverrai pas ce beau titre d'honneur
(Corneille)

-cide As in *homicide*, *regicide* F, L *-cidium*, of act, *-cida*, of agent, from *caedere*, to kill.

cider ME *sider*, OF *sidre* (*cidre*), MedL *sicera*, G *σίκερα*, used in Vulg and LXX for Heb. *shikār*, strong drink

He schal not drynke wyn and sydir [*AS transl bCor*] (*Wyc Luke*, 1 15)

ci-devant [*hist*] Nickname (French Revolution) for former nobles F *ci-devant*, heretofore, formerly, as in *le citoyen Blanc*, *ci-devant marquis de* Cf *sans-culotte*
Ci is for *ici*, VL *ecce-hic*, *devant* is VL *de-ab-ante*

cieling See *ceiling*

cierge F, wax candle, L. *cereus*, waxen, from *cera*, wax

cigar Earlier *segar* Sp *cigarro* ? Explained as from *cigarra*, cicada (q.v.), from shape resembling body of insect, or from puffing suggesting cicada's chirp *Cigarette* is F

With one of those bits of white card in your mouth
Which gentlemen smoke who have been in the South (*Trevelyan*, 1866)

ciliary From L *cilium*, eyelash

cilice [*archaic*] Hair-shirt. F, L *cilicium*, G *κίλικιον*, cloth made from Cilician goat's hair Also AS *cilic* (*Matt* 11 21).

Cimmerian From L, G *Κιμμέριοι*, a people fabled to live in perpetual darkness (*Odyssey*, 11)

cinch [US.] Sp *cincha*, girth, from L *cinchum* A cow-boy word occurring in the fig to get a cinch on

cinchona Peruvian bark Named (1742) by Linnaeus in honour of Countess of Chinchon (in Castile) who introduced it from Peru (1640)

Cincinnatus Great man in retirement Roman general, called from the plough to Dictatorship when Rome was threatened by the Volscians

cincture L *cinctura*, from *cingere*, *cinct-*, to gird

cinder AS. *sinder*, dross, slag, cf Ger *sinter*, ON *sint*. Later associated with, and affected in sense by, F *cendre*, L. *cimis*, *ciner-*, ash

Cinderella Adapted from F *Cendrillon*, from *cendre* (v.s.), cf Ger *Aschenbrödel*, *-puttel*, etc Hence *Cinderella dance*, over at mid night

Artillery had been made the German military hobby, the German infantry in the mass was the Cinderella of the force (*Westm Gaz.* Aug 30, 1917)

cinematograph F *cinématographe*, invented and named by MM Lumière, of Paris Hence *cin-* for E *kin-* (*kinetics*, etc) From G. *κίνημα*, motion, from *κινέω*, to move The shortened *cinema* is also F (*cinéma*).

An exhibition of the "cinématographe" yesterday afternoon (*Daily News*, Feb 21, 1896)

The Church and the Press combined do not possess nearly so much power (*Cinema*, July 3, 1919).

cineraria Genus of plants ModL, from *cimis*, *ciner-*, ashes, from ashy down on leaves Cf *cinerary urn*, for ashes of the cinerated

cinet Mod var of *senmit* (q.v)

Cingalese, Singhalese, Sinhalese Sanskrit *siñhalās*, people of Ceylon (*Siñhalam*)

cinnabar Red mercuric sulphide OF *cinnabre*, L, G *κιννάβρι*, of Oriental origin, cf Pers *zanyisrah*.

cinnamon F *cinnamome*, L, G *κιννάμωμον*, Heb *qinnāmōn*

cinquecentist It artist of 16 cent (*mil cinque cento*)

Cinque Ports Orig (12 cent) Hastings, Sandwich, Dover, Romney, Hythe F *cinq*, L *quinque*, five (see *gunnary*) Cf *cinquefoil* (bot & hei).

cipher, cypher. Arab *cifr*, nil, lit empty, rendering Sanskrit *śūnya*, empty The word penetrated into Europe with the Arab notation (cf F *chiffre*, It *cifra*, Sp Port *cifra*, Du *cijfer*, Ger *ziffer*) and kept sense of nil till 16-17 cents (still in Port), orig sense (surviving in *mere cipher*) being supplied by Sp *cero*, a contracted form, whence *zero* Sense of secret writing is found in F & It

cipolin Marble F, It *cipolino*, from *cipolo*, onion, from its foliated formation See *chive*

Circassian circle Fancy name for dance (19 cent) Cf *Lancers*, *Caledonians*.

Circe G. *Κίρκη*, myth enchantress (*Odyssey*) whose cup changed those who drank into swine

It *città*, Sp *ciudad* *Civitas* app replaced *urbs* as Rome lost its prestige. In medieval practice ident with cathedral town, but now extended. With the *City*, i.e. that part of London within the old boundaries, cf F *citè* used of the orig *ville de Paris* on the two islands

cive See *chive*

civet Cat F *civette*, It *zibetto*, Arab *zabād*

civic L *civicus*, of a citizen (v1), esp in *corona civica*, won by saving a Roman citizen's life

civil F, L *civilis*, from *civis*, citizen, ult cogn with AS *hīwan* (pl), household Cf L *bellum civile*. For sense of polite cf *urbane*. *Civil Service* was orig the non-military service of the E India Company. The *Civil List*, orig of all administrative charges, is now limited to those representing the royal expenditure and bounty

Our first task is to teach them that militarism does not pay and that civilism does

(*Shoe and Leather Gazette*, Apr 1918)

civism F *civisme* (vs), a Revolution word *civvies* [mil slang] Mufti. Perh suggested by similar sense of F, Ger *civil*

clachan [Sc] Highland village. Gael, village, burial place, app from *clach*, stone. Orig set of monastic cells

clack Imit Cf F *claque*, Du *klak*

clad AS *clāthod*, pp of *clāthuan*, to clothe, surviving in stereotyped uses, e.g. *iron-clad*, after poet *mailclad*

clam Tonic stem of OF *clamer*, L *clamare*, to shout. Leg term *claimant* was long associated with the notorious Tichborne impostor (1873). The miner's *clamm* is Austral (19 cent)

clairvoyant F, seeing clearly, adopted c 1850 in spec sense

clam Bivalve. Earlier *clamshell*, as worn by pilgrims, from archaic *clam*, bond, clutch, etc, AS *clamm*, grasp, bond. Cf dial *clem*, to pinch, starve, and see *clamp*

Mustels, wilks, oysters, clamps, periwink cls
(Capt John Smith, 1624)

clamant Urgent. Pedantic for crying (*need*, etc). From pres part of L *clamare*, to shout

clamber Ger *sich klammern*, in similar sense, from *klammer*, hook, etc, points to *claw*, cf F *s'accrocher* and hist of *crawl*

clamjamphrie [Sc] Heterogeneous collection, rubble. By Scott and Galt spelt *clan-*,

as though a derisive parody of *Clan Chattan*, etc

clammy. Earliest *claymy*. Cf dial *clam*, *cleam*, to smear, daub, AS *clāman*, from *clām*, mud, cloam. Prob associated also in meaning with *clam* (qv), with which it may be etym ident. (clinging idea). Cf Du *klam*

klam, *klamp* tenax, humidus, lentus, viscosus, ang *klamv* (Kil)

clamour F *clameur*, L *clamor-em*. See *clam*

clamp¹ Fastening. Du *klamp*, cogn with Ger *klammer* and Ger dial *klampfe*. See *clam*, *clammy*

clamp² [dial] Heap, esp rick (Ir.). Cf Du *klamp*, heap, not connected with *clamp*¹. > Cf *clump*

Allowing for the usual storage [of potatoes] in clamps on the farms
(Capt Bathurst, M P, in H of C, June 5, 1917)

clan Gael *clann*. Prob from L *planta*, in sense of *stirps*, stock, cf Welsh *plant*, OIr *cland*, the latter revived in *Clan-na-Gael*, a pol society.

clandestine L *clandestinus*, from *clam*, secretly, cogn with *celare*, to hide

clang L *clangere*, to resound. Imit, cf G *κλάζω*

clank Combined from earlier *clink* (qv) and *clang*. Or from Du *klank*. In any case imit

clap¹ Imit of sharp sound, cf Du Ger *klappen*, ON *klappa*; also AS *clæppellan*, to throb. Later applied to quick action, e.g. to *clap eyes on*, *clap into gaol*, etc

That anxious exertion at the close of a speech which is called by the comedians a clap-trap
(Davies, *Life of Garrick*, 1780)

clap² Gonorrhoea. Shortened from OF *clapour*, perh from *clapier*, brothel

clapboard Overlapping board used in building. Partial transl of Ger *klapholz*, LG *klapholz*, Du *klaphout*, clap wood, cf Ger *klappen*, to fit together. Now chiefly US. clapperclaw App from idea of combined noise and scratching, or *clapper* may have sense of hand (cf *smeller*, *peeper*, etc). From c 1600 (see *Merry Wives*, II 3)

claque F, organized applause at theatre, from *claque*, to clap, of imit origin

clarence Four-wheeled cab. From *Duke of Clarence*, afterwards William IV. NED has no example after 1864, but an old cabbly used the word in giving evidence in

a London Police Court (1914) The Duke of Clarence was created for Lionel second son of Edward III when he married the heiress of Clare (Suff.) Hence *Clareux King of Arms* an office still existing clarendon [ɪp] Thick type Named by 19 cent printer

claret OF *vin cla et (claret)* prop applied to light-coloured red wine intermediate between red and white

level *cla et azuy e semelari s* (Prompt P re)

clarify *F clarifier* L *clarificare* to make clear (v i)

clarion I *clarion* OF *claron* or rather the L word being app. of earlier date Late L *clarion* from *clarus* cl or Dim *clarionet* also *clarinet* the latter from F *clarinette*

clarity Restored spelling of ME *chitee* F *clarité* L *claritas* lat from *clarus* clear Th. [th enemy's fire] in no way interfered with the clarity of their reports

(Sir D Beatty J 19 1916)

clary Herb Cf MedL *scleara* F *sclearde* Earlier is AS *slarige* Origin unknown

clash From c 1500 Imit. cf *clach splash* etc also Du *klessen* earlier *kletsen* Fig to *clash with* is from the n use of conflict weapons

clasp First as noun earlier also *clapss* Prob. imit. of sound of *snap* (of a bracelet) Ger *schnalle* clasp buckle from *schallen* to snap crack Has nearly replaced *clasp* pe h partly from similarity of init

class F *classe* L *classis* one of the six divisions of the Roman people G *klasse* from *klāre* to call summon The evidence for the F word begins with Blount (VFD) Hence *classic* L *classicus* as in *serptor classicus* opposed by Gellius to *proletarius* but associated in F with works read in univ. *classes*

class a ship or a v. an rd to ord trib tion f peopl accord g to their sever degree = *class* of (where n th word must used) a form or lect e restrained t erta n comp y fash lars

(Bl unt)

Poeti f. l. d. xon pasa ine around

A d ill I seem to tr d en classio ground

(Add scot)

clatter Cf AS *clstrung* noise Imit. cf Du *klateren* Ger dual *klattern*

Claude Lorraine glass. For viewing landscape From *Claude of Lorraine* F painter (1600-82)

clause F L *clausa* used in MedL. for *clausula* end of a period from *cludere* *claus* to close

claustral Of the cloister (q v) Cf *claustrum* (neol) morbid fear of being shut in *clavate* [biol] Club shaped from L *clava* club *clavem* [mus] F harpsichord MedL *lani cymbalum* key cymbal

clavi From L *clavis* key and *clava* club *clavichord* [i hait] Rudimentary piano MedL *clavichordium* key string Corruptly *clavichord*

clavicle L *clavicula* collar bone lit little key *clavis* co n with *claudere* to shut

clavier [mus] key board piano F from L *clavis* key Hence Ger *Klavier* piano

claw AS *claw* Com Teut. cf Du *klauw* Ger *klauw* ON *klia*

clay AS *clæ* cf Du *kle* Ger *kle* (from LG) Dan *kleb* Norw dual *kli* c gn with G *gla* a *glue* L *glus* and ult with d al *cleq* gaddly from sticking to object H w sho ld h cet m to du t Who daily w t his cl y? (F elding)

claymore Gael *claidheamh* sword nor great (see *glute*) An antiquarian word earlier *glaymore* familiarized by Scott Ult cogn with L *caedes* slaughter

clean AS *clēne* Com Teut. cf Du *Cer klein* ON *kleinn* all meaning small but orig Teut. sense surviving in E. appears also in Ger *klein* jewel Largely replaced by *clear* pure in the higher senses Wyc still has *clean* where Tynd uses *pure* With adv *sen e* (lean crazy) cf *pu e* folly etc and similar use of Ger *rein* clean As verb now usual for older *cleane* AS *clēnsian* with which cf Du *kleinsen* to strain filter

Th. clee t if wa t l a gold ljk to clee n glass (Wyc Rev x i 28)

clear ME *clere* OF *cler* (clur) L *claus* cf It *clia* o Sp *claro* In the sense of free from encumbrance (from c 1500) it occurs in several naut metaph. rs (to *steer cle* of stand cle r coast is *clear* clear the d chs etc.) For *clear* cf *ry* see *clerestory*

cleat [chiefly marit] Wedge block AS *cle* i WGer. cf Du *kleet* Ger *kliss* cogn with *clod* clat

cleave¹ To split AS *clifan* Com Teut. cf Du *klieven* Ger *klieben* ON *kljufa* cogn with L *glubere* to flay G *glut* to hollow cut Archaic past *clave* survives in AV (cf *br ke sua e*) while new weak pp *cleft* (clad) exists s la by side with orig strong *cloren* (cl ft st ch *cloren* hoof) Hence *cleave* e now much used of pol opinions etc a metaphor from geol

cleave² To adhere AS *clifian* Com Teut, cf Du *kleven*, Ger *kleben*, ON *klifa*, to clamber Weak forms much confused with those of strong *cleave*¹ Both verbs are obsolescent, replaced by *split*, *stick* With *cleaves*, goose-grass cf Ger *klebekraut*
cleek [Sc] Orig hook, from obs verb *cleek*, to clutch, for past tense of which (*claught*) see quot s v carl ? Cogn with *clutch*¹
clekke, *staff* *cambusca* (Prompt Parv)

clef [mus] F, L *clavis*, key
cleft ME *clift*, from *cleave*¹ Cf Du Ger *klift* See *kloof*

clem [dial] To endure privations, orig to pinch with hunger Cf Du Ger *klemmen*, to pinch See *clam*¹

clematis L, G *κληματίς*, from *κλήμα*, vine-branch

clement L *clemens*, *clement*-, cogn with *-clinare*, to lean

Clementine Of *Clement*, esp edition of *Vulgate* due to Pope *Clement V* (1309-14)

clench, clunch AS *-clencan*, in *beclencan*, to make to "cling" Cf Du *klínk*, latch, rivet, Ger *klínke*, latch The two mod forms are to some extent differentiated in use, e.g. to *clench one's fist, teeth*, to *clinch the matter* See also *clinch*, *clínker-buill*, and *clíng*

clepsydra Water-clock G *κλεψύδρα*, from *κλέπτειν*, to steal, *ἕδρα*, water

clerestory [arch] App *clear story*, but found much earlier than the simple *story*²

clergy Combines F *clergé*, clergy, Church L *clericatus*, from *clericus* (see *clerk*), and archaic F *clergie*, clerkly knowledge, formed in F from *clerc*

Grmaire is the fondement and the begynnyng of clergie (Carton, *Mirror of World*)

clerical See *clerk* *Clericalism*, in hostile sense, is a neol Cf *militarism*, *sacerdotalism*, etc

clerk AS *cleric*, *clerc*, and F *clerc*, L *clericus*, G *κληρικός*, from *κληρος*, allotment, heritage, used in 2 cent of the sacerdotal order Orig clergyman, then one who could read and write, and (from c 1500), official account-keeper, etc Usu spelt *clark* in 15-18 cents, as still in surname The imaginary *Clerk of the Weather* is imitated from the numerous official titles of the same type

For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry [ὁν κληρον τῆς διακονίας τῆς ἐκκλ.] (1st, 127)

clerk, a clerke, a scholar, or learned person, hence,

also, a churchman (who should be learned), also, a clerke in an office, a lawyers clerke, and generally any penman (Coitg)

cleugh [dial] Sc form of *clough* (qv), e.g.

Clym o' the Cleugh, hero of famous ballad
cleve Var of *cliff*, common in place-names
clever Recorded once (*cliver*) c 1220, then not till 16 cent, when it replaces earlier *deliver* Orig expert at seizing (cf *nimble*, *handy*) Described by Sir T Browne as EAngl and as a dial word by Ray (1674) Prob EFris. *cluser*, cf Dan. dial *klever*, ? cogn with ME *cliver*, claw But analogy of *skill*, *discerning*, Ger *gescheit*, clever, all containing idea of separation, suggests ult connection with *cleave*¹

deliver, *redy*, *quicke to do any thyng* agile, *delivre* (Palsg)

clew, clue AS *clīwen*, *cleowen*, ball of thread WGer, cf Du *kliuwen*, Ger *knäuel*, the latter by dissim from MHG *kliuwel*, dim of OHG *kliuwā*, cogn with L *glomus* Mod sense, usu *clue*, from legend of Theseus and the Cretan Labyrinth *Clew* is usual in naut lang

By a clewe of twyne, as he hath gon,
The same way he may retorne anon,
Folwyng alway the threde, as he hath come
(Chauc *Leg of Good Women*, 2016)

cliché Hackneyed phrase Orig stereotype From pp of *clícher*, to "click," from sound made in process

He indulges in invective against the stale phrases and topical allusions which infest our journalism and our oratory But on the very next page our mentor himself indulges in "the unspeakable Turk," "the mailed fist," "blasted armaments," and "the silver sea" (*Sunday Times*, Aug 3, 1919)

click Imit, representing a thinner sound than *clack* Cf *clínk*, *clank*, also F *clíquer*, Du *klikken* A *clícher* in the boot trade, now a foreman cutter-out, was orig a tout (cf *clíque*, *claque*), ? or for *clícker*, from obs *cleek*, to clutch

clíeler the shoe maker's journeyman or servant, that cuts out all the work, and stands at or walks before the door, and says, "What d'y'e lack, sir? What d'y'e buy, madam?" (*Dict Carling Crew*)

client F., L *cliens*, *client*-, earlier *cliens*, pres part of *cluere*, to listen to, G. *κλένν*, to hear Orig a dependent, in F a customer Some regard *cliens* as earlier form and connect it with *-clinare*, to incline Cf *cherible*, L *clientela*, common in 16-17 cents, now readopted from F AF. *client* occurs in 1306 (*Year-books of Ed. I*)

cliff AS *clif* cf Du *klip* Ger *Klippe* (LG)

ON *klif* See also *cleve*

climacteric Critical period esp 63rd year (*grand climacteric*) product of 9 and 7 the two critical numbers From G *κλιμακτρον* rung of a ladder See *climax*

climate Γ *climat* Late L *clima cli nati* C *κλίμα κλιγ ar* slope (from the equator to the poles) Orig sense of region zone survives in poet *clime*

L *mat* p r t i n of the arth coast n d t t w e two circles parallel to th qu t (Thilp)

climax L G *λμαξ* ladder and (rhet) series of propositions rising in effectiveness cf *anti climax* bathos Current sense due to popular ignorance (VED) is not recognized by Todd

climb AS *climban* WGer cf Du Cer *klommen* cogn with *cleave*¹ (cf ON *klifa* ME *climen* to climb and see *clamber*) A strong verb in AS but weak by 16 cent poet *clomb* being a Spenserian archaism imitated by mod poets

clime See *climate*

clinch See *clench* *Clinch* is e p common in techn applications (rivet etc) and has a northern form *clink* Hence *clinker* *clinker built* of boats orig contrasted with *carvel* built (see *carvel*) Fig a *clinker* is an argument that rivets hits the right nail on the head

cling AS *clingan* of which *clench* *clinch* is the causal Orig to adhere together in a stiff mass cf synon Norw *klenga* ON *klengjask* (r flex cf *bask*) to pick a quarrel lit to fasten (oneself) on

clinic L G *κλινος* from *κλινω* a bed from *κλινω* to make to lie

clink¹ sound Imit of a thinner sound than *clang* *clank* Cf Du *klinken* C r *klingen* Sw *klंगा* Dan *klänge* etc With intens *clinking* cf *rattling*

clink² [*slan* & *mid*] Prison Orig prison at Southwark Prob related to *clench* *clinet* cf Du *klinsk* door latch and under lock and key

Th art th u cl p p d in th Fl te or Cl ke (VED 53)

clinker Orig hard brick hence hard mass slag etc Du *klinker* earlier *klinkaerd* from *klinken* to clink First in Fvelyn (*clinciar klinca t*) in ref to aqueduct at Amsterdam

Al *κλιν d lat* coctu et d i r u i p m s q d t n n s i e t i u l s d u m p l s t u (K1)

clinker built. See *clinch* *carvel*

clinometer Math instrument From G *κλινω* sloping (see *clinie*)

clip To shear Northern ML ON *klippa* whence also Dan *klippe* Sw *klippa* cf LG *klippen* Prob imit and representing a thinner sound than *clap* (cf *snip snap*)

clip [*archaic*] To embrace clutch AS *clippan* cf ON *klippa* to pinch OFris *kleppa* to embrace Ilen e noun *cl p* in mech senses e g *clip of cartid es paper clip*

clipper Fast sailing ship swift horse In first sense from *clip*¹ (? cf *cut er*) In second from Cer or Du *klepper* now sorry nag but 11 16 cent swift trotter from IG *klepp* to resound with ref to the hoof beat

clique Γ set of backers from *clique* to make a noise cf *clique* The F word occurs n sense of ban! crew in 14 cent

clitell [*sool*] From L *clitellae* pack-saddle chorus [*anal* G *λερσις* from *λιν* to sheathe

cloaca L sewer for *clot ca* from *cluere* to cleanse

cloak Earlier *cloke* ON *clōgi* (*loche*) from its bell shape (see *clock*) For fig sense cf *pillate*

Of d ble worst I was h semycop Th t rounded a b ll (Ch A 262)

cloam [*dial*] Earthenware AS *clam* mud clay Cf *clammis*

clock ONF *cloque* (*cloche*) Late L *clocca* cf AS *cl egi* Du *kl h* Ger *glock* bell Also Ir *clóg* Gael *clag* Welsh *cloel* Orig bell in which sense it spread was due to the early Ir h missionaries This sense is not strongly evidenced n ME which already had *bell* Prob of imit orig n and found as Church ord in Teut & Celt langs from 8 cent Not in Southern Rom langs which pre-erred L *campana* Hence prob also *clock* of a stocking from shape It called in F *co n* wedge and in It *staffa* stirrup the latter being an object of very much the same shape as the conventional bells of heraldry

clod clod No v differentiated (*clod of earth* *clod of blood*) but synon up to 18 cent AS *clod* (only 11 compds) WGer f Du *kloot* Ger *klot* *clod* also in fig sense of Γ word With *clodhopper* rustic cf bog trotter Irishman *mo sl oop r*

H s lock with loads of blood a d d u t bedlight (K ul x Tasso)

Wh e y clottes of th arth g l d (Co ord Job viii 6)

clodhopper a ploughman (*Did Cant C no*)

clog First as noun (c 1400), log of wood. Cf *Sc yule-clog* Associated in later senses with dial *clag*, to bedaub, make sticky. Origin unknown. For application to wooden shoe cf use of Du cognate of *clump* (q v.)

cloisonné In compartments (of enamels) F, from *cloison*, partition, VL **clausio-n-*, from *claudere*, *claus-*, to close

cloister OF *cloistre* (*cloître*) VL **claustrum*, from *claudere*, *claus-*, to close. L *claustrum* gave AS *clūster* and OF *clostre*. Fig sense (*The Cloister and the Hearth*) as in F *cloître*. F has *cloître* for cathedral close, but not in the sense of arched walk which has developed from it in E (cf *piazza*)

Clootie [Sc] Satan. From dial *cloot*, cloven hoof, from ON *klō*, claw

O thou' whatever tittle suit thee,
Auld Hornie, Satan, Nick, or Clootie
(Burns, *Address to the Devil*)

close Noun and adj. F *clos*, p p of archaic *clore*, to close, L *claudere*. Verb from *clos-*, stem of *clore*. Participial origin of the adj is still apparent in *close-fisted*, opposite of *open-handed*. Secondary sense of "near" arises from that of having all intervals "closed", cf *mil* to *close up*. The double sense appears in *close quarters*, now understood of proximity, but orig "closed" space on ship-board where last stand could be made against boarders

closet OF, dim of *clos* (v s). In *Matt* vi 6 renders L *cubiculum*, G *τραπεζον*

closure F, L *clausura*, from *claudere*, *claus-*, to close. Found in several archaic senses in E. Since 1882 esp in H of C, at first in competition with F *clōture*, VL **clausura*

lot See *clod*

loth AS *clāth* WGer, cf Du *kleet*, Ger *kleid*, garment. The AS word is not applied to the material, but to a "cloth" (cf *loin-cloth*) to wrap round one (see *Mark*, xiv 51), and the pl is used for "clothes". This is the only sense of the Du & Ger words. Earlier hist obscure. From 17 cent used as symbol of profession, esp the Church. The double sense appears in *clother*, in ME a cloth-worker, now a tailor

clōture See *closure*

clod AS *clūd*, rock, mass, cogn with *clod*, and assuming (c 13 cent) sense of mass of cloud, *cumulus*. Under a *cloud* is recorded c 1500. Something of orig sense survives in *cloud of sail* (*canvas*)

clough [north] Ravine with river, AS *clōh* (in place-names), cf OHG, *clāh*, *Sc cleugh*. Not related to Du *kloof*.

The valley of the Ancre is a steep and narrow clough
(*March Guard* Nov 15, 1916)

clout Picce, patch AS *clūt*; cf. ON *klūtr*, cogn with *clod*, *clot*. In sense of blow from c 1400, though the metaphor is not clear (but cf *clump*). With archaic *clouted cream* cf *clotted*

I wasted them and so clouted [*Vulg* *confringere*]
them that they could not arise

(Tynd 2 *Sam*, xxu 30)

clove¹: Of garlic, etc AS *clufu*, cogn with *cleave*¹. Cf Ger *Knoblauch*, by dissim from MHG *klobelouch*, corresponding to ME. *clove-leek*. See *onion*

clove² Spice, flower ME. *clou* (later influenced by *clove*¹) F *clou* (*de girofle*), from shape of bud, L *clavus*, nail. Cf Ger *nelke*, pink (little nail), South Ger *nägele*, clove spice. See *gillyflower*

Ther spyngyn herbe grete and smale,
The lycorys and ceten ale,

And many a clove girofle (Chauc B 1950)

clove³ Obs weight (cheese, wool) F *clou*, L *clavus*, nail, MedL *clavus tanac* (Duc) Cf *clove*².

clove-hitch [naut] From divided appearance. From *cleave*¹

cloven See *cleave*¹. Satan prob inherited the *cloven hoof* from Pan

clover AS *clāfre*, *clāfre*; cf Du *klaver*, LG *klee*, Sw *klöver*, Norw Dan. *klöver* (these from LG) Prob an old compd of which first element appears in Ger *blee*. Hence *in clover*, i e especially good pasture

clown From 16 cent, also *clown*. App related to several Scand dial and LG words meaning log, lump, and hence lout, boorish fellow. Cf fig use of *clod*, *bumpkin*. The pantomime *clown* represents a blend of the Shaks rustic with one of the stock types of the It comedy

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cloisonné In compartments (of enamels). F, from *cloison*, partition, VL **clausio-n-*, from *claudere*, *claus-*, to close.

cloister OF *cloistre* (*cloître*) VL **claustrum*, from *claudere*, *claus-* to close. L *claustrum* gave AS *clūster* and OF *cloistre*. Fig sense (*The Cloister and the Hearth*) as in F *cloître*. F has *cloître* for cathedral close, but not in the sense of arched walk which has developed from it in E (cf *piazza*).

Clootie [Sc] Satan. From dial *cloot*, cloven hoof, from ON *klō*, claw.

O thou! whatever title suit thee,
Vuld Hornie, Satan, Nick, or Clootie
(Burns, *Address to the Devil*)

close Noun and adj. F *clos*, p p of archaic *clore*, to close, L *claudere*. Verb from *clos-*, stem of *clore*. Participial origin of the adj is still apparent in *close-fisted*, opposite of *open-handed*. Secondary sense of "near" arises from that of having all intervals "closed", cf mil to *close up*. The double sense appears in *close quarters*, now understood of proximity, but orig "closed" space on ship-board where last stand could be made against boarders.

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clot See *clod*.

cloth AS *clāth* WGer, cf Du *kleed*, Ger *kleid*, garment. The AS word is not applied to the material, but to a "cloth" (cf. *loin-cloth*) to wrap round one (see *Mark*, xiv 51), and the pl is used for "clothes". This is the only sense of the Du & Ger words. Earlier hist obscure. From 17 cent used as symbol of profession, esp the Church. The double sense appears in *clothier*, in ME a cloth-worker, now a tailor.

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cloud AS *clūd*, rock, mass, cogn with *clod*, and assuming (c 13 cent) sense of mass of cloud, *cumulus*. Under a cloud is recorded c 1500. Something of orig sense survives in *cloud of sail* (*canvas*).

clough [north]. Ravine with river AS *clōh* (in place-names), cf. OHG *clāh*, Sc *cleugh*. Not related to Du *hloof*.

The valley of the Ancres is a steep and narrow clough
(*Manx Guard* Nov 15, 1916)

clout Piece, patch AS *clūt*; cf ON *klútr*; cogn. with *clod*, *clot*. In sense of blow from c 1400, though the metaphor is not clear (but cf *clump*). With archaic *clouted cream* cf *clotted*.

I wasted them and so clouted [Vulg *confringere*]
them that they could not ase
(Tynd 2 Sam xxii 39)

clove¹ Of garlic, etc AS *clufu*, cogn with *cleave*¹. Cf Ger *knoblauch*, by dissim from MHG *klobelouch*, corresponding to ME *clove-leek*. See *onion*.

clove² Spice, flower ME *clou* (later influenced by *clove*¹), F *clou* (*de groffe*), from shape of bud, L *clavus*, nail. Cf Ger *nelke*, pink (little nail), South Ger *nägele*, clove spice. See *gillyflower*.

Ther spryngen herbes grete and smale,
The lycorys and ceteuwaie,

And many a clove-gylofre (Chauc B 1950)

clove³ Obs weight (cheese, wool). F *clou*, L *clavus*, nail, MedL *clavus lance* (Duc). Cf *clove*².

clove-hitch [naut] From divided appearance. From *cleave*¹.

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And what does th boy m added Mr W U after he h i stared at h m f a littl time in species f tupef t by ock e h h t to soul a ext nt? Ar y u g ng to kill the t sir? (B m by R d, ch)

cock Of hay ON *k htr* lump when e Norw *kok* heap

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coalesce L *coalescere*, to grow together, from incept of *alere*, to nourish Hence *coalition*, first used in pol sense in 1715 Cf *coalitioneer*, coined (Dec 1918) on *electioneer* by H H Asquith

coalmouse, colemouse Dark coloured bird AS *colmāse* from *coal* and second element as in *titmouse* (q v), cf Ger *kohlmeise*

coalport China From *Coalport* (Salop) coaming [naut] Erection round hatchway Origin unknown Cotg and Capt John Smith make it synon with *carling*

coarse ME *cors*, later *course* Earliest of cloth Metath of AF *cros*, as in *crospais*, for *grampus* (q v), F *gros* (see *gross*) Cf also *Le Cros* as E surname (13 cent) Lit and fig senses of *coarse* run exactly parallel to those of *gross* and of F *gros*, cf also Ger *grob* for sense-development

coast OF *coste* (côte), L *costa*, rib, side, whence It Sp *costa*, as in *Costa Rica* In ref to tobogganning, and hence, letting cycle run down hill, it is the same word in F sense of hill-side, toboggan track, taken from Canad F

coste a rib, also, a little hill, or descent of land, also, a coast, or land by the sea-side (Cotg)

coat F *colle* (now, petticoat, overall), cf It *cotta*, Prov Sp Port *cota*, MedL *cotta* Prob of Teut origin, cf OHG *chozzo* (*holze*), shaggy mantle Coat of arms (*mail*) represent F *colle d'armes*, orig coat with her device worn over armour, and *colle de mailles* (see *mail*) To *trail one's coat*, i e invite anyone who wants trouble to tread on the tail of it, is a reminiscence of Donnybrook Fair To *hurl one's coat* (16 cent) was orig to put one's coat on inside out so as to hide badge

Mr Ginnell was again trailing his coat in the House of Commons yesterday

(Daily Chron Feb. 23, 1917).

coat Animal of racoon tribe Tupi (Brazil), from *cua*, cincture, *tim*, nose, from appearance of snout

coax A "low word" (Johns) First as noun (16 cent) *cohes*, *cox*, etc, a fool, cf verbs to *fool*, to *gull*, etc Of obscure origin, perh connected with obs *princeps*, *princeps* (Rom & Jul 15) Both prob belong to *cock* Or, it may be F *cocasse*, ridiculous (cf *hoax* from *hocus*), which occurs in E in 1546

coquard a proud gull, peart goose, quaint top, saucy dolt, malapert coxcomb, rascally forward coxes (Cotg)

cob¹ Noun The NED recognizes eight nouns *cob*, with numerous sub-groups Like other monosyllables common in dial, its hist. is inextricable In some senses it may be ident with *cop*, rounded top, AS *copp*, summit (cf *Spion Kop*) The idea of roundness appears in *cob-loaf*, and perh in *cob* (horse), said to be orig for horse with *cobs*, testicles *Cob*, mixture of clay, straw, etc for building, may go with *cob*, little round heap *Cob-nut* is prob from sense of cluster

He was one oth' cobbe-knights in the throng,

When they were dubb in clusters

(Brome, *Damoiselle*, l. 1).

cob² [slang] To beat, in various senses, in ME. to fight Perh imit of blow

The rough discipline used by the crew, Who, before they let one of the set see the back of them,

"Cobb'd" the whole party,—ay, "every man Jack of them" (Ingoldsby)

cobalt Ger *kobalt*, earlier *kobold*, goblin Named by miners because regarded as useless and harmful (cf *nichel*, *blende*) *Kobold* is a spec application of a common Ger. name, from OHG *Godbold*, lit God bold (cf our *Cobbold*, *Godbold*), conferred in the same way as *Old Nick*, *Will o' the wisp*, etc (see *goblin*) Another Ger name for goblin is *Oppold*, formed in the same way from OHG name *Olbald*, ident with the common AS *Eadbeald* Like other Ger. mining terms *cobalt* has passed into most Europ langs

cobble¹ Stone Prob from *cob*¹, cf. synon Norw dial *koppul*

cobble² To mend clumsily Prob also from *cob*¹, doing up in rough lumps, etc Hence *cobbler*, US drink (before 1919), as patching up the constitution

"This wonderful invention, Sir," said Mark, tenderly patting the empty glass, "is called a cobbler" (Marion Chuzzlewit, ch. xvii).

Cobdenism Economic and pol teaching of Richard Cobden (†1865). See *Manchester School*

coble Fishing boat Welsh *ceubal*, ferry-boat, skiff, prob meaning "hollow" (*dug-out*), cf Bret *caubal*. Hence prob. Late L *caupulus* (Isidore), whence AS (Northumb) *cuopel* (Matt viii 23)

cobra. Short for *cobra de capello*, Port, hood snake. L *colubra*, snake. *Capello* is Port. equivalent of F. *chapeau*, Late L *capellum* (see *cap*) The word came to us via

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Whoso dw *ll* th *der* th *t* secret thing and help of the Lord sh *ll* be cock sure *f* evermore (Foxe)

cocktail [US] ? Obs. Recorded c 1800. Origin unknown. ? From inspiration effect cf to *hate one's tail up* feel confidence.

Those recedite beverages, cock tail, store-f'n e d sh cry-cobbler (W Irving)

cocky See *cock*!

cocky leeky [Sc] Cock boiled with leeks

coco *cocoa* *coker* nut Sp *coco* baby word for ugly face bogymen from marks at one end of shell. Erron form *cocos* dates from mistake in Johns. *Coker* is of old standing and is used in Port of London to avoid confusion with *cocoa*.

Cock a t nd b rief (Capt John Bm th)

coco th word u d to fright children as w say th Bulbeggar (Stev)

cocoa Incorr (since 18 cent) for *cacao* (q v). *Cocoon* is the cotyledon of the seed (e mbl). Quot below allusive to the anti national tone of newspapers financed by wealthy cocoa merchants may one day puzzle historians.

So ce I have thrown myself i t th vigorous prosecution f th war I ha been drenched with cocoa slops (D Lloyd George M y 9 1918)

cocoon Fr *cocoon* ModProv *coi coun* from *coco* shell. See *cockle*!

cocotte Fr orig ben of baby formation from *cog* cock

cocus Jamaica ebony used for flutes and police truncheons. App from Ger *kohos* *cocoa* (nut)

cod Bag in various archaic senses e.g. *pease cod* AS *codd* cf ON *kodde* pillow. Du *kodde* bag.

The coddle which the hoggs eet n (Wyo L & x 6)

cod Fish. Perh from *cod*! cf Du *bolck* cod prob cogn with *bolge* (see *butle*). Earliest record in *NED* is AF (1357) but *codfish* was in use as a surname earlier (Hund R 1273). It is even possible that E fishermen understood obs Du *bolck* as *ballo* testicle. *cod* The med use of *cod liver oil* is mentioned in 1783 in *Lent M d Journal* but it was not adopted in E till 1846. The manufacture of the oil is alluded to as early

a c 1600 (*Stiffkey Papers*) *Cod* fool i sort for earlier *cods head* in same sense sometimes elaborated into *cod's head and shoulders*. Hence to *cod* to deceive cf to *gull* (q v).

coda [mus] It lit tail L *cauda*

coddle To boil gently etc. Prob for *caudle* (q v). Hence perh by association with *cuddle* mod sense of pampering etc.

Will th old brook

Candled with c uddle thy morn g t t

To ure thy o night's s reit (T mo i 3)

code F I *codex* earl er *codex* tree trunk. ? from *cude* to strike (cf *tricus tris cae*) hence wooden tablet book manuscript. Cf *book Bible library*.

codex See *code*

codger I miser one ho rakes together all he can (Todd). Var of *cadge* (q v).

For sense-development cf a *rum beggar* etc. But cf dial *codger* cobbler for obs *cozier* from OF *coeur* sewer from *coudre* cons L *consuere* to sew together. **codicil** L *codicillus* (usu in pl) dim of *codex*.

codling *codlin* Apple. The earlier forms *quodlin*, *quadling* (16-17 cents) *querdeling*, *querdeling* (15 cent) correspond exactly with those of the surname *Codlin*. Hence the origin is *coeur de lion* a fancy name for an esteemed apple. Cf I *reine clude* greengage from the wife of Francis I and the pear called *boich dien* from St Francis of Paula. *Quodling* *Quadling* are existing FAnl surnames. John *Querdeling* *Querdeling* lived in Norway in 15 cent and *Querdeling* is fairly common in 14 and 13 cents *quer* being the usual AF form of *coeur*.

co education Orig US (c 184)

coefficient L *coefficient* pres part of *coefficere* (see *eff* cf) was first used in math sense by Vieta (1603).

coehorn [hist] Mortar. From *Coehorn* Du mil engineer (1704). The name means cow horn.

coeliac [anat] Abdominal. From G *κοιλία* belly.

coenobite Contrasted with *anchor* L. From G *κοινοβιον* from *κοινος* common *βιος* life. **coerce** L *coercere* from *co-* and *arcere* to restrain. Pol sense of *coercion* is esp associated with Ireland (Corr ion Acts of 1833 and later).

coeval From L *coaeuus* from *co* and *aeui* age.

cockaleekie See *cocky-leeky*

cockalorum From *cock*¹ Perh Du and of same type as *cock-a-doodle-doo*. ? Or mock-Latin of the type common in 15 cent

cockloeren, to crow like a cock, or a cockril (Hexham).

cock-and-bull See *cock*¹

cock-and-pie [*archaic*] Oath *Cock*, euph for *God, pie*¹ (q v), the ordinal of the Cath. Church *Cokkesbones* is in Chauc

cockatoo Du *kakketoe*, Malay *kakatiā*; cf F *cacatoès* Prob imut of cry

cockatrice OF *cocatrix*, corrupted (on *cog*) from *calcatris*, Prov *calcatriz*, It *calcatrice*, Late L **calcatrī, calcatric-* (*caucatrī* in Duc), from *calcare*, to tread (*cali*, heel), as transl of G *ἰχνημῶν* (see *ichneumon*) The fabulous *cockatrice* is identified also in E with the basilisk (q v) and sometimes with the crocodile

cockboat Also (15 cent) *cogboat*, and, from 16 cent, *cock* (*Lear*, iv 6) Boat towed behind ship Often as emblem of smallest craft The oldest form (1420) is *coh* or *cohote* ? Cf OF *coque*, vessel, ModF hull, ident with *coque*, shell of egg, walnut, etc

cockchafer See *chafes*

cocker¹ Spaniel Trained to start *wood-cock*

cocker² Verb Also *cock* (only in Tusser) and *cokile* Cf Du *kokelen*, "nutrire sive fovere culina" (Kil), with a (possibly forced) association with *kokene*, kitchen, also OF *coqueliner*, "to dandle, cocker, fiddle, pamper, make a wanton of, a child" (Cotg) Tusser appears to bring it into connection with *cockney* (q v)

Some cockneles with cocking are verie foolcs (Good Husbandry)

Cocker, according to Edward Cocker, penman and arithmetician (1631-75) Pepys employed him (*Diary*, Aug 10, 1664)

cockerel Dim of *cock*¹, cf *pickere*

cocket Seal (? or certificate) of Custom House Quot below suggests that it was orig of the "score and tally" description, in which case it would be a dim of F *coche*, "a nock, notch, nick" (Cotg)

Item, pyd to the kirke and to the kountroller for talyng [i.e. cutting] out of the kokett at Hull, xjs viiid (For Merch Advent Feels 1467)

cockle¹ Weed AS *coccel*, perh dim from L *coccum* (see *cocchineal*) Commonly used in ME for the tares of the Bible

His ennye came, and sew above dermel, or cokil (1388 tris) in the midil of whete

(Wyc Matt, xiii 25)

cockle². Shell F. *coquille*, from VL **cocculum*, L *conchylium*, G *κογχύλιον*, from *λόγχη*, whence L *concha*, VL *corca*, orig of F *coque*, shell (of egg). For *cockle-shell* emblem of pilgrim, see *scallop* The *cockles of the heart* are explained (1669) as for the related *cochlea* (q v), winding cavity Ho *cockles*, a game in which a blindfolded person has to guess who slaps him, occurs in Sidney's *Arcadia* It is app adapted from F *jeu de la main chaude*, but *cockles* is unexplained

cockle³ Pucker F *coquille*, blister on bread spec use of *coquille*, shell (see *cockle*²) Perh through Du

kol elen (*kreukelen als dunne zj de stoffen*) to cockle (Sewel)

cockloft "The room over the garret" (Johns). Perh orig where fowls were kept, but used as contemptuous term for poor dwelling (cf naut use of *cockpit*) Ger *hahnebalken*, roost, Du *haanebalken*, "the cockloft" (Sewel), suggest that it was orig the roosting-place for fowls. Cf orig sense of *roost*

cockney. ME *cohenay* It is difficult to reconcile the different uses of the word. In *Piers Plowm*, and occ. up to c 1600, it appears to mean something to eat (see *collop*), explained by NED. as "cock's egg." In the sense of milkshop, later townsmen, and eventually (c 1600) Londoner, it is from an Eastern form (OF *-et*) of F *acoquiné*, made into a *coquin*, a word of unknown origin The *Cockney School* (Leigh Hunt, etc) was christened by Lockhart (1817) Associated with *ocker*² and *Cockaigne* (q v)

And when this jape is told another day,

I sal been halde a daf, a cohenay (Chauc A 4207)

I coker je mignotte (Palsg).

I bring up lyke a cocknay je mignotte (ib).

delicias facere to dally, to wanton, to ply the cockney (Coop)

accoquiné made tame, inward, familiar, also, grown to be lazie, sloathfull, idle, as a beggar (Cotg).

cockpit Place for cock-fights. Hence *cockpit of Europe* (Belgium). Also (naut), since c. 1700, midshipmen's quarters, used as hospital when in action.

cockroach. Earlier *cacarootch*, etc. Sp. *cucaracha*; cf. Port *caroucha*, a chafer, or beetle, Creole F. *coquerache*

A certain Indian bugge called by the Spaniards a *cacaratch* (Capt John Smith)

coin *T* wedge (-re *quoins*) corner die for stamping *L. cuneus* cf *It conio* Sp *cunfo* Mod sense appears in *MT* (Chauc) almost as soon as that of *e* (*Piers Ploum*) coincide *F. coïncider* MedL *co incidere* to fall tog ther

coir Coco nut fibre for ropes Earlier (17 cent) *cairo* Port *cairo* Malayalam *kāyār* rope

coit See *quoit*

coition *L. coitio* *n* from *coi* *e* from *co* and *ire* *st* to go

coke 1st found (17 cent) as northern dial word an 1 often in *jl* (*coaks*) Verb ident with northern dial *coik* core

Coke upon Littleton Satellites of the law Allusion to the *Justices of the Law of En lan i* (1628 477) based by *S + Ed* and *Coke* on the *Tenu* *es* of Sir Thomas Littleton (15 cent)

coker nut See *coco nut*

col Mountain pass *F* neck *L. collum* Cf *S Afr nek*

cola kola Nut Native W Afr name (Sierra Leone)

colander From *L. colare* to strain cf MedL *colator* Sp *colador* ModProv *colation* Immediate source of *E* word unknown Cf obs *cullis* clew broth

colander to strain with *cond resse* (Pal g)

colchicum Meadow saffron *L. G. κολχικον* from *Colchis* (E. of Black Sea) with im 1 lied allusion to Medea of Colchis skilled in poisons

colcothar Red peroxide of iron *F* Sp *colcoats* Arab *qalqār* prob from *C. χαλ* *arθ* *e* from *χαλκός* copper *arθos* flower

cold AS *ceald* Com Teut cf *Du kold* Ger *kalt* ON *kald* Goth *kalls* cogn with *I gelid us* cf *chill cool Cold comfort* is recorded c 1325 A cold chisel is used on cold iron a id is all metal while the smith's chisel has a wooden grip to prevent conduction from the hot iron cf *cold-drawn* A cold (in the head etc) replaced (16 cent) earlier *rhet m* (q v) *Cold cream* is recorded c 1,00 The AED sees in to throw cold water on an allusion to the shock thus given to the naked body but cf *wet blanket*

coldshort [*tehn*] Brittle (of iron in the cold state) Corrupt of Norw Dan *kaldskjær* *r* Sw *kallskör* in which second element means timid

cole Cabbage Now u u in compds (*cole*

wort *sra kale*) AS *caveol* *cal* *L. caulis* whence also *Du Aool* Ger *k hl* ON *kål* OI *chól* (*chou*) also in Celt langs A characteristic example of the Roman culture in Europe See also *kale colza*

colemouse See *coal mouse*

coleoptera Beetles From *C. κ λέω* sheath *πρ* *ps* wing Cf *lepidoptera*

colibri Humming bird *I* Sp from Carib

colic Orig adj *F. colique* *I* *G. κολικος* belonging to the *κόλον* lower intestine

colyk sickness *colic* pseudo (*P mpt P re*)

coliseum After *Pom* & MedL forms of *L. colosseum* amphitheatre of Vespasian at Rome neut of adj *colosseus* gigantic See *colossus*

collaborate *I* from *L. collaborare* are from *co* and *laborare* to work

collapse From *L. collabere* from *co* and *labi* laps to slip fall

collar *ML* & *AI* *coler* *F. collier* necklace *I* *colla* *e* from *collum* neck (whence *F. col* collar) with mod spelling assimilated to *L.* 1 earliest of armour jewelled collar etc as still in *cola* of the *Galer* etc To slip the collar against the collar collar work refer to collar of horse Earliest sense of verb is in wrestling (16 cent) Collared head (braun) is so called (17 cent) from being rolled up like a collar

collard Cabbage that does not heart Said to be corrupt of *colewort*

collate OF *collator* from *L. collatus* p p of *conferre* to bring together confer U ed for confer in spec sense (eccl)

collateral MedL *collate alis* from *L. lateralis* from *latus* later side In *Piers Ploum* an 1 Chauc

collation *L.* light meal esp *coll collation* a treat less than a feast (John) Farther light evening meal in monastery orig after the reading aloud of *collations* or Lives of the Fathers esp the *Collationes Patrum* *s* *Scetica* *Fremo* *Commo antium* by John Cassian (c 400 A D) Cf hist of chapter (eccl)

colleague *F. collègue* *L. collega* partner in office from *legere* to choose (see *college*) Distinct from archaic to colleague co operate conspire OF *colliguer* from *L. ligare* to bind though sometimes wrongly associated as in quot 1 From the latter word comes mod en *e* of *colloquies* (now *Mudl* & *Ir* dialects) orig to cajole prob from *F. colloque* dialogue debate It is

coffee Adopted by most Europ langs (c 1600) from Turk *kahveh*, Arab *qahwah*, app first as name of drink Early forms are very numerous *Coffee* was soon followed by the *coffee-house* (cf F *café*)

Coho, a blacke biternish drinke, made of a berry like a bay berry, brought from Mercr (Purch 1607)

He [a Greek student at Oxford, 1637] was the first I ever saw drink coffee, which custom came not into England till thirty years after (Evelyn)

cauphe louse a tavern or inn where they sell *cauphe* (Blount).

coffer F *coffie*, L *cophinus* (see *coffin*) For ending of *order* Among ME meanings are strong-box, coffin, ark of bulrushes

coffin OF *cofin*, L *cophinus*, G *κόφινος*, basket Mod sense from c 1500 In ME and later, basket (Wyc *Matt* xiv 20), piecrust, etc

Why, thou say'st true, it is a paltry cap,
A custard coffin, a bauble, a silken pie

(*Shrew*, iv 3)

cog¹ [hist] Vessel It is uncertain whether the word is Teut (OHG *coccho*, Du *cogge*, Icel *kuggi*, etc) or Rom (OF. *cogue*, *coque*, ident with *coque*, shell, hull, for which see *cockle*?) In E it has become mixed up with *cockboat* (q v) and is used by Chauc of a skiff

cogbole, scapha (*Prompt Parv*).

cog² On a wheel ME *cogge*, of Scand origin, cf Sw *kugge*, Norw *kug*

cog³ To cheat with dice (16 cent) Orig to control their fall, or substitute false dice Hence *cogged dice*, now wrongly understood as loaded dice ? From cog², with idea of mech. device

cogent From pres part of L *cogere*, to constrain, from *co-* and *agere*, to drive

cogitate From L *cogitare*, from *co-* and *agitare*, frequent of *agere*

cognac Orig distilled from wine of *Cognac* (Charente)

cognate L *cognatus*, from *co-* and *gnatus*, old form of *natus*, born Words that are *cognate* have the cousinly, not the parental or filial, relation

cognition L *cognitio-n-*, from *cognoscere*, *cognit-*, to know, from *co-* and *gnosere*

cognizance Half-latinized from ME *connaissance*, OF *conissance*, var of *connoissance* (*connaissance*), from *connoistre* (*connaître*), L *cognoscere* (vs) Now chiefly leg, in to take *cognizance of*, etc, and in her, badge, mark, by which bearer is known

cognoistre d'une cause to take notice of, deale in,

or intermeddle with, a suit, or cause, depending in law (Cotg.)

cognomen L, *co-* and *gnomen*, old form of *nomen*. See *agnomen*.

cognoscente Connoisseur (art) Latinized from It *conoscente*, from pres part of L *cognoscere*

cognovit [leg]. L *cognovit actionem*, he has acknowledged the action Orig of withdrawing defence

You gave them a cognovit for the amount of your costs (*Pickwick*, ch xlii)

cohabit Late L *cohabitare*, from *habitare*, to dwell, frequent of *habere*

cohere L *cohaerere*, from *haerere*, *haes-*, to stick Hence *incoherent*, not hanging together Cf *cohesion*.

cohorn See *cohorn*

cohort L *cohors*, *cohort-*, from *hortus*, garden, enclosure, cogn with G *χόρος*, E *yard*, *garth*, garden See *court*

coif F *coiffe*, Late L *cofea*, whence It *cuffia*, Sp. *cofia*, Port *coifa*, etc Oldest F. sense is inner part of helmet Late L *cofea* is prob OHG *chupphā* (MHG *kupfe*), from L *cuppa*, cup, vessel (cf *bascinet*) Orig sense of *coiffeur* appears in *coiffure*, head-dress

Trenchet la coife entresques a la carn
(*Roland*, 3436)

[He cleaves the coif (of the helmet) right to the flesh]

coign Archaic spelling of *coin*, *quoin*, preserved in *coign of vantage* (*Macb* i 6), mod currency of which dates from Scott

coil¹ Verb OF *coildre*, *coillir* (*cueillir*), L *colligere*, to collect, gather, from *co-* and *legere*, to gather (cf *cull*) ME sense survives in northern dial to *coil hay*, put it in cocks

coil² Disturbance, fuss, etc. Archaic, exc in *this mortal coil* (*Hamlet* iii 1) OF *accueil* (*accueillir*), encounter, collision The earliest E examples (from 1567) are all such (*what*) a *coil*, prob for *accueil* (cf *rouse*), although this hypothesis is not necessary in accounting for the normal loss of init *a-* (see *cater*) The OF. meanings of *accueillir* are very numerous and varied Spenser uses *accueil*, to crowd, throng For origin of F *accueillir* see *coil*¹

About the caudron many cookes accoyled
With hookes and ladles, as need did requyre
(*Faerie Queene*, ii ix 30)

colophon Inscription or device at end of book G *ολοφων* summit finishing stroke

colophony Resin From *Colophon* town in Lydia prob ident in etym with preceding

colquhunda It for *colocynthis* (q v)

color See *colour*

Colorado beetle Fatal to potatoes (scare of 1877) From state of *Colorado* (US) named from *Rio Colorado* coloured river (Sp) Cf *colorado* dark *claro* light on cigar boxes

colosseum See *coliseum*

colossus I G *κολοσσος* orig applied by Herodotus to gigantic Egypt statues but usu connected with bronze statue of Apollo at entrance to harbour of Rhodes Punningly applied to Cecil Rhodes (†1902)

colour F *couleur* L *color-em* cogn with *celare* to hide replacing, as gen term AS *hlw* (see *hue*) Man of colour now usu negro was orig mixed breed intermediate between black and white As mil and nav term *colour* dates back to age of chivalry (*colours* of a knight) Hence many fig uses some naut (*false colour's sail colours to the mast*) others rather mil (*with flying colours stick to one's colours*) In sense of semblance (*under colour of*) it is recorded c 1300 this use perh springing from the badge sense (see quot 1) Cf *colourable* specious (Wyc) and prob *colour of one's money* as inspiring confidence Later are the art metaphors (*true colours* *I rely colour's*) *Colour blindness* (19 cent.) was earlier *Daltonism* (q v) *Local colour(s)* is in Bailey (1721) The rank of *colour sergeant* was created (1813) by George IV when Re_{cent} in recognition of the part played by non-commissioned officers in Peninsular War

Brybers that wold a robbed a ship undyr color of my Lord of Warwyk (*Paston Lett*)

They should dep it with flying colours, with baggage (Sydenham Poyntz 16 4-36)

colporteur In E book (e J Bible) pedlar F pedlar (in gen sense) from *colporteur* to carry (*porter*) on the neck (*col*) but this is a late substitution due to folk etym for OF *comporter* to carry with one

colt AS *coll* orig young ass or camel (Gen xxxiv 15) Origin unknown Also in ME for novice etc as now in cricket In sense of "rope's end" perh for *colt's tail* cf *cat* (v *mine tail*)

Colt's revolver See *revolver*

colubrine Of the snake L *colubra* (cf *colbra cūlterin*)

columbarium L dove cot from *colis* *ba* dove hence catacomb with cin rary urns in pigeon holes

Columbia Poet for US From *Columbu* cf origin of *America* Hence *columbiad* heavy gun in Amer Civil War

columbine Flower F L *columbina* from *columba* dove shape suggesting cluster of pigeons

columb ne In pantomime It proper name *Columbina* (dove like) mistre s of Harlequin in It comedy

column Restored spelling of *colompe* OF L *column(p)na* cogn with *culmen* summit Earliest E sense in ref to column of manuscript

colure [astron] I *colurus* G *κολπος* from *κολος* docked *ιππαι* because lower part of circle is never in view

colza F earlier *coleat* Du *koolzaad* c 1 seed

com L archaic form of *cum* with but sense is sometimes merely intens Also *col con cor*

coma [med] G *ωμα* cogn with *ομαρ* to put to sleep (cf *cenetery*)

coma [bot & astron] L G *ομη* hair of the head See *comet*

comb AS *canb* Com Teut cf Du *ham* Ger *hamm* Oñ *hambr* cogn with Sanskrit *ghambara* tooth In many fig senses e g *honeycomb* (AS *humi camb*) *cock's comb* (see *caupomb*) whence to *crf one's comb* (16 cent.) make one less cocky As verb replaces earlier *hemb* (AS *cemban*) which survives in *u hembt* (q v) and surname *hempster* To *comb out* (neol) is a somewhat unscoury metaphor from the use of a small toothed comb for certain toilet purposes

comb(e) See *ecomb(e)*

combat Earlier also *conbase* (cf *debate*) F *combate* VL *com-battere* from *batuere* In all Rom langs

combine Late L *combinare* to put two-and two L *dimi* together *Combinati* (garment) is recorded for 1824 *Comb' at a room* (Camb) in sense of *common-room* (Oxf) 15 1 cent

combustion F Late L *combustus* n from *comburens* from *comb-* (for *cum*) and *ure* *ust* to burn

come AS *cuman* Com Teut. cf Du

given by Cotg s v. *flater*, and is called a 'low word' by Johns

These howets ther usualie call colleges, because they are ther colliged in fellowship and ministerie
(*Transl of Polydore Vergil*, c 1534)

How long have you been so thick with Dunsey that you must "collogue" with him to emberzle my money? (*Silas Marner*)

collect Prayer This is oldest sense (*Ancient Rite*), but Wyc also uses it for offertory (1 Cor xvi 1) and congregation (*Neh viii 18*) Verb to *collect* is much more recent (16 cent) Church sense comes from MedL *collectio* or *collecta*, used in Gallican liturgies of a summary of ideas suggested by the chapters for the day From L *colligere*, *collect-*, to gather together (see *coil*) To *collect oneself* is to "pull oneself together" *Collectivism*, -ist are from F (c 1880)

colleen Ir *cailin*, girl, dim of *caile*, wench Said to be ult cogn with L *pellex*, G *παλλακή*, concubine Cf *boreen*, *squween*, etc

college F *collège*, L *collegium* (see *colleague*) Earliest E sense, community, or in ref to Oxf. and Camb A *collegiate* church has a chapter (*college*) of canons *College pudding* ? for earlier *New College* (Oxf) *pudding* (Londor)

Crist and his colage [the apostles] (Wyc)

collet Part of ring in which stone is set F, dim of *col*, neck, which has given E *collet* in various techn senses Prob confused also with *collet*, base of cut diamond, also *culet*, dim of F *cul*, bottom, L *culus* In F this is *culasse*

collide L *collidere*, from *co-* and *laedere*, to hurt Hence *collision*

collie, **colly** Usu explained as from dial adj *colly*, coal, coal-black, which is also a dial name for the blackbird Much more prob from common Sc name *Colin* *Colle*, as proper name for a dog, occurs in Chauc (v 1) With *collie dog* cf *robin redbreast*

Ran Colle, oure dogge, and Talbot, and Gerland, And Malkyn, with a dystaf in hir hand (B 4573)

collier Orig charcoal-burner, which accounts for its frequency as a surname in parts of England where no coal exists From *coal* (q v)

colligate From L *colligare*, to bind together **collimate** To adjust line of sight, etc From ghost-word *collimare*, wrong reading in some editions of Cicero for *collineare*, to bring into line Adopted by earlier as-

tronomers who wrote in L, e.g. Kepler Cf *syllabus*.

collision See *collide*.

collodion From G *κολλώδης*, glue-like, from *κόλλα*, glue

collogue [dial]. See *colleague*.

collop. Orig bacon and eggs Earliest form *coloppe*, *colhoppe* (*Piers Plowm*). But found a century earlier as (still existing) surname, e.g. *Colop* (*Close R*, temp Henry III), *Colhoppe* (*Feet of Fines*). First element is *coal*, second obscure Cf OSn *kol-huppadhe*, roasted on coals, Sw *gläd-hoppad*, from *gläd*, glowing coal, "glede"

I have no salt bacon,
Ne no cokeneys, bi Crist, colopus [ar *colopis*,
colhoppes] to maken (*Piers Plowm* A vii 272)
colloppe, meate of au lard (Palsz)

colloquy. L *colloquium*, from *colloqui*, to speak together Cf. *colloquial*.

collotype From G *κόλλα*, glue

collusion. F, L. *collusio* -i-, from *colludere*, *collus-*, to play together, i.e. into one another's hands.

collyrium Eye-wash, etc From G *κόλλυριον*, poultice, from *κόλληρα*, roll of coarse bread

collywobbles Jocular formation ? on *colic* and *wobble*

colocynth Drug Earlier *coloquint* G *κολοκυνθίς*, -θιδ-

As bitter as coloquintida (*Old* 1. 3)

Cologne F form of Ger. *Köln*, L *colonia* (*Agrippina*), whence *eau de Cologne* The *Three Kings of Cologne* were the three Wise Men from the East, Gaspar, Melchior, Balthazar, fabled to be buried there

colon G *κόλον*, limb, member of sentence **colonel** Up to c 1650 usu *coronel*, Sp, by dissim from It *colonnello*, from *colonna*, column, for dissim cf Prov *coronel*, doorpost This form persisted in speech and accounts for mod pronunc The *colonel*, for *colonel* *Bogey* (golf), is mod

colonell a colonell, or coronell, the commander of a regiment (Cotg).

colonnade F, from *colonne*, L *columna*, after It *colonnato*

colony F *colome*, L *colonia*, from *colonus*, tiller, from *colere*, to till. Current sense from c 1600.

Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony (*Acts*, xvi 12)

Get a map of the world and show me where the d-d places are (Early Victorian statesman)

commensal *F* *MedL. commensalis* eating at same table *mensa*
commensurate Late *L. commensuratus* from *mensurare* to measure
comment *OF. coment* (now only in verb *commenter*) *L. commentus* pp of *commentari* *comment* to contrive etc from same root as *mens* mind *memini* I remember Verb also represents *MedL. commentare*
commerce *F. L. commercium* from *merx* *merc* merchandise For fig sense cf *dealings*
commination *F. L. comminatio-n* from *comminari* to threaten strongly
comminute From *L. comminuer* to reduce to minute portions
commiserate From *L. commiserari* from *miserari* to bewail from *miser* wretched
commissariat *F.* office or duty of a *commissaire* i.e. commissary commissioner one to whom certain duties are committed *ModE* sense not found in *F.* (*appronvisionnement*) is due to spec use of *E. commissary* (from 15 cent.)
commission *F. L. commissio-n* from *committere* *miss* to entrust Oldest sense is the written instrument or warrant
commissionaire *F.* in this sense from *commissio-n* errand The *Corps of Commissionaires* was established 1859
commisure [*anal.*] Line of juncture *F. L. commissura* from *committere* (v 1)
commit *L. committere* to entrust etc from *mittere* to send Sense of perpetrating ancient in *L.* seems to arise from the idea of putting together contriving That of compromising as in *non committal* was adopted (c 1770) from *F. commettre* by author of *Letters of Junius*
committee *Orig* one person (cf *payee patentee*) is still in *Court of Commissioners of Guy's Hospital* *AF* pp *com mittee* substituted for *F. commis* Collect sense from c 1600 *F. com ite* is from *E.*
commode Head-dress (obs.) furniture *F.* adj. as noun Cf *commodatus* *OF. com modieux* from *L. commodus* from *modus* measure *Commodity* implies goods from which mankind receives advantage
commodore Appears as *commandore* *com madore* temp William III therefore perh Du *commandeur* from *F.* but the unusual ending suggests Sp or Port influence Falconer's theory that it is corrupted from Sp *comendador* (also Port.) a commendary

receives some support from the fact that a *commodore* is an admiral (*en commandant*) (q v.)

A *commodore* is only an occasional dignity when the commission ceases he descends again to the rank of a private captain (*NED* 1757)

common *F. commun* *L. communis* second element of which is cogn with *E. mean*² cf *Ger. gemein* *common* *mean* With *common* (land) orig opposite of *close* cf *F. pré communal* With *communal*(ity) *OF. communal* (*communaute*) cf *MedL. communalitas* A *commoner* (*Orf.*) not being on the foundation pays for his *commons* provisions supplied for the community (whence *short commons*) cf *Cambridge pensioner* (q v.) *Commonplace* translates *L. locus communis* for *G. koudé tonger* general theme *Common Prayer* is contrasted with private prayer *Hoi se of Commons* first occurs in a letter of James I (1621) *Common sense* was orig. (14 cent.) the inward power of unifying mentally the impressions conveyed by the five physical senses cf *L. communis sensus* social instinct *Commonwealth* (14 cent.) *commonwealth* (c 1500) not orig compds were used indiscriminately cf *F. bien public* *L. res publica* For gen degeneration of the word cf that of *mean*² Its ground sense is about equivalent to *municipal* (q v.)

commotion *F. L. commotio-n* from *commovere* from *movere* *mot* to move
commune¹ Noun Smallest *F.* administrative division *MedL. communa* from *communis* *common* Also title twice assumed by Parisian political desperadoes (Reign of Terror and 1871) *Communism* was proposed (1840) by Goodwyn Barnaby founder of London Communist Propaganda Society

commune² Verb *OF. communer* from *adj. commun* (v s.)

communicate From *L. communicare* to make common Cf *F. pp. commun qu* now current *E.*

communion *F. or Church L. communio-n* from *communis*

Calb. be ed. u. al. cul. brned. mus. unne. com. muni. alio [*G. ewerle. Wy. cou. yue. Ty. d. Crann. p. raky. ge. Al. ommon. al.*] *s. qui. is. Christi. est.* (*f. lg. x. Cor. x. 16.*)

commute To buy off or ransom one obligation by another (Johns.) *L. commutare* from *mutare* to change

compact¹ Concentrated From pp of *L.*

koimen, Ger *kommen*, ON *koma*, Goth *qiman*, cogn. with Sanskrit *gam*
 comeatable Recorded by NED for 1687,
 but must be older (v 1)

urcomeatable quod parare quis vel consequi non
 possit (Litt)

comedy F *comédie*, L, G *κωμῳδία*, ? from
κῶμος, revel (whence Milton's *Comus*), ? or
κῶμη, village, and *αἰδεῖν*, to sing (cf *ode*)
 First E sense (Chauc), narrative poem,
 from It, as in Dante's *Commedia* Cf
tragedy

comely AS *cymlic*, beautiful, splendid, re-
 lated to *come*, cf L *conveniens*, F *avenant*,
 MHG *komlich*, archaic Du *komelick*, all
 in similar sense, cf also *becoming*

comely as a garment or atyer is to a person *advenant*
 (Palsg)

advenant handsome, proper, comely, decent, neat,
 gracefull, well fashioned, well behaved (Cotg)

komelick *conveniens*, *congruens*, *commodus*, *aptus*
 (Kil)

comestible F, Late L *comestibilis*, from L
comedere, *comes-*, from *com-* and *edere*, to
 eat

comet AS *comēta* and F *comete*, L, G
κομήτης, from *κόμη*, head of hair, tail of
 comet

I stood beside the grave of him who blazed
 The comet of a season (Byron, *Churchill's Grave*)

comether [Anglo-Ir] To put the comether on,
 cajole Come hither, in coaxing horse, etc

He cud put the comether on any woman that trod
 the green earth av God (Kipling, *Love o' Women*)

comfit ME *confit*, F, pp of *confire*, to
 pickle, etc, L *conficere*, to put together
 Learned form is *confect* Cf *discomfit*, to
 undo

comfort. Archaic F *conforter*, Late L *con-*
fortare, to strengthen, from *fortis*, strong
 ModF *comfort* is borrowed back from E
 in sense of well-being, etc As title of Holy
 Ghost, *comforter* (Wyc) is for L *consolator*,
 rendering G *παράκλητος* (John, xiv 16)
 See *paraclete* *Comforter*, scarf, is 19 cent,
 in US it means thick quilt

And the child waxide, and was comfortid [Vulg
comfortabatur] (Wyc *Luke*, i 60)

comfrey. OF *confrie* (whence MedL *cum-*
fria), from *frie*, liver (ModF. *foie*), a word
 derived in a complicated manner from L
(secur) ficatum, goose-liver stuffed with figs,
 a bit of Roman slang (cf ModG *σικώτι*,
 liver, from *σίκωρ*, fig). The plant was so

called because of its congealing properties
 esp in case of wounds (hence bot name
sympphytum officinale). Cf its Late L names
consolida (whence F. *consolide*, It *con-*
solida, Sp *consuelda*), *conserua*, also MedL
confirma, *conserva* The usual F. for con-
 geal is *figer*, from *ficatum* (v s), with which
 cf MHG *liberen*, to congeal, lit to assume
 a "liver-like" aspect Cf also Norw
vallsaks, lit weld-sedge, Ger. *beinweld*, lit
 bone-weld, and other foreign names of the
 plant.

comic Orig belonging to *comedy* (q v). L,
 G. *κωμικός*
 comitadj Member of a "committee" i.e.,
 in the Balkans, a gang of patriotic cut-
 throats The Turk suffix makes it likely
 that the word originated in Greece It
 translates Serb *chetnik*, from *cheta*, band,
 number

His name is Teodor, and he is a Bulgar comitadjus,
 or whatever is the singular of comitadj
 (Punch, Jan 24, 1917).

comitia L, general assembly, pl of *comi-*
tium, from *com-* and *ire*, it-, to go

comity L *comitas*, from *comis*, courteous
 Esp in *comity* (courteous understanding)
 of nations, now often misused as though
 from *comes*, *comit-*, companion

comma L, G *κόμμα*, piece cut off, short
 clause, from *κόττειν*, to cut

command F. *commander*, VL **commandare*,
 from *mandare*, partly replacing L *con-*
mandare, which is of same origin (*manus*
 and *dare*) *Commandeer*, SAfrDu *kom-*
manderen, is F *commander* (cf *cashmir*?),
 and *commando*, party called out for mil
 service, is adopted from Port (cf *kraal*,
sjanbok) *Commander of the Faithful* trans-
 lates title assumed by Caliph Omar I
 (c. 640) *Ten commandments*, for finger-
 nails of angry woman, is used by mod
 writers after 2 Hen VI, 1 3 Also called
ten talents (*talons*)

commemorate From L *commemorare*. See
memory

commence F. *commencer*, VL **com-initi* *re*
 from *initium*, beginning, cf It *cominciare*
 Sp *comenzar*. In univ lang translates L
incipere, used in same sense in MedL

commend L *commendare* See *command*
 Sense of praising springs from that of pre-
 senting as worthy of favourable regard
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Des autres meseeu [lepers] li onpl t
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comport *L. comportare* to bear together carry with one

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to put together whence *compos* *sc m position* *compositor* e.g. a composition with creditors is also called *compound* *n* (see *compound*) For fig us of composed cf collected *Composito* (typ) is 16 cent *compos* *non* (sc *mentis*) *L. compos* from *pos* *sc capable* whence also *L. posse* (*potestas*)

compost OF (*composit* *composita*) *L. compost* *sc m* from *componere* *compos* to put together

compote *F.* see *compost*

compound ¹ To mix etc Earlier also *compon* *componere* OF *componre* *compondre* (replaced by *composer*) *L. compo* *sc m* to put together From the etym sense of composing settling comes that of *compounding a felony* (with one creditor) Adj *compound* was orig the pp *compositus*

compound ² [Anglo Ind] Enclosure Malay *ka pen* enclosure etc but this is possibly from Port *caipo* field Hobson Jobson quotes from a modern novel—

When the British broke a little bit was compost

comprador In East native servant; hobys for house old purveyor Port *L. comparator-em* from *comparare* to buy from *para* *sc to prepare* Cf *caterer*

compre [neol] From mil slang See *comprise*

comprehend *L. comprehendere* to grasp from *com* and *prehendere* to seize Has replaced MF *comprend* *F. comprendre*

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No walkee in h I rth h s d Soe ther
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compromise Orig agreement with no suggestion of concession or surrender *F. compromis* pp of *compromittere* *L. compromittere* to put before a disinterested arbiter

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compter [hist] Name of various London debtors prisons Etymologizing pelling of counter office etc

compingere, to join together, from *pangere*, *pac-*

compact² Agreement From p p of L *compacisci*, to agree together

compagination Late L *compaginatio-n*, from *compaginare*, to fit together, from *compago*, *compagin-*, joint, from root *pag-* of *pangere*, to fasten

companion¹, **company**. F *compagnon*, VL **companio-n-*, from *panis*, bread, whence also It *compagnone*, cf OHG *gileibo*, "messmate," from *leib* (*laib*), loaf *Company* is F *compagnie*, formed (like It *compagnia*, Sp *compañía*, etc) on same stem *Companion* was formerly used, as F *compagnon* still is, contemptuously for fellow

Scurvy companion! saucy tarpaulin! impertinent fellow (*Roderick Randow*)

companion² [naut] Du *kampanje*, quarter-deck, earlier *kompante* (Kil, Sewel), OF *compagne*, steward's room in galley, It *compagna*, for *camera della compagna*, store-room, caboose, OCatalan *companya*, provision store, from L *panis*, bread (see *companion*¹) Meaning has changed and varied between the time of the medieval galley and E use (first in Falc) There may also have been confusion with MedL *capanna* (see *cabin*), in fact some regard this as the true origin

companion capot d'échelle dans les bâtiments marchands, dans les yachts, &c (Lesc)

compare F *comparer*, from L *comparare*, from *par* equal To *compare* notes is recorded from c 1700 See also *compeer*

compartment F *compartment*, It *compartimento*, from Late L *compartiri*, to divide, from *pars*, *part-*, part Cf *apartment*

compass F *compas*, from *compasser*, to go round, VL **compassare*, from *passus*, step. Cf MedL *compassus*, It *compasso*, Sp *compas* pair of compasses, Ger. *Kompass*, Du *kompas*, mariner's compass In most Europ langs, math in Rom and naut. in Teut. E having both senses Fig senses (*within compass*, to *fetch a compass*) are usu from the math. and earlier, sense So also in verb to *compass one's ends* (*an enemy's destruction*, etc) the idea of design is predominant

compassion F, Late L *compassio-n-*, from *pati*, *pass-*, to suffer, Cf *fellow-feeling*, sympathy, Ger *mitgefühl*.

compatible F MedL *compatibilis* (from

pati, to suffer), sharing in suffering, hence mutually tolerant, etc

compatriot. F *compatriote*, Late L *compatriota* See *patriot*

compeer OF *comper*, -*pair*, equal, L *compar*, prob confused, in sense of companion, with F *compère*, Church L *compater*, fellow godfather, hence crony, "gossip" Hence *without compare*, associated mentally with cogn. *compare* (q.v); cf *peerless* and F. *sans pair* See *peer*¹.

compel OF *compeller*, L *compellere*, -*puls-*, to drive together Hence *compulsion*

compendium L, what is weighed together Cf *compensate*.

compensate From L *compensare*, to weigh together, from *pensare*, frequent of *pendere*, *pens-*, to weigh

compete L *competere*, to seek in common Rare before 19 cent *Competition wallah* (Anglo-Ind), member of Indian Civil Service under competitive system (from 1856), is known in E chiefly by Trevelyan's *Letters of a Competition-wallah* (1861). See *wallah* *Competent*, *competence*, *competency* come, through F, from L *competere* in intrans sense of coinciding, being convenient

From the use of the Scotticisms "succurub," "compete," he ought to be a Scotchman (De Quincey, 1824)

compile F *compiler*, L *compilare*, to plunder, orig in literary sense (see *pillage*) Later sense influenced by *pile*², as though to heap up Some regard the latter as the orig sense.

complacent See *complaisant*

complain. Archaic F. *complandre*, to lament, Late L *complangere*, from *plangere*, to beat the breast Hence *complaint*, (chronic) ailment (c 1700), because regarded as a cause of complaint *Complainant* 19 Al pres part.

complaisant F, pres part of *complaire*, from L *complacere* (see *please*, *pleasure*). *Complacent*, from L, has acquired pres part sense

complement L *complementum*, filling up (v1).

complete L *completus*, p.p. of *complere*, to fill up, from *plere*, to fill.

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concent AF., pp of *conceive* (q v) Orig sense, of opinion in out of concert with
Conceded is for earlier *self-conceded*, containing the idea of *wise in one's own concert*

(15 cent), whence deterioration of the word Verbal *concert* is It. *conchetto*, "a concert or apprehension of the mind" (Flor)

At this day ye stand gretly in the countreys concyte (*Paston I et 1 347*)

Be not proude in your awne consaytes
(Coverd Rom vii 16)

Lord, send us a gude conceit o' oursel' (Burns)

conceive. F *concevoir*, VL **concipere* for *concipere*, from *capere*, to take
concent [archaic] Harmony L *concentus*, from *concinnere*, to sing (*canere*) together, cf It *concento* Now absorbed by *consent* (q v)

For government, though high, and low, and lower,
Put into parts, doth keep in one concent,
Congreing in a full and natural close,
Like music (*Hen V, 1 2*).

concentrate For earlier *concentre*, F. *concentrer*, from L *cum* and *centrum* Cf *concentric*, with common centre.

conception F, L *conceptio-n-*, from *concipere*, *concept-*, to conceive First (c 1300) of the Immaculate Conception *Concept*, in philos sense, is 19 cent

concern Late L *concernere*, to sift, separate, used in MedL as intens of *cernere*, to perceive, have regard to To be *concerned about*, i e distressed, etc. (orig. interested generally), is evolved from to be *concerned in*, i e interested in The noun has progressed from the idea of a relation or connection to that of a business organization, etc., e g a *flourishing concern* Cf sense-development of *affair*

My Lord Sandwich is well and mightily concerned to hear that I was well (Pepys, Sep 17, 1665)

concert F *concerter*, It *concertare*, ? L *concertare*, to strive together VL **conserlare*, from *conserere*, -*sert-*, to join together, better suits sense and earlier It form *conserlare* (Flor) Constantly confused, even now, with *consort* (q v), esp in to act in *consort with* Hence noun *concert*, F, It *concerto* The *concertina* was invented by Wheatstone (1829)

concession F, L *concessio-n-*, from *concedere*, -*cess-*, to grant Spec sense of privilege granted by government, etc., is developed in F, cf *concessionnaire* First NED record of this meaning is connected with Suez Canal

conchetto Usu in pl *concelli* It., verbal "concert," witticism

conch L *concha* G *οὐχ* cockle mussel
Hence *conchology* science of shells
conchy [neol] For *conscientious objector*

The majority of the conchs is in reality composed of the "g-shells"

(A Quaker Descendant, Times Nov 30, 1917)

concierge Doorkeeper F earlier also
serge sierge VL *conserians* for *conserians* pres part of *conseriare* to keep
keps of a lynes or a great lordes place concierge (P 8)

conciliate From L *con-lia-e* to bring together convoke See *concune*

concinuity Harmony L *concinnus* from *concinnus* skillfully adjusted

concase From I *considerere concas* to cut (*caedere*) up

conclamation L *conclamatio* n general cry from *clamare* to shout.

conclave F L *conclave* from *clavis* key Earliest in ref to *conclave* of cardinals

conclude L *concludere* from *claudere* to close With to *in conclusions* (Haml iii 4) cf to be at issue

concoct. From pp of L *concoquere* -coct to boil together With fig senses cf those of brew

concomitant. From pres part of L *concomitari* to go with as companion comes comit Thus pleon (see count)

concord F *concorde* L *concordia* See accord Hence *concordance* in Bibl sense from 14 cent Cf *concordat* F L *concordatum* from *concordare* to agree esp in ref to agreements between Papal See and French monarchy e.g. between Pius VIII and Napoleon I (1802)

concourse F *concoure* L *concursum* from *concurrere curs* to run together The most usual F meaning competition has not passed into F

concrete L *concretis* pp of *concretere* to grow together The 19 cent meaning conglomeration of stone and cement is thus fairly logical. As opposite to *abstract* it was applied by early logicians to a quality adherent as opposed to one detached

concubine F L *concubina* from *con* to gether *cubare* to lie

concupiscence L *concupiscentia* from *concupiscere* to desire from *concupiscere* from *cupere* to desire

concur L *concurrere* to run together In 16-17 cents often replaced by *condo* a somewhat feeble witticism

concurrere to con u to condog (Lit.)

concussion L *concussio* n from *concute* e *cruss* to strike together from *qua e e* to shake

condemn L *condem(p)nare* from *dam(p)nare* to damage

condense F *condenser* L *condensa* e to make dense concentrate

condescend F *condescend e* Late L *condescendere* to come do n from one position cf *ter si h herablassen* hit to let oneself do v n Not orig w th any idea of as usual superiority (Pom xu 16)

cond gn L *cond gn is* Now only of making the punishment fit the crime but earlier in etym sense of equally worthy

Without g ng a la re to yield him andig thanks if any thanks could be orig for so great and so noble benefit

(St Anth Sh 1 y in Purch.)

condiment F L *condiment m* from *condire* to pickle

condition L *condicio* n incorr *condit* lit discussion from *dicere* to speak ME sense of temperament evolved from that of essential circumstance survives in *ill conditioned* and more aguely in gen sense of state fettle

condole L *condolere* to suffer with cf *compassion sympathy*

condominium Jointsovereignty L *co* and *domini* m rule App a Ger coinage (c 1700)

condone L *condonare* to give up remit cf *fardon* Chief current sense dates from Divorce Act (185)

condor Sp *Peru e infur* F *condore* is in Cot-

condottiere Mercenary lead r It lit con dutor cf MedL *condictarius* mercenary (12 cent) for *conductarius*

conduce L *conducere* (v i)

conduct Both noun and verb were in ME also *conduyt* *condute* etc from F *conduire* pp of *condu e* L *conducere* from *ducere* duct to lead Cf *safe-conduct* from F *sauf-condu t* With sense of behaviour cf to lead a good (bad) life

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Condy a fluid Name of patentee (19 cent)

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concede L *concedere*, from *cedere*, to give way

conceit AF, pp of *conceive* (q v) Orig sense of opinion in out of conceit with *Conceited* is for earlier *self-conceited*, containing the idea of wise in one's own conceit

(15 cent), whence deterioration of the word Verbal *conceit* is *It conchetto*, "a conceit or apprehension of 'the mind'" (Flor)

At this day ye stand gretly in the countreys contrarye (*Paston Lett* i 347).

Be not proud in your awne consaytes
(Coverd *Rom* xii 16)

Lord, send us a gude conceit o' oursel' (Burns)

conceive F. *concevoir*, VL **concipere* for *concipere*, from *capere*, to take

concent [archaic] Harmony L *concentus*, from *concinnere*, to sing (*canere*) together, cf *It concento* Now absorbed by *consent* (q v)

For government, though high, and low, and lower,
Put into parts, doth keep 'n one concent,
Congreering in a full and natural close,
Like music (*Hen V*, i 2)

concentrate For earlier *concentre*, F. *concentrier*, from L *cum* and *centrum* Cf *concentric*, with common centre

conception F, L *conception-n-*, from *concipere*, *concept-*, to conceive First (c. 1300) of the Immaculate Conception *Concept* in philos sense, is 19 cent

concern Late L *concernere*, to sift, separate, used in MedL as intens of *cernere*, to perceive, have regard to To be *concerned about*, i e distressed, etc (orig interested generally), is evolved from to be *concerned in*, i e interested in The noun has progressed from the idea of a relation or connection to that of a business organization, etc, e g a *flourishing concern* Cf sense-development of *affair*

My Lord Sandwich is well and mightily concerned to hear that I was well (Pepys, Sep 17, 1665)

concert F *concertar*, *It. concertare*, ? L *concertare*, to strive together VL **consertare*, from *consere*, -*sert-*, to join together, better suits sense and earlier *It form consertare* (Flor) Constantly confused, even now, with *consort* (q v), esp in to *act in consort with* Hence noun *concert*, F., *It concerto* The *concertina* was invented by Wheatstone (1829)

concession F, L *concessio-n-*, from *concedere*, -*cess-*, to grant. Spec sense of privilege granted by government, etc, is developed in F, cf *concessionaire* First NED record of this meaning is connected with Suez Canal

conchetto Usu in pl *concelli*. *It. verbal "conceit,"* witicism

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conjee congee [*Anglo-Ind*] Rice water Tamil *kann*i budings in Urdu *gany*i Hence *cong* a house mil lock up

conjugal L *conjugal*s from *conju*(n) *con* j g spouse lit joined together Cf *conjugation* lit joining or yoking together See *join* *joke*

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(Rostand *Cyano de B* 5 a 14)

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conquistador [*Am* t] Sp *conqueror* from *conquist*ir to conquer (see *conquest*) Aj plied to Sp conquerors of Mex co and Peru

consanguinity F *consanguinitas* L *cons* u g uinitas blood relationship from *sa* t i i blood

conscience F L *conscientia* knowledge within oneself superseding L *intuit* once use l to render it e g in *Agnes* t e of *Intuit* i e rumors of conscience (cf *Ge* *g* uissen likewise due to the L *ori*) In all *conscience* orig meant in all fairness justice Conscienceable unconscienceable at irreg *Conscience money* is recorded for 1800 and the practice of paying it for the 18 cent (but see quot 1)

Of a B y l [Bach lo] t Marty C H g for th ma wh ys con v ns d l grug hym for h privy tythes 3d
(Aet f 4115 t Ch ch 0 f 13 1)

In er b ard m n y t b gn to pr t of h s n sci b t knew that h wa sb t to d something more than ord rily cruel fal
(W for d H ch)

A o s e c t i objector wh gave add es t kn t food w s fin d 4 t Warm gt for d fra d g the lway c mp y
(Daily Ch n Apr 24 19 8)

conscript The now common verbal use for correct *conscript* the L *conscribere* *conscript* to write together originated in Civil War in US *Conscript* on in sense of compulsory enlistment appears in F c 1789 For sense development cf *enroll* *enlist*

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consequence F *consequ*ence L *consequ*ent a (see *con* *sequ*it e) Mod sense of *consequence* as if important springs from that

confarreation [antig] L *confarreatio-n-*, solemnization of marriage by offering of bread From L *far, farr-*, grain

confect Restored spelling of *comfit* (q v).

confection F, L *confectio-n-*, from *conficere, -fect-*, to make up For limitation of orig sense of *confectioner* cf *stationer, undertaker*, etc F *confectionneur* means ready-made clothier, *confectioner* being represented by *confiseur* See *comfit, confetti*

confederate L *confederatus*, from *foedus, foeder-*, treaty, league In US of the eleven southern states which seceded in 1860 Cf *federal*

confer L *conferre*, to bring together Sense of taking counsel, whence *conference*, arises from that of comparing opinions See also *collate*

confess OF *confesser*, L *confitēri, confess-*, to acknowledge (*fatēri*) together Hence *confession*, first in rel sense, and later used by early Reformed Churches of their spec tenets Also *confessor*, orig one who avows his religion in spite of persecution, but does not suffer martyrdom Hence *Edward the Confessor* (†1066), whose title is often misunderstood as though implying a comparison with the priest who hears confessions, a much later sense of the word in E

confetti It, pl. of *confetto*, sweetmeat As *comfit* (q v)

confide L *confidere*, from *fidere*, to trust Cf *confidante*, app meant to represent pronunc of F *confident-e*, It *confidente*, a stage type introduced (16 cent) into F, from It drama The *confidence trick* was orig US

confine F *confiner*, from *confins*, bounds, L *confinis*, having common frontier (*finis*) Hence *confinement*, 18 cent euph for child-bed, from earlier *confined* to one's bed (by the gout, etc) ME said, much more poetically, *Our Lady's bands* (*bonds*)

confirm F *confirmar*, L *confirmare*, to make firm In eccl sense (c 1300) preceded by to *bishop*

confiscate For earlier *confisk*, F *confisquer*, L *confiscare*, orig to appropriate for the treasury, *fiscus* See *fiscal*

confiteor L, I confess

conflagration L *conflagratio-n-*, from *conflagrare*, to burn up Cf *flagrant*

conflation Fusing together L *conflatio-n-*, from *conflare*, to blow together

conflict. From L *confingere, -flict-*, to strike together.

confluence Late L *confluentia*, from *confluere*, to flow together Hence, Coblenz, on Rhine and Moselle

conform F *conformer*, L *conformare*, orig trans, mod sense being for earlier reflex Eccl sense from c. 1600.

confound F *confondre*, L *confundere*, to pour together Earliest E. sense is to overthrow utterly, whence use as imprecation, cf to put to confusion.

confrère F, ModL *confrater*, whence also *confraternity*

confront F *confronter*, from *front* Confucian Of *Confucius*, latinized form of Chin K'ung Fā tsze, K'ung the master (†478 B C)

confuse Orig used as p p of *confound* See *fuse* *Confusion* worse *confounded* is from *Par L* 11 992

confute L *confutare*, orig a cooking term, cogn with *fundere*, to pour Cf *refute* *confutare* properly to cool or keel the pot by stirring it when it boils (Litt)

congeal F *congeler* (*congèl-*), L *congelare*, to freeze together See *jelly*

congeal, congé F *congé*, L *commeatus*, leave to go, furlough, etc, from *meare*, to pass through Fully naturalized, also as *congy*, in 14-17 cents, now made F again Hence eccl *congé d'élire*, leave to elect, granted by Crown The *congee*, or low bow, was orig at leave-taking

congee" See *conjee*

congener L, of the same genus, *gener-* congenial ModL *congenialis*, suiting one's genus

congenital From L *congenitus*, born with, from *gignere, genit-*, to beget

conger F *congre*, L *congruus*, G γόγυπος congeries L, from *congerere*, to bring together congestion L *congestio-n-*, from *congerere, -gest-* (v s)

conglomerate See *agglomerate*

congou Tea For Chin *kung-fu-ch'a*, work tea, tea on which labour has been expended This is *kang-hu-té* in Amoy dial

congratulate From L *congratulari*, from *gratus*, pleasing

congregation F, L *congregatio-n-*, from *gregare*, to herd together, from *grex, greg-*, herd Hence *congregationalism*, system of the Independents, the word *congregation* being much used by the Reformers, after Tynd, as a substitute for *church*, owing to

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conquerere from *quaerere* *quaesit* to
seek *Conquest* represents *OF. conquest*
(*conquiste*) what is acquired and *conquestle*
(*conquelt*) the act of acquiring Traces of
the former are found in *be* *law*

conquistador [*hist*] *Sp. conqueror* from
co *quistar* to conquer (see *conquest*) *Ap*
plied to *Sp. conquerors* of Mexico and
Peru

consanguinity *F. consa* *u* *u* *u* *L. consa*
guinitas blood relationship from *sangu*
blood

conscience *F. I. conscientia* *kno* *idg*
within oneself superseding *L. i* *ait* *on* *c*
sci to render it e.g. in *Isamb* *le of Inn* *i*
ie remorse of conscience (cf *Ger* *h*
u *issen* likewise due to the *L.* word) *I*
all conscience *orig* meant in all fairne
justice *Conscionable* *unconsc* *onabl* are
irreg *Conscience* *mon* *y* is recorded *f* *r*
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Of *Daylier* [*B* *ch* *lo*] of *M* *tyn* *Coll* *g* *f*
ther *n* *whoys* *only* *na* *dyd* *grug* *hym* *for*
h *p* *ly* *tythes* *3d*
(*A* *d* *f* *4* *ll* *Sa* *ts* *Ch* *ck* *O* *f* *1511*)

I *ne* *heard* *a* *man* *y* *t* *begi* *to* *prate* *th* *us* *c*
sc *es* *e*, *but* *I* *kn* *w* *that* *h* *was* *b* *t* *t* *d* *o* *so* *m*
th *ing* *mor* *than* *ord* *an* *ly* *cr* *u* *t* *l* *e*
(*ll* *estw* *4* *ll* *at* *ch*)

A *co* *sci* *to* *u* *bjector* *wh* *g* *a* *ddres* *t*
k *ut* *so* *d* *was* *fin* *d* *4* *t* *Warr* *gto* *for* *d*
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(*D* *ly* *Ch* *Ap* *24* 1918)

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E *ery* *atom* *f* *person* *lity* *is* *conscripted* *into* *th*
task (*D* *ly* *Ch* *on* *J* *15* *9*)

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consist L *consistere*, to stand firm Cf *consistory*, F *consistoire*, Late L *consistorium*, standing-place, waiting room, hence council room of Roman Emperors Now eccl, Papal, Episcopal, Presbyterian, etc

consolation F, L *consolatio-n-*, from *consolari*, to console, from *solari*, to comfort (see *solace*) *Consolation prize* is from earlier (18 cent) practice at cards of giving something to the loser

console [*avch*] F, app from *consoler*, to console, as F *consolateur* occurs in same sense (1562) > Idea of support, help

consolateur a consolator, solacer, comforter, also, a corbell (in building) or, as *console de bastiment* (Cotg)

consolidate From L *consolidare*, from *solidus* In current (1915) mil sense, to *consolidate captured position*, etc, app adapted from F *consolider*

consols For *consolidated annuities*, various government securities consolidated into one fund in 1751

consommé. Soup F, pp of *consommer*, in this sense from L *consumere*, to consume, the nourishment of the meat being completely used up for the soup

consonant F, from pres part. of L *consonare*, to sound with

consort First (c 1400) as noun, partner, colleague, etc F, L *consors*, *consort-*, from *sors*, fate, lot Constantly confused in form and sense with *concert* (q v)

conspectus L, general view. Cf *synopsis* **conspicuous**. From L *conspicuis*, from *conspicere*, to see clearly, from *specere* *Conspicuous by absence* was coined (1859) by Lord John Russell after Tacitus

Praefugebant Cassius atque Brutus eo ipso quod effigies eorum non visebantur (*Annals*, iii 76)

conspire F *conspirer*, L *conspirare*, lit to breathe together

constable OF *conestable* (*connetable*), Late L *comes stabuli* (v D 438), count of the stable, translating Teut *marshal* (q v), orig principal officer of household of Frankish kings For wide sense-development cf *marshal, steward, sergeant*.

outrun the constable to spend more than is got, or run out of an estate, to run riot (*Dict. Cant. Crew*)

constant F, from pres part of L *constare*, to stand together, firm

constantia Wine from *Constantia Farm*, near Capetown

They gave us some stuff under the name of Constantia, which to my palate was more like treacle and water than a rich and generous wine (Hickey's *Memoirs*, ii 106)

constellation F, L *constellatio-n-*, cluster of stars (*stella*)

consternation F, L *consternatio-n-*, from *consternare*, > for *consternere*, to bestrew, throw down, from *sternere*, to strew

constipate From L *constipare*, to press together See *costive, stavedore*

constituency First (1831) in Macaulay, but app not his coinage

constitute From L *constituere*, -stitut-, to place (*statuere*) together *Constitution*, in sense of politic system of a state, was gradually evolved between the two great Revolutions (1689-1789) *Constitutional* (walk) was orig a univ word, now replaced at Camb by *grind*

constrain OF *constraindre* (*contraindre*), L *constringere*, *constrict-*, to tighten, whence also *constrict-* Cf *strain*¹

constriction L *constrictio-n-* (v s)

construct See *construe*.

construe L. *construere* to pile together construct from *struere* *struere* to heap E p as gram term to analyse construction of sentence interpret etc in which sense the later *construere* has also been used With gram sense goes to *putting* (*ad faciendum*) *construction* on cf also *construere* *blasphemy* (*blasphemy* *blasphemy* etc) i.e. susceptible of being interpreted as such

consubstantiation (*the* 1) Formed (16 cent) on *transubstantiation* (q.v.) to designate controversy the Lutheran conception of the Eucharist but not accepted by Lutherans L. *consubstantialis* (Tertullian) was used to translate G. *κοινωνία* of common substance

consuetudinary From L. *consuetudo* custom (17)

consul L. ult. cogn. with *counsel* and *consul* Mod. diplomat. sense was evolved (16 cent) from the earlier meaning of a representative chosen by any society of merchants established in a foreign country In Med. & ME. the title was vaguely used as equivalent to *cunct*. The Roman method of dating the years by consuls survives in the familiar *Consule* *Papa* (H. 17) which Byron (*Don Juan* 1 212) renders When George the Third was king

consult L. *consulere* frequent of *consulere* to take counsel

consume L. *consumere* to use up from *sumere* to take hold of Hence *consumere* at first as expression of dislike (cf. *consumere* *foundedly*) but now app. felt as *consumere* *unmolested*

consummate From L. *consummare* from *summus* highest *summa* total for **super* from *super*

consumption See *consumere* Med. sense is common in ME.

contact From L. *contingere* *contact* compd. of *tangere* to touch. Hence also *contagium* L. *contagium*

contadino It. peasant from *contado* county

contagion See *contact*

contain F. *contenir* VL. *contere* for *continere* from *tenere* to hold

contaminate From L. *contaminare* from *contaminare* *contaminare*

contango [Stock Exchange] Percentage paid to postpone transfer opposite of *backwardation* ? Sp. *conengo* I hold back

contain ? or arbitrary perversion of *containere*

contemn L. *contemere* *contemere* Hence *contempt* *contemptible* the latter used (since Den 1014) to render Ger. *verachten* an epithet oddly applied to Wilhelm II of Germany to the first army that he took the field Cf. *fulfillment*

Th. makes me naturally to a soldier and hon. those tall red and contemp. regiments that will do the most serious work (K. 1900 *Medic*)

contemplate From L. *contemplari* orig. used of augurs viewing a *templum* in the sky Cf. *contemner*

contemporary In sense of Late L. *contemporarius* (whence F. *contemporain*) from *con* and *tempus* *tempus* time

contempt See *contemere*

contend L. *contendere* intens. of *tendere* to stretch

content F. L. *contentus* pp. of *contere* to contain. The *content* of man's desires are bounded by what he has (cf. *ad contentum*) The etym. sense as in *content* (*content*) and the fig. are combined in *one heart's content*
Such is the full of my heart's content (H. 17 1 13)

contemuous From L. *contemnus* with common boundary

contes F. *contester* L. *contestari* to call to witness (*testis*) esp. as in *contes* *contes* to open proceedings

context L. *contextus* from *co* *co* to weave together

contiguous From L. *contiguus* from *contingere* to be in contact

continent F. from pres. part. of L. *continere* to hold (*tenere*) together In geog. sense for *continens* (i.e. continuous) land

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continue F. *continuer* L. *continuae* from *continuum* from *continere* (see *continens*)

conto Mil. on reis Port. Late L. *compus*

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consist L *consistere*, to stand firm Cf *consistory*, F *consistoire*, Late L *consistorium*, standing-place, waiting room, hence council room of Roman Emperors Now eccl, Papal, Episcopal, Presbyterian, etc

consolation F, L *consolatio-n-*, from *consolari*, to console, from *solari*, to comfort (see *solace*) *Consolation prize* is from earlier (18 cent) practice at cards of giving something to the loser

console [asch] F, app from *consoler*, to console, as F *consolateur* occurs in same sense (1562) ? Idea of support, help *console*, *tr.* a consolator, solicer, comforter, also, a corbell (in building) or, as *console de bastiment* (Cotg)

consolidate From L *consolidare*, from *solidus* In current (1915) mil sense, to *consolidate captured position*, etc, app adapted from F *consolider*.

consols For *consolidated annuities*, various government securities consolidated into one fund in 1751.

consommé Soup F, pp of *consommer*, in this sense from L *consumere*, to consume, the nourishment of the meat being completely used up for the soup

consonant F, from pres part of L *consonare*, to sound with

consort First (c 1400) as noun, partner, colleague, etc F, L *consors*, *consort-*, from *sors*, fate, lot Constantly confused in form and sense with *concert* (q v)

conspectus L, general view Cf *synopsis*

conspicuous From L *conspicuus*, from *conspicere*, to see clearly, from *specere* *Conspicuous by absence* was coined (1859) by Lord John Russell after Tacitus

Praefulebant Cassius atque Brutus eo ipso quod effigies eorum non visebantur (*Annals*, in 76).

conspire F *conspiret*, L *conspirare*, lit to breathe together

constable OF *conestable* (*connetable*), Late L *comes stabuli* (A D 438), count of the stable, translating Teut *marshal* (q v), orig principal officer of household of Frankish kings For wide sense-development cf *marshal*, *steward*, *sergeant*.

outrun the constable to spend more than is got, or run out of an estate, to run riot (*Did Cant Crew*).

constant F, from pres part of L *constare*, to stand together, firm

constantia Wine from *Constantia Farm*, near Capetown

They gave us some stuff under the name of Constantia, which to my palate was more like treacle and water than a rich and generous wine (Hickey's *Memoirs*, II 106)

constellation F, L *constellatio-n-*, cluster of stars (*stella*)

consternation F, L *consternatio-n-*, from *consternare*, ? for *consternere*, to bestrew, throw down, from *sternere*, to strew

constipate From L *constipare*, to press together See *costive*, *stewedore*.

constituency First (1831) in Macaulay, but app not his coinage

constitute From L *constituere*, -stituit-, to place (*statuere*) together *Constitution*, in sense of politic system of a state, was gradually evolved between the two great Revolutions (1689-1789) *Constitutional* (walk) was orig a univ word, now replaced at Camb by *grind*.

constrain OF *constreindre* (*contraindre*), L *constringere*, *constrict-*, to tighten, whence also *constrict-* Cf *strain*.

construction L *constructio-n-* (s).

construct See *construe*.

In Middle Ages assumed disparaging sense being applied to illicit or heretical assemblies. First seen dates esp from *Canterbury Tales* (16C4)

That I suffer no rhytmes, come to us as congregeous of lewd pepull among you

(*Cowenry Lay Book* 1451)

convention F. L. *conventio* n meeting agreement from *convenire* to come together. Hence *conventional* applied (19 cent.) to lang art etc

converge Late L. *convergere* to incline together from *vergere* to bend

conversation Orig association frequentation behaviour as still in *crim con*. From L. *conversari* to dwell (lit turn about) with cf *conversant*. Current sense from 16 cent

Our conversation [sic] conversation G & Virg pñ, Rf citizenship] is in heaven (*Phil* iii. 20)

conversazione It social gathering at home lit conversation. From 18 cent

converse Opposite L. *conversus* pp of *convertere* to turn about

convert As noun substituted under influence of verb *convert* (vs) for earlier *converso*

Conversus fro h thence to the laws of Israel (Nyc. & Caro xxii.)

convex L. *convexus* from *convexere* to bring together (two surfaces). Cf *convex*

convoy OF *convoier* (*convoier*) VL. **convia* e from *via* way. Orig to escort as company (cf *convoy*). In 15-17 c nts euph for *steal* (cf current *expropriate*). Hence l g *convoyance* transfer of property. For vehicle sense cf *carriage*. Dr Thompson Master of Trinity once suggested that a dispute as to a distinguished contemporary being the son of a lawyer or of a cabman might be settled by the com promise *convoyance*

Con y th wise t call. Steal foh! & fco for the phrase (*Werry H* 1313)

convict convince L. *convincere* *convict* from *vincere* to vanquish. *Convict* as noun dates from 16 cent. Use of *convincing* in intellectual jargon is mod (not in VED)

It that complex again t h will I of his own opinion nul (*H* 184 iii u 347)

Th three-q art rñ, tho gh more convinc ing tha tho of the others d were in ven y y till scope (*Daily Tel* A. 7. 1 191)

convivial Late L. *convivialis* from *convivere* to live

convoke F. *convocuer* I. *convocare* to call together. *Convocation* in eccl sense dates from temp Ed I in univ sense from 15 cent

convolution From L. *convolutus* *convolut* to roll together cf *convolutus* I bindweed

convoy F. *convoyer* (see *convey*) keeping more of orig sense e p mil and naut

Th sinking of the great gallies the t k gof th ic convoi which in th E t part s is alled a carvas (*Carvas*) (*Camden* 1602)

convulse From L. *convellere* to pull violently

convulsionnaire (A: 1) F. fanatic indulging in convulsions at tomb of François de Paris in graveyard of St Médard Paris where miracles were reported to take place. The prohibition of these performances led some humorist to fix to the church door the following—

De par l roi d'Alençon & d'Anjou

De faire miracl en c li u

cony First in AF pl. *conys* from OF *conil* L. *conculus* cf It *coniglio* Sp *conjo*. Orig rined with *honey* mon j. Now usu replaced by *rabbit* (q v). The animal is of southern ori in as no Celt or Teut. names for it exist cf Ger *kanichen* MHG *kunzlin* etc also from L. The L word is supposed to be Iberian. The *cons* of the Bible is really the *hyrax* *Syriacus* a small pachyderm resembling the marmot.

coo Earlier *croo* limit. cf F *roi oler*. With double form cf. F *croasser* (of rñ en) *coo er* (of frog)

cooing the crooning of doves (Lol g)

cooe *cooe* [Austral] Adopted from native signal-cry Cf *yodel*

cook First as noun AS *cōc* L. *coquus* whence also Du *kōk* Ger *koch* Arabi F *quart* It *cuoco* etc Verb from noun in MF Teut lang had *bate roast* *rethe* but no gen term (cf *kitchen*). With to *cook* one s goose cf to set a one s ha k To *cook* (action) *stat m nts* etc) 13 17 cent (cf *co* *coct*)

cooky (Sc) Cake Du *koebye* dim of *kōk* cake corn with Ger *kuch n*. For LC origin cf *scone*

cool AS c l. WGer cf Du *koe* Ger *k* *hi* *co* n with L. *gelidus*. See *cold*. The verb earlier *k* *se* (whence Shaks to *k* *el* *the* *set* for *wh* *h* see also quot s v *confuse*) has been assimilated to the adj. In application to sums of money perh from *dea* of

contraband Sp *contrabanda*, It *contrabando*, against law (see *ban*¹) Dates in E from illicit trade (c 1600) with Sp possessions in S Amer

contract L *contractus*, a drawing together, from *contrahere*, from *trahere*, *tract-*, to draw The same idea is seen in to *contract a disease* (*matrimonial alliance*, etc) For current limited sense of *contractor*, as in *Builders and Contractors*, cf *undertaker*

contradict From L *contradicere*, *-dict-*, to speak against *Contradiction in terms* is mod for earlier *contradiction* (*Par L* 2 799)

contralto It, "a counter treble in musicke" (Flor) From L *contra* and *altus*, high Not orig limited to female voice Cf obs *contratenor*

contraption [dial & US] App formed irreg from *contrive*, on *deceive*, *deception*, etc

contrapuntal From It form of *counterpoint* (q v)

contrary OF *contrarie* (*contraire*), L *contrarius*, from *contra*, against "The accent is invariably placed on the first syllable by all correct speakers, and as constantly removed to the second by the illiterate and vulgar" (Walker) The vulgar pronunc is, as usual, the older

Mary, Mary, quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?

contrast F *contraster*, Late L *contrastare*, to stand against

contravallation [fort] See *circumvallation*

contravene F *contrevenir*, L *contravenire*, to come against

contre-danse F corrupt of *country-dance* (q v)

contretemps F, out of time In E first as fencing term

contribute From L *contribuere*, *contribut-* See *tribute*

contrite From L *contrerere*, *contrit-*, to bruise, crush Cf *attrition*

contrive ME *contreve*, to invent, etc, esp of evil devices, OF *contruev-*, *-treuv-*, tonic stem of OF *controver* (*controuwer*), from *trouwer*, of doubtful origin (see *trouer*) OF *ue*, em, regularly become E *ē*, cf *retrieve*, *beef*, *people*

Guy Fawkes, Guy!

He and his companions did contrive
To blow all England up alive

control F *contrôle*, OF *contre-rolle*, register kept in duplicate for checking purposes, a

sense not preserved in E Cf *counterfoil* and see *roll* Much older than *control* is *controller*, whence corruptly *comptroller* Now (1918) esp in *Food Controller*. De *control* is a neol (1919)

contrerolle a controlement, or contrarolement; the copy of a role (of accounts &c), a parallel of the same quality and content, with the original (Cotg)

controvert Back-formation, by analogy with *convert*, *divert*, etc, from *controversy* (Wj c), from L *controversus*, turned against.

contumacy L *contumacia*, from *contumax*, *-tumax-*, prob from *tumēre*, to swell

contumely L *contumelia*, cogn with above

contuse From L *contundere*, *-tus-*, from *tundere*, to beat

conundrum "A cant word" (Johns) Earliest sense (c 1600) seems to have been whimsy, oddity, either in speech or appearance Later, a play on words, "a low jest, a quibble, a mean conceit" (Johns), and finally (late 18 cent), a riddle Prob univ slang (associated with Ox f, 1645) originating in a parody of some L scholastic phrase Cf *panjandrum*, *hocus-pocus*. See quot sv *bee*

Others wear a dead ratt tyed by the taile and such like conundrums

(*Travels into Virginia*, c 1612)

I begin to have strange conundrums in my head
(Massinger)

convalescent From pres part. of L *convalescere*, to grow strong, from incept of *valēre*, to be strong.

convection [phys] L *convectio-n-*, from *convehere*, from *vehere*, *vect-*, to carry

convenience Usu pl F, from *convenir*, to agree, be fitting Cf *comely*

convene. F *convenir*, L *convenire*, to come together Mod trans sense, to summon, is due to double function of other E verbs (*assemble*, *gather*, *disperse*, etc)

convenient F *convénient*, from pres part of L *convenire*, to come together, agree, suit Cf *convenience*

convent ME usually *couvent*, *covent* (as in *Covent Garden*) F *convent*, Church L *conventus*, assembly Restored spelling *convent* is also found in OF, but now rejected for *convent* In ModE esp nunnery *convent* a covent, cloister, or abbey of monks, or nunes (Cotg)

conventicle L *conventiculum*, meeting, place of meeting, from *convenire*, *convent-*, to come together, applied by Roman Christians (4 cent) to their places of worship

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coquito Palm Sp dim of *coqui* (q v)
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deliberate counting To *cool one's heels*, now iron, was orig used of a rest on the march A *cool hand* appears to be suggested by such expressions as *skilled (cunning) hand*

"A cool four thousand, Pip!" I never discovered from whom Joe derived the conventional temperature of the four thousand pounds, but it appeared to make the sum of money more to him, and he had a manifest relish in insisting on its being *cool*

(*Great Expectations*, ch lvi)

coolie, cooly Prob from *Kulī, Kolī*, name of aboriginal tribe of Guzerat So used in 16 cent Port Cf hist of *slave*

coomb¹, combe Hollow, valley, esp in S W of England AS *cumb*, prob of Celt origin Very common in place-names Cf F *combe*

coomb² Obs dry measure AS *cumb*, vessel, cf Ger *kumpf*

coon [US] Aphet for *raccoon* (q v) Fig and prov uses appear to come esp from negro pastime of coon-hunting

coop ME *cupe*, L *cupa*, vat, cask, etc., whence F *cuv*, vat Existence of Ger *kufe*, tub, suggests that the word may have been adopted also in AS For changed E sense cf *basket*

cooper¹ Maker of casks Du *cuper*, MedL *cuparius*, from L *cupa*, cask (v s) Not immediately from *coop*, which has never meant cask in E Earlier forms *couper*, *couper* survive as surnames Hence *cooper*, stout and porter mixed, favourite tap of brewery cooper (cf *porter²*)

cooper², coper Chiefly in *horse-co(o)per* From Du *koop*en to buy, cf Ger *kaufen* and see *cheap, chapman*. Cf also *co(o)per*, Du ship trading with North Sea fishermen, "floating frog-shop"

cooperate From Late L *coopetari*, to work together, from *opus*, *oper*-, work Hence *cooperation*, in econ sense app introduced (1817) by Owen

co-opt L *cooplar*, to choose together Earlier *cooplate* (Blount)

coordinate From MedL *coordinare*, to arrange together, from *ordo*, *ordin*-, order

coot Applied in ME to various water-fowl MF *cole*, *coote*, cf Du *koot* A LG word of unknown origin

What though she be toothless and bald as a coot?
(Illywood, 1562).

cop [ˈtɹæ] To seize ? Northern pronunc of obs *cap*, OF *capr*, L *capere* Hence a *fair cop*, *copper*, policeman No *cop* is a variation on *no catch*.

copaiba [med] Balsam Sp Port., Brazil *cupaiba*

copal Resin Sp, Mex *copalli*, incense **coparcener [leg]** From obs *parcener*, partner, OF *parçonier*, from *parçon*, share, L *partio-n-*

cope¹ Garment ME *cope*, earlier *cape*, Late L *capa* (see *cap*, *cape¹*) Hence verb to *cope*, cover (a wall), as in *coping* Fig in *cope* (i e *mantle*) of night, of heaven Halfe so trewe a man ther nas of love Under the cope of hevене, that is above (Chauc *Leg Good Women*, 1526)

cope² Verb OF *coper* (*couper*), to strike, from *coup*, blow, VL **colapus*, for *colaphus*, G *κόλαφος*, buffet Influenced in sense by obs *cope*, to traffic (see *cooper²*), occurring commonly in to *cope with* (cf fig sense of to *deal with*) Nor can F *coupler*, "to couple, joyne, yoake, also, to coape, or grapple together" (Cotg), be left out of account (cf *buff*, for *buffle*)

copeck Small Russ coin Russ *kopeika*, dim of *kopyé*, lance Effigy of Ivan IV with lance was substituted (1535) for that of his predecessor with sword Cf *tester²*

coper See *cooper²*

Copernican Astron system of *Copernicus*, latinized form of *Kopernik*, Pruss astronomer (1473-1543)

coping See *cope¹*

copious F *copieux*, L *copiosus*, from *copia*, plenty, from *co-* and *ops*, wealth See *copy*

copper¹ Metal AS *coper*, VL *cuprum*, for *Cyprium aes*, Cyprian bronze, from *Cyprus*, G *Κύπρος* In most Europ langs, e g Du. *kobber*, Ger *kupfer*, ON *kopar*, F *cuivre*, etc In hot *coppers* there is prob the metaphor of the over-heated vessel, the *itchen copper* dating from 17 cent. Sense of coin is in Steele, who uses it collect. (cf *silver*)

copper² [slang] Policeman See *cop*

copperas MF *copereuse*; cf F *couperose*, It *copparosa*, Ger *kupferrose* Origin uncertain, ? from Late L adj. *cuprosa*, of copper (cf *inberose*), ? or an imitation of synonym G *χάλκανθος*, flower (rose) of brass **copperhead [US hist]**, Venomous snake Fig. northern sympathizer with Secession (1862)

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(Flor)

corf [techn & dial] Basket Du or LG
korf, L *corbis*, early adopted in WGei, cf
 Ger *korb*

coriaceous Leathery From L *coriaceus*,
 from *cornu*, hide, cogn with *cortex*, bark
 coriander Plant F *coriandre*, L *coriandrum*,
 from G *kopíarvor*, prob not of G origin
 Corinthian [archaic] Dandy, "toff" (18-19
 cents), earlier, profligate, dissipated, from
 proverbially licentious manners of Corinth
 Cf similar use of *Ephesian* (*Merry Wives*,
 iv 5)

A Corinthian, a lad of mettle (1 Hen IV, ii 4)

cork Earliest sense (14 cent) is shoe, slipper,
 Sp *alcorque*, "a corke shoos, a pantoffle"
 (Minsh), of Arab origin (cf Sp *alcoraque*,
 cork tree) This was also the earliest sense
 of Ger *korck*, and the substance was called
pantoffelholz, slipper-wood The above
 words are connected by some with L
quercus, oak, which seems unlikely Their
 relation to Sp *corcha*, cork, and of the
 latter to L *cortex*, *cortic*-, bark, is a
 mystery With *corker* (app US) cf to
put the lid on

cork, bark *cortex* (*Prompt Parv*)

corking-pin [archaic] "A pin of the largest
 size" (Johns) Earlier *calkin*, *cawking*,
 but relation to *calkin* (q v) is obscure

cormorant F *cormoran*, earlier *cormasan*,
 -*ein*, -*in*, from OF **marenc*, of the sea,
 from L *mare* with Ger suffix -*ing*, of which
 fem survives in F dial *pie mareng*, cor-
 morant Cf MedL *corvus marinus*, sea
 raven, whence Port *corvomarinho* For
 E -*t* cf *pheasant*, *tyrant*, etc

corn¹ Grain AS *corn* Com Teut, cf Du
koren, Ger ON *korn*, Goth *kaurin*, cogn
 with L *granum* For double sense (single
 seed, as in *peppercorn*, and collect) cf
 grain In US esp maize, whence *corn-cob*,
cornflower *Constalk*, native-born Austra-
 lian (esp NSW), alludes to height and
 slimmness *Corned beef* is so called because
 preserved with "corns" (grams) of salt
 corn² On foot OF *corn* (*cor*), horn, horny
 substance L *cornu* See *core*
 cornbrash Sandstone From *corn*¹ and *brash*
 (q v)

cornea [anat.] Of the eye For L *cornea tela*,
 horny web

cornel Tree In 16 cent *cornel-tree*, for Ger
cornel-baum, from MedL *cornelius*, from
 L *cornus*, cornel tree, named, like the horn-

beam, from horny nature Cf F *cornouiller*,
 cornel tree

cornelian Stone ME *corneline*, F *cornaline*,
 cf It *cornalina*, Prov *cornehna* ? From
 L *cornu*, horn (cf *onyx*), or from resem-
 bling fruit of *cornel tree* (v s.) The form
cornelian (cf Ger *karneol*) is due to mis-
 taken association with L *caro*, *carn*-, flesh
 (v i)

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 stone (Cotg)

corner ME & AF *corner*, F *corner*, VL
**cornarium*, from *cornu*, horn The verb
 to *corner* (commodities) arises from earlier
 sense (also US) of driving into a corner
The Corner, Tattersall's, was formerly at
 Hyde Park Corner *Corner-stone* is in Wyc
 (*Vulg lapis angularis*)

cornet¹ Instrument OF., It *coïnetto*, dim
 of *cornu*, horn, L *cornu*

cornet² Head-dress, standard of troop of
 cavalry F *cornette*, dim of *corne*, horn,
 L *corn(u)a*, neut pl taken as fem sing
 With obs *cornet* (of horse) cf *ensign* (of
 foot)

cornice Earlier also *cornish*, F *corniche*, It
cornice App ident with It *cornice*, crow,
 L *cornix*, *cornic*- Cf *corbel*

Cornish [Ing] Celt lang which became ex-
 tinct in 18 cent

cornopean Cornet à piston ? Arbitrary
 formation (19 cent)

cornucopia For L *cornu copiae*, horn of
 plenty Orig horn of the she-goat Amal-
 thea which suckled infant Zeus

corody See *corrody*

corolla L, dim of *corona*, crown, garland

corollary L *corollarium*, gratuity, orig one
 given for garland (v s) Math sense is in
 Chauc

corolaire a corollaire, 1 surplusage, overplus, addi-
 tion to, vantage above measure, also, a small gift,
 or largesse bestowed on the people at publique
 feastes, and playes (Cotg)

coronach [Sc] Funeral lament - Gael *cor-
 ranach*, from *comh*-, together, *ránach*, out-
 cry

coronation OF *coronacion*, from *coroner*
 (*couonner*), to crown, from L *corona*

coroner AF *corouner*, from *coroune*, crown,
 F *couronne*, L *corona* Orig (from 1194)
custos placitorum coronae, an official at-
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 words in ME sense of servile tenant
 villein lit cot-dwell r MedL *collarius*
collerellus Cf Ger *stiefelnacht* bootjack
cotton F *coton* Arab *qun* (see *action*) In
 most Europ langs Th verb to *cotton*
 orig (16 cent) to prosper succeed appears
 to be due to a fig sense of raising a nap
 on cloth or of getting materials to combine
 successfully See quot below in which
 however the association may be forced
Cottons racy is applied in E to the cotton
 lords of Lancashire in US to the planters
 It cottons wll t can t choose b t be r a pretty
 n p (M dcl ton 1608)

Cottonian Library of Sir R Cotton (†1631)
 nucleus of British Museum

cotwal [Anglo Ind] Head of police Pers
kot-wal fort commander

cotyledon [bot] Introduced by Linnaeus
 G κωλύδων cup-shaped cavity from
 normally hollow vessel

couch First as verb F *coucher* OF *colchier*
 L *collocare* to place together cf lit *col*
care Sp *colocar* Gen ider to lay hori-
 zontally eg to *couch a lance* (tym sense
 survives in to *couch in* obscure lan us
technical phraseology etc) with which cf
 F *coucher par terre* to set down in writing
 In med *couching of cataract* orig sense is
 to lower depress

couch grass See *quack*

cougar Puma catamount F *couguar* Buf-
 fon's adaptation of an earlier *cuaruacara*
 for Cuarani (Brazil) *guarua* a Cf *jaguar*

cough Found in AS only in derivative
cohhetan Cf Du *kuchen* to cough, Ger
keuchen to pant whence *keuchhusten*
 whooping-cough Allmit Synon AS *hzo*
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could See *can*

coulée [geol] Solidified lava F pp fem
 of *couler* to flow L *colare*

coulisse Side scene on stage etc F fem
 form of *colis* from *couler* to flow slide
 L *colare* Cf *porticulis*

coulour [flp] Steep gorge F by dissim
 for OF *couroi* corr dor (q v)

coulomb Unit of electricity From C A de
 Coulomb F physicist (†1806) Cf an
fière volt

coulter Of plough AS *cultet* from L See
et las

council L *consilium* assembly ? lit a call-
 ing together L *calare* Unconnected with

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 opinion ? lit leaping together from L
salire But the two words were completely
 confused in F though vaguely and often
 incorrectly differentiated from 16 cent
Counc l has encroached on *counsel* while
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siller Counsel as applied to individual
 (h C) is evolved from sense of body of
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comit companion from *com* and *ite* to o
 cf It *conte* Sp *conde* Used in AF for
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 mon in ME

count Verb OF *comter* L *computare* from
putare to think reckon ModF *lasen* r
 to tell (a story) *compter* to count (cf
 double sense of L *tell*) For restored spelling
 of F *compte* cf E *account* Archaic to
 count plead in a court of law whence the
counts of an indictment belongs in sense
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countenance I *conenance* L *continentia*
 manner of holding oneself bearing from
continere lit to hold together In E gradu-
 ally applied esp to the behaviour
 of the features eg to *change countenance*
 Orig sense of bearing appears in to *keep*
 in (put out of) *countenance* hence coun-
 tenance moral support

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counter Also with adj sense e h in
counter-revolution

counter Of a shop Extended use of same
 word meaning banker's desk counting
 house cf F *compte* MedL *computa-*
trium

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For breed in court y better is
The penny in p r a c t i s (Rom. of Rose 3541)

court card For earlier *coat card* from the pictures of It *carta di figura* "a coat card" (Flor)

couscous Afr dish 1 Arab *kuskus* from *ka kasa* to pound small

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couvade Custom ascribed to some races of father taking to his bed on birth of a child F (see *covey*) Earliest mention of the custom is prob. in the *Agonastica* of *Apollonius* (186 B.C.)

cove Creek In AS chamber cell recess etc whence mod sense of concave arch AS *cofa* Com Teut. cf Ger *kofen* pl. sty (from LG) *koben* hut O' *kfi* hut See *cubby house*

cove* (slang) Earlier (16 cent) *thue es cant* *cofe* Prob ident with Sc *cofe* hawket cogn with *chapman* (q.v.) Cf d generation of *cadger*

covenant Pres part of OF *coletur* (*convenit*) to agree L *convenire* to come together As Bibl word represents Heb *berith* contract rendered by *בְּרִית* in IXX. and in 1 lg by *fœdus pactum testamentum* Hence Sc *Coleman* cf (hist) subscriber to the *National Covenant* (1638) or the *Solemn League and Covenant* (1643)

Coventry send to In current sense from 18 cent. Origin unknown

Brom ham (Bromghan) a town so gen. r. ly w. k. d. th. i. t. h. a. f. i. r. m. upon small p. r. i. e. t. f. t. h. k. g. e. and killed o. t. a. k. n. them prisoners and sent th. m. to C. e. n. t. r. y.
(Clarend Hist f G. e. n. t. R. ll. on)

If Moe. d. Jow. i. be w. a. r. y. of Coventry where be h. s. been alon. I. b. e. l. l. e. these t. u. m. t. h. I. know no reason why h. m. not rem. e. t. L. i. h. f. e. l. d. h. t. e. s. u. r. e. d. h. m. s. e. l. f. to be sent t. Co. e. n. t. r. y. to a. o. l. d. b. e. i. g. with t. e. t. r. e. n. c. h.
(Marlboro gh Lett. i. H. l. e. y. o.)

cover F *couver* L *cooper* e. cf It *coprire* Sp *cubir* The vulgar *cover* is ME *hel* r. regularly from OF tonic stem *uiv* (cf ME *kercheise* *kerchief*) Scm. of the senses of the noun (*under cover*) are from F *couvrir* orig. pp of *couvrir* of which the OF pl. was *couverts* Hence *cover* f. r. *game* The participial sense survives in *cover* *glance* (*threat* etc.) *Cover* i. e. protected state of married woman *femme couverte* is from Law F

coverlet *coverlid* AF *cove lit* (14 cent.) *cover* bed formed like a few *kerchief* (q.v.) Not from ModF *cover* lit. which is a neol.

covel OF *coiselle* (*consolet*) VL *cupido* *lore* from *cupiditas* desire cf It *cubila* e. Prov *cobestar*

covey F *couve* brood pp fem of *couver* to brood incubate L *cubare* cf It *covata* a cove of partridges a bevy of pheasants a broode of chickens an ayne of hauls (Flor)

cow Noun AS *cu* Aryan cf Du *kū* Ger *kuh* ON *kýr* Sanskrit *g* s (see *milgham Guconca*) ult cogn with C *flous* *bo* L *bos* *boi* *Aine* is a southern form (cf *b. eithen*) of pl *āye* AS *cý* (cf *mouse* *in ce*) which was usual up to 17 cent *Conboy* (US) was orig. u. ed. h. t. of sym. pathizers with England in War of Independence (see Fenimore Cooper's *Spi*) *Cowhid* ship is also US For *corpe* first investigated by Jenner (1938) see *por*

cow* Verb ON *kugr* to cow whence Norw *kue* First in Shaks (*Macb* v. 8) Owing to late appearance it is often f. i. t. as back formation from *coward*

cowage *cowitch* Plant Hind *kauwach* Corrupted to *cowitch* owing to its stinging properties

coward Archaic F *coward* from OF *coi* (*queui*) tail L *cauda* with depreciatory suffix *ard* Ger *hart* *asynbasta* d. h. g. *ard* etc cf It *codardo* No doubt an allusion

counter- AF form of F *contre*, L *contra*, against

counterblast App. from blast blown on trumpet in answer to challenge Revived in 19 cent as echo of James I's *Counterblast to Tobacco* (1604)

counterfeit F *contrefait*, p p of *contrefaire*, from *contre* and *faire*, L *facere* Not orig with suggestion of fraud

counterfoil See *foil*¹

counterfort [*arch*] F *contrefort*, buttress, from *fort*, strong

countermand F *contremander*, from *mandes*, L *mandare*, to order

counterpane Earlier *counter-point*, OF *contepointe* (now corruptly *counte-pointe*), Late L *culcita puncta*, stitched quilt, from *pungere*, to prick The corrupted *counte-pointe* is found in OF, being explained by Cotg as "wrought with the backe stitch" The altered ending in E is perh due to *pane*, *cover-pane*, F *pan*, cloth (see *panel*), formerly used in similar sense See also *quilt*

In ivory coffers I have stuff'd my crowns,
In cypress chests my arras, counterpoints,
Costly apparel, tents and canopies (*Shrew*, II 1)

counterpoint [*mus*] F *contrepoint*, It *contrapunto*, an accompaniment "pricked against" notes of melody See *puncture*

countervail From tonic stem of OF *contrevaloir*, from L *contra* and *valere*, to be worth Cf *avail*, *prevail*

The enemy could not countervail the king's damage (*Esth* VII 4)

counting-house See *count*² First record in NED is 1440 (*Prompt Parv*), but *Nicholas del Countynghouse* is in *Issue Rolls* (1381)

country F *contrée*, Late L *contrata*, (land) spread before one (*contra*) Cf Ger *gegen*, district, from *gegen*, against The oldest E sense is region, district, as F *contrée*, and the three main existing meanings are all exemplified in *countryman* Hence *country-dance*, in F corrupted to *contredanse* *Countryside*, orig Sc, or north, is a neol in literary E The Teut word, in same senses, is *land*, which has prevailed in the other Teut langs

In a country dress, she and others having, it seemed, had a country dance in the play
(*Pepys*, May 22, 1667)

county AF *counté*, OF *comté* (*comité*), L *comitatus* (see *count*¹) The county court translates the AS *shire-moot*, the county council dates from 1888

coup F (see *cope*²) Now common in E,

e g *coup d'essai*, *coup d'État* (esp in ref to Louis Napoleon, 1851), *coup de grâce*, mercy (putting opponent out of his misery) *coup de main*, *coup de théâtre*

Mr Lloyd George aimed at a *coup d'état*, but has achieved a *coup de théâtre*

(*Daily News*, Dec 3, 1918)

coupe F, p p of *couper*, to cut (in half) See *cope*².

couple F, L *copula*, bond. In ME esp leash, brace of hounds, as in to *uncouple* *hunt in couples*, etc

coupon F, a "detachable" certificate, from *couper*, to cut (see *cope*²) In travel sense introduced by Cook (1864) Now (1918) one of the most familiar words in the lang (cf *control*, *censor*, etc)

On no account should voters be fooled by the fact that candidates have been couponed or ticketed by the Coalition (*Daily Mail*, Dec 9, 1918)

The election of December, 1918, may not improbably be known in history as "the coupon election"

(H H Asquith, Apr 11, 1919)

courage F, VL **coraticum*, from *cor*, heart, cf It *coraggio*, Sp *coraje* In ME, as 17 cent F up to 17 cent, commonly used for heart

Ce grand prince calma les courages émus (Bossuet)

courbash. See *koubash*

courier Combined from F *couvreur*, runner from *courir*, to run (corresponding to Sp *corredor*), It *corridore*, Late L *curritor-em*, and 16 cent F *courrier*, courier, It *courriere* (corresponding to MedL *currentus*).

course Combined from F *cours*, L *cursus*, whence also It *corso*, Sp *curso*, and the later fem form *course* Has taken over some senses of native noun run Wyg uses it in etym sense of race (2 Tim IV 7 *Vulg cursus*) Sense of routine order has been given of *course*, *matter of course* (see also *cursitor*) Hence verb to *course*, now only of hares, rabbits, but formerly also of bears, wolves, etc, cf F *courre le cerf* The sense of development of naut. *course* (*fore-course*, *main-course*) is perh connected with the "running" of ships under these sails

court OF *court* (*cour*), L *cohors*, cohort-cogn with *hortus*, garden, and used by Varro in sense of poultry-yard It represents partly also L *curia*, used as its MedL equivalent in leg and administrative sense For double group of meanings cf Ger *Hof*, yard, court (of prince, etc) In *courtois* there has been change of suffix, F *courtois* ONF *curliers*, L *-ensis*, surviving in name *Curius* For *courtesy* see *cursy* *Courtesan*

Γ courisane It *cortigiana* is euph (see 17a v) *Cos tier* is from OF *cosnier* to frequent court (*Γ court in = courtier* 1 *court er = broker*) With verb to *court* cf *I fa ra la cour* *Court plaster* was formerly used for patches by ladies of the court *Court hand* in writing is that in which leg enactments are copied *Court ma list* was earlier (16 cent) *marshal court* the inversion being app due to association with *procurator marshal* who carried out sentence of *cour t mar s* It is often spelt *cour t marshal* in 17 cent *marshal* and *marshal* being quite unconnected *Cou t yard* is plain the two words being synon and ult. ident

For friend in court by better is
Than penny in purs c ills (Row f R 14 341)

court-card For earlier *coat card* from the pictures of It *carta di figura* a *cote carde* (Flor)

couscous Afr dish *Γ Arab kuskus* from *kaskasa* to pound small

cousin F cf It *cu ino* MedL *cosinus* (7 cent) with meaning of L *cosinus guineus* *Cosinus* is supposed to be a contr (? due to infantile speech) of L *con sobrinus* *cousin germane* *sist* is *sonne* (Coop) but this seems hardly credible But one might conjecture that the OL form *con uesrinus* might have become *consuetinus* and in *cosinus*

couvade Custom ascribed to some races of father taking to his bed on birth of a child *Γ* (see *covey*) Earliest mention of the custom is prob in the *Argonautica* of *Apollonius* (†186 BC)

cove¹ Creek In AS chamber c II recess etc whence mod senso of concave arch AS *cofa* Com Teut cf Ger *kof* pig sty (from LG) *koben* hut ON *kofi* hut See *cubby house*

cove² {*skaw*} Lather (16 cent thieves cant) *cofe* I rob ident with Sc *cofe* hawker cogn with *chapman* (q v) Cf degeneration of *cadge*

covenant Pres part of OI *cotener* (*con ven r*) to agree L *conven re* to come together As Bbl word represents Heb *berith* contract rendered by *diab qen* in LXX and in Vulg by *foedus pact m le la uentum* Hence Sc *Covenant* (hist) subscriber to the *National Covenant* (1638) or the *Solemn League and Covenant* (1643)

Coventry send to In current sense from 18 cent Origin unknown

Bromingham (H rutingham a town so g ally wicked that t h d risen upon small p ties t the king's and killed or taken them priso rs and sent them to Coventry

{*Q tender Hist* f *G out K be l o*}

If Mon de fose nt be weary of Co entry h h ha been tui I believe th se t months I kn w a reason why le m y not enjoy t Li h feld h desired h mself t be sent to Co entry t a old being with th F n h

{*Marlbor ough Letter to H ley*}

cover *Γ couvrir* L *coopere* cf It *copr re* Sp *cubrir* The vulgar *kiter* is ME *heter* regularly from OF tonic stem *cucur* (cf VL *heterche* *kerchief*) Som of the senses of the noun (*under cover*) are from I *conuert* orig p p of *couvrir* of which the OI pl was *couverts* Hence *cover* for game The participial sense survives in *covert glines* (thr at etc) *Coverite* protectel state of married woman *femme couverte* is from Law F

coverlet **coverlid** AT *coverlet* (14 cent) *cover bed* formed l *ke c f ew herch of* (q v) Not from ModF *couvre lit* which is a neol

covet OF *covetier* (*convoite*) VL *cupidi tate* from *cupiditas* desire cf It *cupitare* Prov *cobestir*

covey I *couide* brood p p fem of *couter* to brood incubate L *cubare* cf It *covata* a cove of partridges a bevie of pheasants a broode of chickens an ayrie of hawks (Flor)

cow¹ Noun AS *ca* Aryan cf Du *k Ger kuh* ON *kfr* San krit *gas* (see *ni ghai* *Gus owar*) ult cogn with G β c *bo* L *bos* *bov* *I ne* is a southern form (cf *brethr n*) of pl *kye* AS *cō* (cf *mo se mite*) which was usual up to 17 cent *Cowboy* (US) was orig used hist of sym patizers with England in War of Inde pendence (see *Fenimore Cooper's Sp*) *Cowhide* v hip is also US For *compar* first inve tigated by Jenner (1798) see *por*

cow² Verb ON *kuga* to cow whence Norw *kue* First in Shaks (*Macb* v 8) Owing to late appearance it is often felt as back formation from *coward*

cowage **cowitch** Plant Hind *kau ch* Corrupted to *cowitch* owing to its stinging properties

coward Archaic F *coward* from OF *cote* (*queue*) tail L *cauda* with deprecatory suffix arf Ger *hart* as in *baska d hggard* etc cf It *colardo* No doubt an allusion

- to the tail between the legs *Cowardly custard* seems to be meaningless infantile alliteration
- cower** Prob of Norse origin, cf Sw. *kura*, Dan *kine*, to squat, and Ger *kauern*, to cower Influenced in sense by *cow*², ME meaning being to squat, crouch
- cowitch** See *covage*
- cowl**¹ Garment AS *cagele*, Late L *cuculla*, cowl, for *cucullus*, hood of a cloak, cf MHG *kuigel*
- cowl**² [*archaic*] Tub AS *cūfel*, dim from L *cupa*, cf Ger *kubel*, tub, bucket, and see *coop* Hence *coal-staff*, for carrying a cowl
- courie** Hind *hami* The use of the *courie* as money is mentioned by Chin writers of 14 cent BC
- cowslip** AS *cū-slyppe*, cow dung Cf *ovlip* and dial *bull-slop*
- cowslope*, *herbe herba petri* (*Prompt Parv*)
- cox** See *coxswain*
- coxal** [*anat*] Of the hip, L *coxa*
- coxcomb** Cock's comb Orig ornamentation of head-dress of professional fool
- If thou follow him, thou must needs wear my coxcomb (*Lear*, 1. 4)
- coxswain** Earlier *cock-swain* See *cockboat* and *swain* Orig sailor in charge of boat (cf *boatswain*) Hence, by incorr separation, *cox* as noun and verb
- coy** F *coi*, VL **quietus* for *quietus* In ME first in etym sense and usu in to hold (*keep*) oneself *coy*, for F *se tenir coi*
- coyote** Prairie wolf Sp, Mex *coyoll*
- coz** For *cousin*, which is usu spelt *cozen* in 17 cent, e.g. in Pepys
- cozen** It *cozzonare*, "to breake horses, to plaie the horse-courser, or knavish knave" (Flor), "to have perfect skill in all cosenages" (Torr), from *cozzone*, "a horse-courser a horse-breaker, a craftie knave" (Flor) Cf to *jockey* *Cozzone* is L *coctio-n-* (for *cocio*), whence OF & ME *cosson*, horse-dealer The word was app brought to England by young nobles who included Italy in the grand tour Often punningly connected with *cousin* Earliest recorded in noun *cousoner* (1561)
- By gar I am coroned, I ha married oon garsoon, a boy (*Merry Wives*, v. 5)
- Cousins, indeed, and by their uncle cozened
Of comfort, kingdom, kindred, freedom, life
(*Rich III*, iv. 4)
- cozy** See *cosy*

crab¹ Crustacean. AS *crabba*, cf Du *krabb*, and LG *krabben*, to scratch, claw Cogn with Ger *krebs* (see *crayfish*) and with *craw*¹ With *crab*, capstan, orig with claws, cf *crane* and other animal names for mech devices With to *catch a crab*, as though a crab had got hold of the oar, cf It *pigliare un granchio* (crab), used of any kind of blunder. Verb to *crab*, to "pull to pieces," was orig a term of falconry Adj. *crabbed* referred orig to the crooked, wayward gait of the crab, as still in *crabbed handwriting* (style, etc.), but has been affected in sense by the idea of sourness associated with *crab*² For formation cf *dogged*

crabbyd, *awk*, or *crav* cernicus, bilosus, can cernuus (*Prompt Parv*)

crab² Apple Possibly Sc form *scrab* (Gavin Douglas), Sw dial *skrabb*, wild apple, is the older, in which case the E. form may have been assimilated to *crab*¹ as a depreciatory name for the fruit Cf double idea contained in *crabbed* (v. s.) and dial *crabstick*, ill-tempered person, prop crabtree cudgel The existence of the common Yorks surname *Crabtree* shows that the word must be some centuries older than the first *NED* record (1420)

crack First as verb, AS. *cracian*, cf. Du *kraken*, Ger *krachen*, F *craker*; of imit origin, the name of the sound extending to the break which produces it The ME sense of uttering loudly survives in to *crack a joke*, and Sc *crack*, to talk That of boasting, praising, in to *crack up*, whence also use of *crack* for person or thing praised (*crack regiment*, etc.) *Crack of doom* is from *Macb* iv. 1 *Cracksman*, burglar, is from *crack*, breaking open, in thieves' slang, as in to *crack a crib*, words popularized by Dickens (*Oliver Twist*) With *cracker*, thin, hard biscuit (now chiefly US), cf *cracknel* and *crackling*

crackle Frequent of *crack* Hence *crackling* (of roast pork) *Crackle-china* is so called from its fissured appearance, cf synonym F *cracuelin*

cracknel Metath of F *cracuelin*, from Du *krakeling*, cf E dial *crackling* and see *crack*.

cracuelin a cracknell; made of the yolks of eggs, water, and flower, and fashioned like a hollow trendle (Cotg)

And take with thee ten loaves, and cracknels [*Vulg crustula*], and a cruse of honey (1 *Kings*, xiv. 3)

cracksman See *crack*

cracovienne [archaic] Dance Γ from Cracovie Cracow cf *varsoviennne polka* etc
cracy Farlier *cratie* F MedL C *paria* from *paros* power Change of spelling is due to Γ pronunc Hence many jocular formations with connecting -o (mobocracy, cottonocracy, beurocracy etc)

A d moc cy a theocr cy an aristocracy an autocracy or any other form of racy
(H B llw D ly News July 24 1917)

cradle AS *cradol* cogn with OHG *chratto* basket cf Du *krat* basket Applied techn to various frame works or rocking contrivances *Cradle walk* (Evelyn) over arched with trees is translated from synon Γ *berceau*

ber eau adj also an a bor or bower in a garden (Cotg)

The h d that rock the e adf
I th ha d that rules the wo ld
(W T Wall re c 866)

craft AS *craft* Com Teut in sense of strength cf Du *kracht* Ger *kraft* ON *kræfr* Sense of skill ingenuity degeneration early to slyness is peculiar to E (cf *artful cunning knowing*) This survives in *handicraft witchcraft craftsman members of same craft* etc Sense of vessel earlier only small vessel and orig (17 cent) always accompanied by adj *small* prob arose ell pt from some such phrase as vessels of small craft small power and activity A *craft* is like all our air vocabulary modelled on naut.

The lyfs h rt th cr ft long t l me
(Ch ur P l f fouts)

Of his [hockey player] tucke aft ther l o
quest (D ly Cr N 26 1919)

crag Celt cf Gael Ir *creag* Welsh *craig* cogn with place name *Carrick*

crake In corn *crake* Cf ME & dial *crake* crow ON *kráka* crow *krakr* raven Imit cf *croak*

cram AS *cramman* from *criman* (*cram crummen*) to insert orig to squeeze press cogn with *cramph* With *cram* lie cf to *stuff up* Locke uses *cram* of undigested learning

The be t fast nling of ll f wls is first to f ed them with good m t sooodly to g e lt them t cos il ally as e amon rads (VED 655)

crambo 16 cent *crambe* used of a ruming game capping verses now usu *dumb crambo* and orig of distasteful repetition L *crambe* cabbage G **papst* with ref

to *crambe repel* is cabbage served up a gain

Occidit miser s *cramb* r petit m gi tros
(Ju 34)

From then to th H g ag pl yi g at
ramb in the waeg n (P pps May 9 600)

cramoisy [archaic] Γ *cramoisi* crimson See *carmine crimson*

cramp OF *crampe* bent twisted of LG origin (cf Du *krampe*) and cogn with Ger *krampf* *cramp* orig adj bent Cogn with *cram* *crimp* *crumple* In mech sense (e g *cramp iron*) it is the same word prob through obs Du *kraupe* (*kra*) Both origins unite in some senses of the verb

cran [Sc] Measure of fre h herrings (37½ gallons) Gael *crann* share lot

cranberry Ger *kranb ere* crane berry taken to Namer by emigrants and introduced with the fru t into E in 17 cent For the double voyage cf *boss* Cf Sw *tanda* Dan *trinebar* from t *tra* *trane* crane
Haj s b ocas a N Anglia usq missas Lo d i
dimus et g tavi nus (R y 1086)

crane AS *cran* cf Du *kraas* Ger *fran ck* cogn with I gru G γ pa s Welsh *garin* The Norse langs have *tr* e g ON *trani* The mech application is found also in other langs Cf to *crane one's neck* fig to hesitate like a horse looking before leaping *craning* at a fence

gru a also th e g e p d alled (C lg)

cranium MedL G *pauor* skull

crank¹ Instrument handle AS *cranc* in *cranc stuf* Orig something bent cogn with *cringe* *cri gle* *crinkle* Hence used after Milton *sqn fisa d cranks* (Illeg o 25) of fanciful twists or turns of speech Sense of eccentricity is 19 cent and *crank* eccentric person is US (cf *crook*) With *cranky* of mod formation and representing various senses of *crank* cf Ger *krank* ill The verb to *come crankin* in is after Shaks

Se how this v r c nes in ranking a
And e t m from th best of all my l d
A h g half moon a m astro canil o t
(i H IV i i)

crank² [naut] Easily capsized Larlier *crank sided* (Capt John Smith) From Du *k rigen* to push over careen a ship ult cogn with *crank* in sense of turn
crannog Celt lake dwelling Ir *c annóg* Gael *crannag* from *crann* tree beam

cranny App from F *cran*, earlier *cren*, VL **crenum* The dim appears in *crenulate* (q v) Cf It *crena*, notch, indentation on leaves L *crena*, from which these words were formerly derived, is now regarded as a wrong reading in Pliny

crape F *crêpe*, OF *crepe*, L *crispa*, curly (sc tela).

crapulous From L *crapula*, drunkenness,

G *κραϊπάλη*, drunken head-ache, nausea

crash¹ Of noise, etc First as verb in ME Imt, related to *crack* as *clash* to *clack*

Cf Ger *krach*, crash, commercial disaster, from *krachen*, to crack Spec application to fall of aeroplane dates from Great War

crash² Coarse linen used for towels From Russ *krashennina*, coloured linen Usu *crasho* in Haki and Purch

crasis [ling] Running together of vowels, as in *καὶ γὰρ* for *καὶ ἐγὼ* G *κρᾶσις*, mixture, from *κραννύναι*, to mix

crass L *crassus*, fat, thick In F only in fem (ignorance *crasse*), L *crassus* giving F *gras*

-crat See *-cracy*

cratch [dial] Manger F *crèche*, OHG *chrippa* (*krippe*), ident with *crib* (q v) Cf *match*², *patch*.

Sche childide her firste born sone, and wlappeide him in clothis, and putteide him in a crache

(Wyc Luke, ii 7).

crate Du *krat*, basket (see *cradle*) Prob introduced with earthenware from Delft

crater L, bowl, G *κρατήρ*, mixing-bowl (see *crasis*) Recorded for 1839 in mil sense, now so familiar, of cavity caused by explosive

craunch Earlier used for *crunch* (q v) Prob nasalized form of *crash*¹ *Scraunch* is also found (cf *scrunch*)

Herke howe he crassheth these grystels bytwene his tethe (Palsg)

The queen would craunch the wing of a lark, bones and all, between her teeth (*Gulliver*)

cravat F *cravate* (17 cent), scarf like those worn by Croatian soldiers (Thirty Years War) Cf F *Cravate*, Croat, Ger *Kravate*, Flem *Crawaat*, Croato-Serbian *Hrvat*. There is at Woodchurch, Kent, an inn called the *Jolly Cravat*, perh founded by some returned soldier of fortune

crabba' a new fashionable gorget which women wear (Blount)

crave AS *crasian*, to demand as a right, cf synon ON. *krefja*, cogn with *craft*, power Current sense comes via that of

asking very earnestly (I *crave* your pardon), as still in *cravings* of hunger, etc

craven ME *cravani*, *cravani*, vanquished, cowardly, app confused, esp in to *cry craven*, with the commoner *creant*, apheet for *recreant* (q v) Related to OF *craventer*, *crevanter*, to overthrow, VL **crepantare*, for *crepase* (whence F *crever*, to burst, etc.) It may be the F p p. with suffix lost as in *costive*, *defile*², *trove*, or a verbal adj of the same type as *stale* Sense has been affected by association with *crave* (mercy, pardon, etc)

craw Crop of a bird. ME *crawe*, cogn with Du *kraag*, neck, OHG *krago*, cf Ger *kragen*, collar, Sc *crat*(g), neck These forms point to an AS **craga*

crawfish See *crayfish*

crawl¹ Verb ON *krafla*, to claw, cf Norw *kraule*, to crawl, climb, Sw *krafla*. Ong to claw one's way Cogn with *crab*¹, cf Ger *krabbeln*, to crawl, from LG

crawl² [WInd] Pen in water for turtles, etc Var of *corral*, *kraal* (q v)

crayfish, **crayfish** Corrupted from ME. *crevesse*, F *écrevisse*, OF also *crevice*, OHG *krebiz* (*krebs*), crab

escravisse a crevice, or crayfish (Cotg)

crayon F, pencil, from *crate*, chalk, L *creta* Formerly used for *pencil* (q v)

craze To break, crack, whence *crazed*, *crazy* Aphet for OF *acraser*, var of *escraser* (*écraser*), from Sw *krasa*, to break, prob related to *crash*¹ Orig sense survives in ref to china-ware (cf *crackle*)

With glas

Were al the windowes wel v-glassed
Ful clere, and nat an hole y crazed

(Chauc *Blanche the Duchess*, 322)

I was yesterday so crazed and sicke, that I kept
my bedd all day (*Plumpton Let.* temp Hen VII)

creak First used in ME of cry of crows, geese, etc Imt, cf *crake*, *croak*

cream F *crème*, OF *cremie*, L *chrisma* (see *chrisma*) Referred by 16 cent etymologists to L *cremor lactis*, "creame of milke" (Coop), which has no doubt influenced the sense-development *Cream-laid paper* is laid (i.e. rolled, not wove) paper of cream colour and should rather be *cream laid-paper* (cf *bespoke bootmaker*) Cream replaced native *ream* (see *reaming*)

crease¹ Inequality Earlier (16 cent) *creaste*, OF *creste* (*crête*), crest, ridge, Lat *crista* Orig the ridge as opposed to the corresponding depression F *crête* means

ridge not peak, e.g. *la crête d'une carie d'un toit* etc. Cf US *crease* to stun (a horse etc.) by a shot through the "crest or ridge of the neck".

A rough hard stone full of creases and gutters.
(Lyte *Dodon* 158)

Crease is cons. in sending a bullet through the grille of the mu-tang's neck, just above the bonzo as to stun the animal.
(Ballantyne *D. G. Cress* h. x.)

crease kris *crease* kris Digger Malay *kris* kris of Javanese origin.

Their ordinary weapon is called a *crise*. It is about two feet in length, the blade being waved, and crooked to and fro in dent and rib.
(Scott *Jao* 6025)

creator Church word occurring earlier than the verb *create*. F *créateur* L *creator* -em used in ML for AS *sceppend* (cf Ger *Schöpfer*). *Creative* in sense of drink esp. Ir *cratur* is a spec. application of the word in the sense of product, thing created for the use of man (cf *creature comforts*). Good wine is a good familiar creature (*Oth* 113). For after death spirits have just such attributes. They had, for all the world, what a human creature.
(Dryden)

crèche Late 19 cent. from F orig. manner in which Christ was born. Ger *Krippe* is used in same sense. See *cratch crib*.

credence I *credence*. It *credence* VL *credentia* from *credere* to believe. Sense of faith confidence is archaic in F usual meaning, being side-board as in eccl. L *credence-table* (19 cent). This arose from the practice of assaying meat and drink at the side-board so as to inspire confidence against poison. Cf *salve*.

credence *credite* trust, confidence, fond act. Also a cupboard of plate, a buttery. Also the table or assize of a prince's meat and drink (*Flo*).

credentials From 17 cent. for earlier *letters of credence* (14 cent).

credit F *crédit* It *credere* pp of *credere* to believe trust. A *creditable* action orig. inspired trust.

credo L. I believe first word of Apostles and Nicene Creeds. So in most European languages. Cf *angelus etc. di. ge. etc.*

credulous From L. *credulus* from *credere* to believe.

creed AS *crēda* L. *credo* (q.v.). Early Church word. The Apostles' Creed tradition ascribed to the Apostles dates from 4 cent. (exposition of Rufinus). See *Athanasian Creed*.

creek Cf F *crique* Du *krech* In ME. us rally *crake* from F *crak* h. 141. now k. bend cogn. with *crook*.

He knew well the haunts, as the v. w. re.
From Goodland the Cape of Hydrunt.
And every creek in Britain and a part of
(Ch. A. 404)

c. k. crook or ock to a load ex. crept (1111)

creel OF *greille* grill sieve VL *cratula* from *crates* wicker work huddle of OF *creel* hurdle. *Creel* is still in techn. and dial. use for various frame works. See *grill* Cf. It *gradella* creel.

creep AS *creopan* orig. strong (*creop* c. o. fen) cf Du *kruijen* ON *krjupa* Cf *cripple*.

creese See *crease*.

cremation L *crematio* -n from *crema* c. 1. burn. Hence *crematorium* Meil. after *auditorium* etc.

cremona Violin from *Cremona* in Lombardy. Also used wrongly for *cremon* (q.v.).

crenate [bot.] ModL *crenatus* notched (1.).

crenate To embattle. For earlier *crenel* F *crénelle* from OF *crenel* (*crénau*) battlement dim. of OF *cren* (*cran*) not 1. (see *cranny*). The noun was common in ME in forms *crenel* *kernel* etc.

creole F *créole* earlier *créole* S. *créole* orig. applied to all West Indians (white or black) wholly or partly of foreign parentage now usu. to those of European ancestry. Perh. corrupt or dim. of Sp *criad* foster child. L. *creatus* said to have been orig. applied to the indoor slaves. Cf OPort *galinha crioula* pet hen.

crulus those who born of the Spaniards and Indians (M. sh.).

creosote Mod. formation from G *peps* flesh and *lousen* to save from antiseptic property. Discovered (1832) by J. E. C. Bach.

crêpe F. see *crape*.

creptate From L. *creptus* frequent 1. *crepta* *creptis* to crack resound.

crêpon F. from *crêpe* crape.

crepuscular From L. *crepusculum* twilight *crepusculo* (mus.) It. from L. *crepusculum* to grow. Often fig. as noun e.g. *a crepusculo of admiral*.

crescent 1 stored spelling, on L. *crescens* *crascent* of ME. *resiant* OF *deissant* (*resant*) pres. part. of *creistre* (*incresce*).

to grow, L *crecere* First applied to the growing moon Often wrongly used, owing to its adoption by the Turk Sultans, as a symbol of Mohammedanism in general Russ churches are often surmounted by the cross standing on the over-turned crescent, and *Red Crescent* is applied to a Turk organization corresponding to our *Red Cross*

cress AS *cæse*, *cerse*, *cresse* WGer, cf Du *kers*, Ger *kresse*, also borrowed by Scand & Rom langs, e.g. F *cresson*, perh cogn with OHG *chresan*, to creep Older form still in place-names, e.g. *Kersey*, cress island, and in *not to care a curse* (see *curse*, *damn*)

cresset Portable beacon OF *craisset*, lantern, from OF *craisse* (*graisse*), grease (with which a *cresset* is filled) See *grease*
crest OF *creste* (*crête*), L *crista*, crest of cock or helmet *Crestfallen* belongs to cock-fighting The *crest* of a horse is the neck ridge (see *crease*¹)

cretaceous From L *cretaceus*, from *creta*, chalk, orig p p of *cernere*, to separate (sc *terra*)

Cretan Liar (*Tit* 1 12) Cf *syncretism*

An introduction to Dora might inspire some of these modern Cretans with a wholesome respect for the truth (*Pall Mall Gaz* Jan 30, 1918)

cretic [metr] Amphimacer L *Creticus*, of *Crete*

crétin Deformed idiot, in Alps F, from Swiss dial *crestin*, *creutin*, Christian Cf similar use of *innocent*, *natural*, also F *benêt*, fool, L *benedictus*

cretonne Made at *Creton* (Eure)

crevasse [Alp] F, see *crevice*

crevice ME *crevace*, F *crevasse*, from *crever*, to burst, L *crepare*

crew Earlier (15 cent) *crue*, also *acruie*, p p fem of F *croître* *accroître*, to grow, OF *creistre*, L *crecere* Orig reinforcement, mil or nav, cf *recruit*

The forts thereabouts were not supplied with anie new accreves of soldiers (Holinshed)

crewel Earlier (1500-1600), *crule*, *ciwle*, *croile*, *croile*, also *ciwe*, *cruc* Origin doubtful ? F *ecru*, unbleached, L *ex* and *crudus*, raw, as in *fil esclu*, unbleached yarn (13 cent), altered as *scroll* (q v) Another suggestion is OF *escrouelles*, shreds (see *scroll*), which suits the form, but hardly the sense It is not certain whether the name was orig applied to the

yarn or to the material on which it was worked

J fyne counterpoynt [counterpane] of sylk and cruell of Joseph and Mary (*Rutland MSS* 1543)

crib AS *cribb*, ox-stall, etc WGer, cf Du *krib*, Ger *krippe* (see also *cratch*, *crèche*); cf MHG *krebe*, basket, a common meaning of *crib* in E dial, whence *crib*, to steal (cf *cabbage*²), and hence, to cheat in school-boy sense The game of *cribbage* is from the *crib*, or store of cards, secured by the dealer Earliest records refer chiefly to the *crib* in which Christ was born, hence later child's *crib* The sense of small dwelling, etc, e.g. a *snug crib*, is evolved from that of ox-stall, the latest shade of meaning appearing in the burglar's to *crack a crib*

Now, my dear, about that crib at Chertsey (*Oliver Twist*, ch xix)

Crichton All round gifted man *James Crichton*, called "the Admirable" by Urquhart, soldier, scholar, swordsman, etc, killed in a brawl at Mantua (1585)

crick Prob cogn with *crook*, cf synonym F *torticolis*, It *torcicollo*, lit twist-neck Another name was *schote* (in *Prompt Parv* with *cyk*), with which cf Ger *schuss*, shooting, as in *hevenschuss*, lumbago

cricket¹ Insect F *cricquet*, from *cricquer*, "to creak, rattle, crackle" (Cotg), imit of sound, cf Du *hrekkel* and F *cri-cri* The *cricket* on the hearth is from Dickens after Milton (*Penseroso*, 82) With merry as a *cricket* (1 *Hen* IV, 11 4) cf *grig*

cricket² Game First recorded (*crockett*) 1598 App. first used of the wicket, cf OF *cricquet*, stake used as goal at bowls, from Flem *knich*, "scipio, baculus" (Kil), cogn with *crutch* Cotg gives *cricket-staffe* as one meaning of F *crosse*, and Urquhart (*Rab* 1 22) renders *la crosse* by *cricket* The adoption of the word as emblem of fair-play is mod

Last week a trial was brought at Guildhall before the Lord Chief Justice Pratt, between two companies of cricket players, the men of Kent players, and the men of London defendants, for sixty pounds, played for at cricket, and after a long hearing, my Lord, not understanding the game, ordered them to play it over again (*Mist's Journal*, Mar 28, 1710)

crikey [ridg] Euph alteration of *Christ* Cf *laws*

crim. con. [leg] For *criminal conversation*.

crime F L *crimen crimin* from root of *cernere* to separate decide

We share D T pun rd d like of the t m cri
mil l anthropo gy and may adopt th t m
"crimin logy t l l a better can be found
(*Altho acum* Sep 6 1890)

criminy *crimine* [colloq] Suggested by
Christ (cf *crishev*) and *ju iny* (q v)

crimp Du *k rimpfen* contrahere limi
nuere arcare coarctare extenuare (Jul)
cogn with *cramp* *crumple* Fish are
rimped to make their flesh contract From
the verb comes naut *crimp* perh via an
obs (17 cent) and game

to pl y c mp t lay o b t on o de and (by
foul pl y) to l t t th rwi h ing m l e d t
(*D d Ca t Crew*)

crimson Earlier (15 cent) *cremesyn* OSp
cr mesin (*carmesin*) or OIt *cremesino* (*cre
mesin*) Arab *qermas* cf F *cranois* Ult
sour e is Arab *qimris* *kermes* cochineal
insect See *hermes* *carmine*

cringe Orig t ans ME *crinen* causal of
AS *cringan* to fall in battle orig to be
come bent "su cumb cogn with *crank*

cringle [naut] Ring Earlier *crengle* (Capt
John Smith 1627) From IG or Du Cf
Du Ger *kring* circle etc ON *kringja* to
encircle cogn with *crank* *crinkle*

crinle [biol] L *crinilis* from *crinis* hair
crinkle Earlier also *crenkle* frequent from
AS *crincan* var of *crin an* (see *crin e*) or
from cogn LG or Du *krikel* turn twist
cogn with *crank* *crinkle* Cf *crinkum*
crankum elaborately intricate full of
crinks and cranks

The house is cry skled to and fr
A d b th so q ynt w yes f to go
For it is sb pen th mave is wrought
(Ch u Leg Good IV m n 2 19)

crinoline Orig (c 1830) stiff fabric with
warp of thread and wool of horse hair
Γ 19 cent coiname from *crin* horse hair
L *crinis* and *lin* flax L *linum* Cf *lino*
leum *Crino che* is from c 1830

cruple AS *crypele* corn with *c zapan* to
creep crawl cf Du *kr upel* Ger *k üppel*
(from LC) ON *crispr*

crisis L C *crisis* decision from *krise*
to judge Earliest (16 cent) in medicine
crisp AS *crisp* *crysts* L *crispus* curled
Hence surnames *Cr sp* *Cripp* M d
s nse opposed to flabby now often fig
is from 16 cent

crisp n [a cha c] Shoemaker From *St Cris*
pian patron saint of the craft

cross Now regarded as redupl f *cro*
but orig suggested by *christ-cross* row (ee
Christ)

la roux de p r Den the Chri te -cross row
the h rnebook wher in a b lile rnes t (Cotg)

cristate [biol] L *cris talus* from *cris* la crest

criterion G *κριτηριον* v from *perys* judge

critic L *criticus* cr l *critique* G p u s
from *pu* to judge (s) *Crit que* is
restored spelling after F of earlier *r lich*

criticism

croak ME *rooken* *crooken* limit cf
croake *croak* Ger *kra k en* Γ *croak* cr
Slang to *croak* die is from the sound of
the death rattl *Crother* prophet of evil
allud is to the raven

I two l i c oak like a n l w uld bod t w l d
bode (T oit & C ass)

Croat [hist] See *cravat* The lang s Serb

crochet Γ dum of *croc* hook (see *crook*)
Cf Ger *Adkeln* to crochet from *hake* s
hook

crocodile [mim] Named (1831) from t
κροκ s po d var of κροκ s nap of cloth
and *lithos* stone

crock Vél sel AS *crocc* *croca* pot C m
Teut cf Du *kruik* Ger *k r* Oñ *krukka*
also in Rom langs e g I *cruche* and with
cogn forms in Celt ? Cogn with *crise*

crock¹ Duffer Earlier (16 cent Sc) w m
out ewe hence applied to h ree and l per
son Various word of somewhat similar
meaning in *krak* found in Scand & LC
are app related to *crack* so that a *crack*
and a *crock* may be etym ident It may
however be noted that F *c rick* pitcher
crock² from OHG *krak* has the meaning
of duffer impl ton

k k j m t m cori gnousm (KJ)

crocket [arch] AF from ONΓ form of
c ocket hook See *croch t c ocket*

Crockford Clergy directory Γ m compiler
of first s ue (1865) Cf *Br d k r*

crocodile Restored spelling of ML & OF
cocodrille w th corre ponding forms now
also re tored in other Rom langs I C
κροκοδειλος I zard applied by H rodoto
to the crocodile of the Nile (cf hi tory of
alligat r) St Astensu bishop of Ama s
(4 cent) explains that the crocodil weeps
over the head of his victim after devour
the body not f m repentance or s row
but because he regrets that the bony
nature of the beast m kes it unsuitable
for fix i—s βρωσι ουκ εσθησαν

crocus L, G *κρόκος*, *crocus*, saffron, prob. of Semit origin, cf Heb *laḥlōm*, Arab *hakkam*

Croesus King of Lydia (6 cent B C), famed for wealth

croft [dial] Small enclosed piece of arable land, and, in Sc, one worked by peasant tenant, *crofter* Very common, also as *craft*, in place-names and surnames, but unfamiliar in some parts of the south AS *croft*, small field, cf Du *kroft*, *krocht*, hullo, land above water-level

cromlech Welsh, crooked stone, from *crom* fem of *crum*, bent, and *llech*, flat stone Cf *crumplet*

cromorne [mus] Reed-stop in organ F, Ger *krummhorn*, crooked horn Incorr *cremona*

crone Usu identified with archaic and dial *crone*, worn-out ewe (cf *clock*), archaic Du *kronje*, *karonje*, from Picard *carogne* (*charogne*), carrion (q v) The sense of hag is, however, much the older (Chauc), and, though F *charogne* is used as a term of abuse, the mental picture of a bent or crooked crone suggests a possible connection with Walloon *cron*, bent, hunch-backed, Du *krom* (cf Ger *krumm* and see *crumplet*)

This olde sowdanesse, cursed krone (Chauc B 432)

frome adasia, ovis vetula, rejecula, ang crone (Kil)

karonie cadaver, corpus mortuum (ib)

an old crone vieille accroupie (Sherwood)

Marie Stuart avait eu des bontés pour le cron, Rizzio (V Hugo, *L'Homme qui rit*)

crony Earlier *chrony* G *χρόνιος*, from *χρόνος*, time, used in univ slang for contemporary (v 1) Skinner (1671) explains it as *vox academica*

The scholar content to destroy his body with night labours and everlasting study to overtake his chronies and contemporaries

(1652, in *Hist MSS Various Collections*, II 207)

crook ME *crok*, ON *krōki*, cogn with obs Du *croec*, OHG *krāko* The same root is represented in VL (see *crochet*, *croquet*, *crozier*) US *crook*, swindler, one who is not "straight," was perh partly suggested by synon F *escroc*

croon Orig Sc Prob of LG origin, cf Du *kreunen*, earlier *kronen*, to whimper, groan

crop AS *cropp*, head of herb, bunch of flowers, ear of corn, crop (of bird), kidney Ground-sense appears to be swelling, cf Du *krop*, Ger *kropf*, crop of bird, ON

kroppr, hump Has passed into Rom langs (see *group*) Sense of sprout, hence, in ME, product of soil, is E only Verb to *crop*, intrans and trans. (to *crop up*, to *crop the hair*), arises naturally from the agricultural sense *Crop-eat*, orig of horses and dogs, was applied by Cavaliers to Roundheads, to suggest loss of ears at hands of executioner, cf *croppy*, Ir rebel (1798) wearing short hair as sign of sympathy with F revolution Sense of head, top-end, is obs evc in *neck and crop*, to come a *cropper* (cf *header*) *Hunting-crop*, orig switch, preserves the sense of shoot, slender growth, as in Chauc (v 1) See also *cropp*

Whan Zephirus cek with his swete breeth

Inspired bath in every holt and hreth

The tendre cresses (Chauc A. 5)

houssine a riding rod of holly, a holly wand, a crop of holly (Cotg)

croquet Popular in Ireland (c 1830), introduced into England (c 1850) Said to be from Brittany and to be etym. ident with *crochet* (q v), curved stick used for mallet. But *croquet*, as now used in F, is from E An earlier game of the type was *ball-mall* (q v)

croquette Kind of rissole F, from *croquet*, to crunch

crore [Anglo-Ind] One hundred lakhs (of rupees) Hind *kror*, Sanskrit *koti*

Words unintelligible to English ears, with lacs and crores, zemundars and aumils

(Macaulay, *Warren Hastings*)

crozier, **crozier** For *crozier-staff*, the *crozier* being orig the bearer (hence surname *Crosies*), ME *crosier*, OF *crossier*, from *crosse*, crook, pastoral staff, VL **croccia*, bent (see *crook*) Not immediately related to *cross*, though often confused with it in ME and by mod eccl writers The first quot below shows that the *crosse* was a "crook," not a "cross," while the second is an example of early confusion between the two Cf *lacrosse*.

A bisschopes crosse [var *croce*]

Is hoked in that one ende to hale men fro helle (Piers Plowm B viii 94)

crocer *crociarius*, cruciferarius (Promptuarii)

cross The adoption of the Roman gibbet as symbol of Christianity has resulted in a large contribution to the Europ vocabulary Lat *crux*, *cruc-*, gave F *croix*, Sp *cruz*, It *croce*, Ger *kreuz*, and late AS *crūc*, replacing earlier *iōd* (*rood*) From AS

cruc comes ME *cruche* *crouche* (whence *Crutched Friar* & *Crouch End* etc.) gradually & dispersed by northern *cross* late 15th cen. (in north country place names) from ON *kross*. In southern ME *crus* from OE is the usual form. *Crossbow* contrasted with *low bow* is 15th cent. but the weapon (a *bale*?) is much older. As adj. applied to persons (from 17th cent.) *cross* is a fig. use of earlier sense of athwart opposed to cf. *cross* as *two str.* *Cross* *for* *h* preserves archaic *for* *h* fool child. *Cross* *grain* was first used of obstinate timber and quot. below is much earlier than NED. With *on the cross* (slang) i.e. not fraught of *quer* 16th century. *cross* is sometimes aphet. for *across* e.g. in *cross-country* with which cf. *long* *sleeve*.

H. S. Maye. ty [James I.] protested very earnestly that
cross was in w. in the me. and t. in the timber
(Phon. & Pict. Song)

cross See *lacrosse*

crotalus Rattle snake. From G. *crotalus* rattle

crotch [dist. & US]. Fork in various senses. *F crotch* term of *crook* hook VL. **croceus* (see *croak*) but in some senses for *crutch* (q.v.)

crotchet [m. is]. F. *crochet* little hook (v. s.). It is doubtful in spite of Cotg. (v. i.) whether *crotchet* when (16th cent.) arises from the mus. sense it seems rather to contain the idea of kink twist *crank*.

croch A q. v. r. la musick whence it is *des crochues en la ste* (we sa.) bi. head is f. li of *croch* hes (Lottg.)

crotan G. *κροταν* a tick, dig. i. use and hence the castor-oil plant named from the shape of its seed.

crouch Late ME. perh. suggested by combination of *crook* *cringe* and *couch*. Cf. *lion couchant* and *crocheking lion*. OF *crochier* is en by some is a very rare word and would hardly give *crone* *h*.

Issachar i. strong as couch g. down bet. ven. two burd. (Cf. Al. 14)

croup Of a horse. F. *croupe* of Teut. origin and ident. with *crop* (q.v.) in sense of rounded protuberance. Cf. ON *krapp* hump protuberance. Norw. Dan. *kröp* body trunk. See *crupper* *girth*.

croup Disease. Sc. on verb to croak hoarsely limit.

croupier F. orig. one who rides behind *en*

croupe hence one acting as second to gamester etc. See *croup*.

Le ca al. *crouy* et se la -sa tomber à terre
(Scarron)

crow Bird. AS *cræw* imit. of cry. AS *cræwan* to crow. Cf. Du. *kraai* *krazen*. Ger. *krahen* etc. So also L. *cornu* *corvus* from imit. *cor*! To *have a crow* to *give* *h* (15th cent. *pu* *h*) as *h* suggest animals strutting over prey and has numerous parallels in other lang.

So long mot. v. live d. lie pro d.
Tl. *crowes* foot be growe u. d. you ve
(Ch. or T. ed. 40)

crow Teut. *crowbar*. Now usu. *crow-bar*. Although early associated with *cruc* and fig. use of L. *corvus* this is a separate word. The oldest examples are always *crowes* (*crowes*) of iron representing swan OF *crocs* (pl. of *croce* hook *crook*) *de* *j*. In early use we find in same sense *crone* *crone* both ult. from Du. *kr* *n* bent.

crow M. ventery *e* *p* in *er* and *er* u. Cf. obs. Du. *kroos* gables. Ger. *gek* *die* cogn. with *h* as curl from appearance. See *l*.

crowd Multitude. Fir. *taa* verb noun only from 16th cent. replacing earlier *pre* *s*. AS *crulan* to press *pu* *h* (f. to *crowd* a *h*). US *crowd* to hustle bully (*Be* *er* *Ribb* *h*). 1 *pu* *b* from cogn. LC or Du. form. For use-development cf. *pre* *s* *th* *om* and *F* *four* *e* *crowd* from *for* *e* to trample *pre* *s*. See *crowd*.

One crowded he glorious! f.
Is worth a sea with a name
(quoted by Scott *Old Mortality* b. iv. from
T. O. Moorland)

crowd *la* *chaic* & *dist.* *j*. Fiddl. (*Jean* *h* *or* *ch* *vi*.) Welsh *crwth* See *crwth*. Hence surname *Crowder* *Cron* *her*.

H. h. rd. *mp* *h* *oye* *d* *ro* *s*
(W. L. 1. 25)

etown AF *coronne* OF *crone* (*couronne*). L. *corona* from G. *κορυμβος* curved. In most Europ. langs. but rendered in AS by *crone helm* royal helmet, the (royal) crown being orig. Oriental. The *corona* of the head was orig. like F. *couronne* applied to the tunsure with *th* *cr* *un* of the *cavewen* i.e. the highest and central part of the roof of F. *le haut du par* *l* *il* *ex* *pres* *us* *go* *ng* *back* to a time when there were no side-walks and the weakest went to the wall. The first F. *cr* *un* *pie* *es* were coined (15th c.) by Henry VIII the name having been used earlier for various

Γ coins marked with the crown *Crown octavo* had a crown as watermark, cf *foolscap*, *crown Derby* *Crowning mercy* was used by Cromwell in his dispatch after Worcester (1651)

The crowning mercy of Ypres in 1914
(*Daily Tel* Oct 31, 1917)

crown See *coroner*

croydon Gig From *Croydon* (Surr.), cf *berlin*, *landau*

crozier See *crozier*

crucial Explained by Bacon as from L *crux*, cross, in sense of finger-post at cross-roads, where decision has to be made as to course, "parting of the ways" In mod use associated with *crux*, difficulty, from scholastic L *crux* (martyrdom, torture) *interpretum*.

crucible MedL *crucibulum*, as though from *crux*, cross, with suffix as in *tribulum*, censer, cf OF *croscul* *croiset*, *creuscul*, crucible (now *creusel*) But the first element is prob MHG *krüse*, earthen pot (see *cruse*)

creusel a crucible, *cruset*, or *cruet*, a little earthen pot, wherein goldsmiths melt their silver, etc
(*Cotg*).

cruciferous [*bot*] Plant with flower having four petals arranged cross-wise See *cross*, *-ferous*

crucifix Orig the Crucified One F, L *crucifixus*, fixed to the cross *Crucify*, F *crucifier*, is Late L **crucificare* for *cruci* *figere*

He that swears by the Cross swears by the Holy Crucifix, that is, Jesus crucified thereon

(Jeremy Taylor)

crude L *crudus*, raw, cogn with *crur*, blood

cruel F, L *crudelis*, from *crudus* (v s)

cruet In E first of vessel used in Eucharist AF dim of OF *crue*, pot, OLG *krūga*, *krūca* (cf Ger *krug*, L *croch*), whence also F *cruche*, pitcher

Waschings of cuppis and cruetis [*Tynd* *cruses*]
(*Wyc* *Mark*, vi 4)

cruse Spelt (17 cent.) after Du *kruisen*, from *krus*, cross (cf Ger *kreuzen* from *kreuz*), but prob from Sp Port *crizar*, to cruse, or F *croisière*, a cruse. In any case ult from L *crux*, cross, with ref to varying direction

crumb AS *cruma*, cf Dn *kruim*, Ger *krumme* (from LG), cogn with Ger *krauen*, to scratch Hence *crumble*

crump A hard hit, from verb *crump*, orig. of "crunching" food Much used of shells at the front

Until he's got a crump on his coker-nut, the old Turk doesn't know when he's beat (T Atkins)

crumpet App ME. *crorpid*, p p of *crump*, to bend, curl up, from archaic adj. *crump*, crooked (still as surname), AS *crump*, cogn with *cramp*, *crimp*, cf Ger. *krum*, OHG *krumf* Gael Ir *crom*, bent, crooked, whence *Crummie*, "cov with crumpled horn," is prob cogn For final -t cf *fourcet-box*, *stickit minister*.

A crusted cake sprevnde with oyle, a crompid cake [*Ulf* *larenum*, *Al* *wafer*] (*Wyc* *Tr* xxiv 23)

crumple From obs *crump* (v s) *Crumpled roseleaf* goes back to the Sybarite mentioned by Seneca (*De Ira*, ii 25) who felt ill "quod folis rosae duplicatis incubisset"

crunch Mod var. of *crunch* (q v), perh. influenced by *crump*

crupper Orig tail-strap F *croupiere*, see *croup* For transference to part of body cf *saddle* (of mutton).

crural [*anat*] L *cruralis*, from *crus*, *crur*, leg

crusade Earlier *croisad*, *croisado*, *crusada*, etc; cf Γ *croisade*, replacing (after Sp *crusada*) OF *croisée*, p p fem of *croiser*, to take the cross A 16 cent word in E, superseding earlier *croiserie*, *croisee*, from OF

The Americans are the greatest crusaders there ever was—for a short distance (*Dooley*, 1919)

crusado Coin Port *crusado*, marked with cross, cf Ger *kreutzer*

cruse [*archaic*] Cf Du *kroes*, Ger. *krause*, ON *krūs* Ult source unknown, but app Teut and cogn with *croch*. Cf *crucible*

kroes a cup to drink out *snelt kroes* a crucible (*Sewel*)

crush OF *croissir*, *crussir*, cf It *crosciare*, Sp *crujir*; of Teut origin, cf Goth *krustan*, to gnash the teeth (*Mark*, ix 18) In E orig, as in OF., of clash of weapons, its earlier senses now being taken by *crash* In current sense since Shaks With archaic to *crush a pot* (*cup*) (*Rom* & *Jul* i 2) cf to *crack a bottle* (see 2 *Hen* IV, v 3)

crust OF *crouste* (*croûte*), L *crusta*, or, in some senses, immediately from L Cf *crustacean*, hard-shelled *Crusty* ill-tempered, ? hard and cornery like crust, has perh been associated with *curs*, peevish, shrewish, used repeatedly of Katherine in the *Taming of the Shrew*

Thou crusty batch of nature (*Troil* & *Cress* v 1)

crutch AS *crycc*, cf. Du *krub*, Ger *krücke*, cogn with *crook*, orig sense being staff

with bent handle AS *cruc* is also used for crosser Some connect it is group with L *crux crux* cross staff with cross piece
Crutched Friars Order of friars carrying or wearing a cross ME *crouch* (see *cross*) They appeared in E in 1244 and were suppressed in 1656 Hence street in London of *Blackfriars Whitefriars Austin Friars*

Patres dicti cruciferi d ti si qui cru es in bacul s effert bant (Matt P n 1239)

crux L cross See *cruciat*

cry F *crier* ? VL *crisus* L *qu ista e* to summon to one's help the *Quirites* citizens cf *it gridare* Sp *grita* A rival and more likely etym is from Goth **kreitan* to cry out shriek corresponding to MHG *kri en* Ger *kreischen* Also it is prob that *quiritare* is of Latin origin and only connected by folk etym with *Quirites* Since 16 cent has replaced *weep* in colloq E *Much cry and little wool* is from the proverbial uselessness of shearing hogs (see *wool*) A *crying injustice* (wrong etc) is one that cries to heaven for vengeance (Gen iv 10) The *crier* became the rival of the beadle c 1300
 Does e er any man cry stinking fish to be sold? (Jer Tayl)

cry From C *pius* frost

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cteno From C *κτ* s *en* comb

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cubby house From archaic and dial *cub* *crib* partition etc with various LG cognates Cf Ger *koben* from MHG *kobest* cage cogn with *cote* (qv) *Cobhouse* occurs in VL (Clea 123 629)

cube F L C *κυβος* orig a die for play Hence *cubist* (neol) eccentric artist

cubed Berry F *cubèle* MedL *culeba* (as in lt & Sp) Arab *hababāh*

cubicle L *cubiculum* from *cutare* to lie A ME word revived in 19 cent

cubit L *cubitus* arm from elbow to finger tips from *cuba e* to recline Cf *ell foot* etc

cucking-stool [hist] Instrument for punishing scolds etc Fr *moba* verb *cich* ster corare O'N *kuka* From its orig form

That th be cockestow! nad to punysche sk ilers d ch dters (Coe 170 Led B k 143)

cuckold [archaic] ME *cukeweld* *cokewall* etc OE *cucualt* *coucuol* formed with suffix *alt* Ger *uahl* from *courou* cuckoo from some belief as to the habits of the l en bird cf F *cocu*

Who hath no wyf b s no c k ld (Ch v A 314)

cuckoo F *coucou* imit of cry Cf L *cuculus* G *ku* Ger *kuckuck* etc The AS name was *gāac* cogn with Ger *guck* now meaning fool gawk

cucumber OF *cocombe* (*concois bre*) L *cucumis* etc mer Spelt and pronounced *coucumber* in 17-18 cents as by the author's grandfather (?1876) a country schoolmaster Cf *sparrowgrass*

cud AS *cwulu* cf *li* cogn with OHG *chut* *quiti* glutinous substance (k t plaster glue) Cf *quiti* For fig sense cf *riminale*

cudbear Dye from lichen Coined from its own name by patentee Cuthbert Gordon (18 cent)

cuddle Of late appearance (18 cent) App a mod variation (after *mull* *middle* *mell* *meddle* etc) on archaic *cull* *coll* to embrace OF *acoler* from *col* neck

cuddy [hist] Du *huyt* earl er *huyt* F *chuide* little hut perh from *huite* hut influence l by *cabane* cabin In Pepys (May 14 1660)

k t k yt cuble n l n b l m n v chi G l eah te as (K1)

cuddy [dial] Donkey From name *Cuthbert* (cf *Cuddy Herdri g* in *Old Mortality*) cf *dicky* *nedly* in same sense

cudgel AS *cyc el* Earliest sen e perh Jart (cf *OF bo jo g* root *matelas* all of which m an heavy headed dart and also club) cogn with Ger *kegel* ball *kerl* cudgel Currency of to *cudgel one's brains* (cf F *se rompre la tête* Ger *nich d n kopf zerbrechen*) is revived from Shaks (*Hamlet* v 1) I m dy t t k up th cudg l l his d fence (T Brown 7)

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cunnen to know AS *cinnan* Later ex-
tended to south For de^ceneration of
knowing crafty etc See *can*¹ *con*¹

Th song of 15 ye Beith myt kunnyng (14
sci ns) to harpe (W3 1 S M xvi 1)

cup AS *cippe* Late L. *cuppa* for *cupa* (see
coop) cf F *coupe* Sp Port *copa* Du *kop*
OHG *kopf* beaker (now head) etc With
in *one s cups* cf obs in *one s pots* (Purch.)
A *cupboa* d was crig a table side board

Th cup that ch er lut not ebi te
(Cowpe Task iv 39)

A upboard lov i sellom true (Poev Robt 1737)

cupel Vessel ued in assaying F *coupelle*
dim of *coupe* cup goblet

cupid L. *cupido* from *cipere* to desire Cf
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dith)

cupola It from L. *cupa* cask tun (see
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copper (q v)

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Sw or Norw dial verb *kurre kurre* from
OV *kurra* to grumble This seems con-
firmed by the same word having been
applied to the gurnard (q v) and also to
a knl of duck with creaking cry

crcw a fi b called a goun rd o cur (Flor)

curaçao From name of island off Venezuela
whence also *cra* ou knl of turkey
Commonly mis pult (cf *cocoa*)

curare In lian arro v poison from Guiana
Carib *ourari ourai* etc the c being an
attempt at a native init click Cf
ourari Laurence Keymis (1596) gives
ouari as one of the poisoned herbs
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Maso h wed som of th rari o lian
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curate MedL *curator* entrusted with a cure
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cure cure (of soul) ModE sense (about
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that of priest put in charge during absence
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curb F *courber* to bend VL *curb* cf *curb* for
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to press (see *crowd*) f relation of L
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Olde t E sense of spiritual care as in
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Wyc though 41 prefers *heal* de elips
from gen ense of *caru* for seeing to (cf
to *cure* bacon) *Curator* is in Lydgate

cure [slan] Short for *curio* or *curio* t
curé F see *cura* e

curlew VT *coure fu* *cu re fu* over (imper)
fire. See *cozer* and *focus* In gen u e in
Med Europe not introduced by the Con-
queror

curia Court esp Papal hence *curial* m
L division of orig Roman tribe hence
senate enate house

curio Abbrev (19 cent) of *curiosity*

curious F *curieux* L. *curiosus* inquit e
caring for from *cura* care The later b
jective sense exciting attention has many
parallels in the hist of adjectives e g
naucous was earlier used in sense of
aqueous h For an opposite example see
fastidious

curl First as adj ME *crul* cogn with Du
kri Ger *krol* e curl (from LG) Fo
metath of *curl* *crs* The game of
curling is so called from the curving path
of the stones like that of a bowl Cf Flem
krullede bowl

W th kkk-crulle they we 1 yd in p esse
(Cha A 8)

curlew F *co lieu courlis* with many dial
vars App limit of cry (cf *peewit*)

curmudgeon An avacious churlish f blow
a miser a niggard (Johns) Origin un-
known Johns gave from an unkn wn
correspondent as suggested etym F
cœur méchant which led Ash in his *D et*
(1775) to g e the derivation from F *cœur*
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It may be noted however that the polling
curm pient is found (1626) and that *Cu-*
mec in occurring as a med eval nickname
or surname (famsey *Cartul* 15) is not im-
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cushy [neol] Associated with *cushion* but said to be Hind (from Pers *khush* pleasure The n king of cushy jobs in these days fl bo r f m n an e id at evl (Daily E pr 1 b 2 1 7)

cusp I *cuspis* point

cuspidor [US] Spittoon Port from *cu* p r to spit L *conspuere*

cuss Colloq US for *curse* (cf *bust* for *bustle*) Hence *cussedn ss* But a *rum cuss* is prob rather for *customer* cf hist of *chap* o Sc *callant* from F *chaland* customer

I do o breed th i coarse sem rks, b t with their pla f leu se Thy fright from our h althful pa k th children w th their n ses (Pw ch)

custard Altered from ME *crustade* a pie with a crust cf It *crosta* a kind of dainty pie chewed or such paste m ate (Thor) The recipes in a 15 cent cookery book for *cushard* and *crustade* are id nt

custody L *custodia* from *eustos* *custos* keeper

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cus as *rotulorum* [hist] L keeper of the rolls

cut Replaces in many senses from c 1300 AS *ceorfan* smihan *scieran* Orm ob cure Some connect it with F *coileau* knife (see *ci as*) It has perh been affected by F *decouper* VL *ex-curtare* from *curtus* short *Cutty* (fip sark) corresponds exactly to F *decouper* see also *cut t r l* (v *curta* f) To draw *cuts* i e lots is very

suggestive of F *cuier à la courte paille* A *cut above* is perh from *cut* style fashion To *cut and run* i e to cut the cable and sail away and to *cut out* are both orig naut To have *one's work cut out* perh refers to a difficult piece of tailoring To *cut up well* i e leave money, likens the defunct to a joint and to *cut i p rough* etc is a variation on the same idea To *cut on s st* is to prepare for a journey by providing oneself with a staff *Cut and drier* was orig used of herbs ready for use

III t sun son d la e escurté (A lo-v m L f Becket i nt)

Anon to d w every wight t gan A d slort) f r t t l l t a W rest by e tu or sort s The mothe i th th ut f e th h t st w j fl to th k yght (Ch A 81)

count f e i t w) d awing of ts (C g) Upon d s ch oc a th hast n d v ses re dy e t d dry d f w th purpose (T B own 700)

cutaneous From MedL *cutaneus* from *cutis* skin

cutcha [Anglo Ind] Mud brick Hind *kachchā* raw crude etc Often contrasted with *pucha* (1 v)

The only object n th t co ld b ad (t th house) was its being ut ha th t b flt w th m d t te d of m riar (ll key M m 134)

cutcherry [An lo Ind] Office administration Hind *kachahri* audience room

The prod g usl bours f e tch rry (F w) F ch l)

cute Aphet for *acute* In Bailey (1 31)

Cuthbert Used of late (early 1917) of knout supposed to be escaping mil service by holding gov nment employ Perh s ggested by mus c hall ong on Cuthbert Clarence and Claude

From Whit hall we c uld also reg m ts of C th b rts (E New Apr 5 19)

Cuthbert duck From St Cuthbert apostle of Northumbria because it breeds on the Farne Islands (see also *Mar* on 116)

cuticle L *cuticula* dim of *cutis* skin
cutlas F *coullas* augment of OF *couel* (*couleau*) L *cutellus* is dim of *cutter* plough share Often corrupted into *cutial-axe* *ci thash* etc Cf It *coltellaccio* a cuttelax or chopping knife (Flor)

cutter I *coutier* from OF *couel* (v s)
cutlet I *cletlette* double dim of *cu le rib* L *costa* No connection with *cut*

Both the gooseberry and garden currant are called *groseille* in F

Pro viij lb racemorum de Coraunt

(*Earl of Derby's Expend* 1390-93)

groiselles gooseberries, thorne berries, fea-berries,
groiselles noires blacke gooseberries, blacke ribes,
an ill-tasting kinde of the beyond-sea gooseberrie,
groiselles rouges red gooseberries, beyond-sea
gooseberries, garden currans, bastard currans (Cotg)

currency Former name for Austral born, from fig comparison between colonial and imperial (sterling) currency

You're a regular currency lass always thinking about horses (Rolf Boldrewood)

current From pres part of L *currere*, to run, replacing ME *corant*, *couraint*, from OF With *current coin* cf F *argent de cours*

curricule [archaic] L *curriculum*, race-course, racing chariot, dim of *currus* Cf *curriculum*, academic "course"

curry¹ To dress (a horse or leather) OF *correer* (*corroyer*, *courroyer*), to prepare, VL **con-red-are*, from Teut root of *ready* (q v), see *array*, and cf It *corredare*, to fit out ModF *courroyer* is partly due to association with *courroie*, strap, L *corrigia* For limitation of sense cf Ger *gerben*, to tan, lit to make ready, from *gar*, cogn with Shaks *yare* (*Temp* 1 1) To *curry favour* is folk-etym for ME *curry favel* (c 1400), from *Favel*, OF *Fauvel*, the name of a fawn coloured horse (see *fallow*) used as type of hypocrisy in a 14 cent F allegory The name is explained for edification as an acrostic from the vices *Flatterie*, *Avanice*, *Vilenie*, *Variété*, *Enue*, *Lâcheté* Hence we have to *curry acquaintance* (*pardon*, etc)

curryfaveil, a *flatterar* *estrille fauveau* (Palsg)

curry² Dish Earlier (16-17 cents) *canriel*, *carree* (cf F *can*, Port *canil*) Tamil *kari*, Canarese *kari*, sauce, relish

curse First as noun, late AS *curs*, of unknown origin I suggest that it may be F *courroux*, or rather OF *coroz* (10 cent), Norman *cuuz* (*Laws of William, the Conqueror*) The first example of *curse* is Goodes *curs* (11 cent) which may very well mean big wrath With the verb, late AS *curasian*, cf OF *corocier* (*courroucer*), *coracier*, *curcier*, the last form being esp AF, VL **corruptare*, with forms in other Rom langs Not to *curse* a *curse* is prob ME *kers*, cress (*Piers Plowm*), though there is a gap between that and mod use (see note on *damn*) The *curse of Scotland*, 1 c nine of

diamonds (recorded from 1710), is prob from its resemblance to the arms (nine lozenges on a saltire) of Dalrymple, Lord Stair, instigator of the Massacre of Glencoe (1692) and of the Parliamentary union (1707)

Wisdom and witte now is nought worth a carse [*var kerse*] (*Piers Plowm* B x 17)

cursitor [hist] AF *counsetour*, MedL *cursitor*, clerk of Court of Chancery who made out writs *de cursu*, of common routine Hence *Cursitor Street*, Chancery Lane (where Mr Snagsby lived)

cursive MedL *cursivus*, running, from L *cursus*, from *currere*, *curs-*, to run Cf *cursory*, L *cursorius*, from *cursor*, runner.

curt L *curtus*, short, cogn with G *καρτός*, from *καίρειν*, to cut A mod word (17 cent), but appearing much earlier in derived *knit* (q v)

curtail Mentally associated with *tail*, or with F *tailler*, to cut, but evolved as verb from earlier *curtal*, horse with docked tail (or ears), OF *courtald* (*courtaud*), from *court*, short, L *curtus*, and suffix *-ald*, Ger *-wald*, cf It *cortaldo* *Cut-tail*, as in *long and cut-tail*, is prob the same word

cortault a curtail, a horse (Palsg)

cortaldo a curtail, a horse without a tale (Flor)

curtain ME *curtine*, F *courtine*, Late L *curtina* (*Vulg* *Lx xavi* 1), perh a transl of G *αἰλιά*, curtain, αἰλή, hall, court, being regarded as equivalent to *coliors* (see *court*) *Curtain lecture*, "a reproof given by a wife to her husband in bed" (Johns), is recorded for 17 cent *Curtain fire* is now replaced by *barriage* (q v) *Curtain-raiser* (theat) is after F *lever de rideau*

curtal-axe, **curtle-** [hist] Corrupt. (16 cent to Scott) of *cullas* (q v) Cf *pickaxe*

curtana [hist] Pointless "sword of mercy" borne before E monarchs at coronation Cf OF *cortain*, the sword of Ogier le Danois ? From L *curtus*, short

curtilage [leg] Court-yard, etc OF *curtilage*, from *cortil*, court, enclosure, from *cort* (*court*), court Cf *village* from *vill*

curtle-axe See **curtal-**

curtsy Var of *courtesy* Cf. fig use of *reverence*, *obedience*

curule chair Of highest Roman magistrates L *cu(r)ulis*, supposed to come from *currus*, chariot

curve L *curvare* A late substitution for ME *curb* (q v) As noun it is for *curve line*, cf F *ligne courbe*

D For 500 in Roman numerals is an approximate imitation of half the peculiarly shaped Roman CIO i e M (for mille thousand)

dab¹ Verb Perh imit of a short quick blow its MI¹ sense and influenced later by *F dauber* (see *dawl*) as in *gattle and dab* Hence prob *dab* small flat fish likened to a *dab* (of wax paint etc) as *pat* (of butter) from verb to *pat*

dab² Adept Also *dabder* (from c 1700) Slang Origin obscure ? Corrupt of *ad pt* *d b* xpert exqust laingn y (D d C s i C ne)

dabble Obs Du *dabbelen* frequent of earlier *dabben* First in Tusser (16 cent.) Perh related to *dab*¹

dabben dabbe le pul er mis elut m versarema i b s a t ped bus (KI)

dabchick Farlier also *dap* *d p* *dob* related to *dip* and *dive* Cf syn n *didopper* (q v)

daboya Viper Hind *d boyi* from *dabnā* to lurk

dabster See *dab*¹

da capo [n u] It from beginning (head)

dice In MI¹ also *dirse* OF *dir* nom of *d's* dart dice The fish is supposed to be named from its darting motion but the name is prob of Gaulish origin and unconnected with *dart* For loss of *r* cf *bass*¹

da d a fa t a ja li g a gle also *d e* or *i ce f h* (Coig)

dachshund Ger badger hound *Dachs* is OHG *daks* whence Late L *taxu taxo* Γ dial *taxon* badger and It name *Tasso*

dacot Hind *dakot dakhlat* robber belonging to armed band

dactyl [metr] L G *dactylos* finger (= u u)

dad daddy From infantile speech cf *ma ma ba v* etc Corresponding forms in most langs e.g. Sanskrit *isha* Recorded c 1500 but prob preh time

dado It L *datum* (see *due*²) Orig the die shaped part of pedestal then part of wall representing continuous pedestal Hence *dado* round the *din* room knitted all domnal belt (T Atkin 1914)

daedal Maze-like etc From C name *Da dalos* the cunning one constructor of the Cretan labyrinth

daemoniac See *demon*

daff Occasional var of *d ff* (q v)

daffodil For earl *affodil* I *asphodel* (see *asphodel*) For d prob playful elabora

tion of *dapple grey* *Daffadown lily* i in Spenser

asphodil the daffadill affodill or a phodil flow (Coig)

Daffy s elix [a *chaic*¹] Invented by Thom¹ *Daffy* a Leicestershire clergyman (1, cent) **daff** AS *geðæft* gentle meek cogn with *gedafenim* to be fitting becoming wlen e the sense preserved in *deft* (q v) cf Goth *gadiban* to be fitting For degeneration of *daff* cf *silly* (q v)

dag [hist] Short hand gun Prob Γ *da w* *da her* (q v) Cf Γ *ps i let* which formerly meant dagger as w ll as pistol while according to Howell (v i) both *dag* and *dag er* were used indifferently in the two senses

a d g (Γ) p i tol t (It) p i t d g o (p) p tol p tol t d g

a great boy cma s d gger or p scil (F) pnt i (It) p i t (Sp) p i t (Howell Lc T d g l e 16c)

This shall pro h th rthw rth m n of ried H nry taking d lb t m thum w th b d g (Ainsworth H adoor Castle)

dag [cen] Pointed horn of young stag I *dague* a bigger also the herd of the young deer called a spitter or pricket (Coig)

dagger Cf Γ *d i ue* It Sp *d a r* Ger *deg n sword* (from Γ) MedL *aris* occurs c 1200 (Orig unkno n Parle t record (12 cent) i Γ With *at dagg r* *draun* earlier also *at dagger d r r ne* (Pepys Dec 3 1653) cf Γ *t cothau tirs* With to look *dure* cf Shak t *speak d r s* (Hart vi 2) Ik th al v phrases only became common in 19 cent

daggle Frequent of *d al da* in same sense cf noun *da tag* clotted lock of wool etc Associated in meaning with *dabble d uet* and also with dial *d g stew O d i* *I dagg l or I dagg a th c a m or secret* (I b i)

dago [US] Orig Spaniard now also Italian and Portuguese Sp *Dio* o a form of James taken as typical name (I i) *Bull Fight* This was anti spated und the Stuarts (v i)

Th D g (th Spaniard was *dappe f ll w* *idokker* 6 i)

dagoba Bu l d h t brine for relcs f e nt S nghr see *d i kaba* Sanskrit *dāy u* h rel c receptacle

Dagon Fish tail of dity of Phil times (Judges xxi 23) Heb *dagon* dim of *dag* fish

cutter Vessel > From *cut*, cf *clipper*. Some identify it with *catur*, a vessel used on Malabar coast, perh from Sanskrit *chaturra*, swift. The *NED* rejects this too readily. *Catur* was adopted by Port., and is used in E (1643) a century before the first record of *cutter* (1745). There are other examples of Eastern boat-names adopted by the navy (see *dinghy*, *launch*), and we have always been easily familiarized with such exotic words (*junk*, *sampan*, *catamaran*, *kayak*, etc.), and have been expert in corrupting them (*jolly-boat*, *barquentine*).

catur (an Indian word), a sort of small man-of-war (Vieira).

cuttle-fish AS *cudele*, glossed as *wasescile*, ooze shooter. Found also in OLow Frankish c 1100. Cogn with *cod*¹, with allusion to the bag that contains the black fluid. The explanatory *-fish* is added from 16 cent.

cutty See *cut*.

cwt For hybrid *centum weight*, for *hundred-weight*. Cf *dwt*.

cyanide [chem.] From G *κύανος*, dark blue.

cycad Palm. ModL *cycas*, *cycad-*, from supposed G *κύκας*, scribal error for *κόικας*, acc pl of *κοῖξ*, the Egypt doum-palm.

cyclamen From G *κυκλάμινος*, perh from *κύκλος*, circle, in allusion to round roots.

cycle G *κύκλος*, circle. Orig astron in E. For *bicycle* since c 1870. Cf *Cyclades*, islands lying in a circle round Delos.

cyclo- See *cycle*.

cyclone Irreg (19 cent) from G *κύκλος*, circle.

cyclopaedia For earlier *encyclopaedia* (q v).

Cyclops L, G *Κύκλωψ*, from *κύκλος*, circle, *ὤψ*, eye.

cyder See *cider*.

cygnet Dim from F *cygne*, swan, L *cygnus*, earlier *cicernus*, G *κύκνος*, cogn with L *cicoria*, stork.

cylinder From L, G *κύλινδρος*, roller, from *κυλίσσω*, to roll.

When it suits the purpose of the military chieftains they (German statesmen) are allowed to let those peace cylinders, to poison the atmosphere.
(D. Lloyd George May 24, 1918).

cyma [arch.] Moulding. G *κύμα*, anything swollen or waved.

cymar [hist.] F *sumarre*, earlier *cumarre*, It *cimarra*. Cf *chimer*.

The parph. rols, the cymar, the coronet.
(Encyclopaedia).

cymbal L, G *κύμβαλον*, from *κύμβη*, hollow of a shell, v hence L *cymba*, boat. See *clume*.

cyme [bot.] F *cime*, summit. As *cyma* (q v).

Cymric From Welsh *Cymru*, Wales (see *Cambria*).

cynanche [med.] See *quinsy*.

cynic G *κυνικός*, dog-like, from *κύων*, *κυν-*, dog. Cf *hunks*. "In the appellation of the Cynic philosophers there was prob an original reference to the *κυνόσαργες*, a gymnasium where Antisthenes taught" (*NED*.) Cf hist of *stoic*.

cynocephalus Dog-headed baboon. From G *κεφαλή*, head (v s).

cynosure F, L, G *κυνόσουρα*, dog's tail (*οὐρά*). Constellation of Ursa Minor, in tail of which is pole star. Esp in *cynosure of neighbouring eyes* (*Allegio*, 77).

cypher See *cipher*.

cypres [leg.] Law F, for *si près*, as nearly as possible.

cypress¹ Tree. Restored spelling of ME & OF *cipres* (*cyprès*), Late L *cypressus* for *cipressus*, G *κυπάρισσος*.

cypress² [archaic] Fabric. Esp in *cypress-lawn* (*Penseroso*, 35). Used in ME of various fabrics from *Cyprus*. Earlier *cypre*, from OF.

Cyprian -Of *Cyprus*, hence, licentious. Cf *Corinthian*.

Cyrenaic Of *Cyrene*, G *Κυρήνη*, G colony in Afr. Esp in ref to hedonistic philosophy of Aristippus of Cyrene (5 cent B.C.).

Cyrillic Alphabet used by Slav nations of Greek church. Attributed to *St Cyril*, apostle of Slavs (9 cent).

cyst From G *κύστις*, bladder.

Cytherean Of Aphrodite, or Venus, from her favourite isle of *Κίθηρα*, now *Cerigo*.

cytus Shrub. G *κύτιος*. Cf F *cytis*.

czar, **tzar**, **tsar** [hist.] Russ *tsar*, OSlav *česare*, L *Caesar*, adopted in various forms by Slav langs. The spelling *czar* is due to an early Ger form, our knowledge of Russ matters having as a rule passed through Germany. The title was used in Russia in 15 cent, but not formally adopted by the Emperor till 1517 (Ivan IV). Cf *kaiser*, *Czarina*, F *tsarine*, *czarine* and corresponding It Sp Port. forms in *-za*, all represent Ger *zarim*, with the Ger fem suffix *-in* (see *duch*). The correct Russ word is *czaritsa*, *tsaritsa*, *Czarevitch*, *czarevna*, son, daughter, of *czar*, had ceased to be offic titles before the Revolution of 1917. See also *czarevitch*.

Czech. Native and lang (Slav) of Bohemia. Also *Tschetch*, cf. F. *Tchèque*, Boh. *Čech*, Pol. *Czech*.

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proximate imitation of half the peculiarly
shaped I eman CIO is *5* (for mile thou-
sand)

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by *F* *dawber* (see *dab*) as in *was le and d*
Hence prol *dib* small flat fi h likened to
a *dab* (of wax paint etc.) as *pat* (of butter)
from verb to *pat*

dab² Adept Also *dabster* (from *c* 1,00)
Slang Origin obscure ² Corrupt *l* *adept*
dab expert, *exquisit* in *rogue* ry (*D* *d* *Cant* *C* *su*)

dabble Obs Du *dabbel* *n* frequent of earlier
dabben First in Tusser (16 cent) Perh
related to *dab¹*

*dabben dabben pulverem sive latum versar mani-
b* a *t* *p* *e* *b* a (*KR*)

dabchick Earl cr also *dap* *dis* *dob* related
to *tip* and *due* Cf synonym *del* *pfer* (*q* *v*)

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to lurk

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Γ dial *tusson* badger and It name
Tasso

daco¹ Hind *daka¹* *dakāyat* robber be-
longing to armed band

dactyl [*metr*] L G *dactyl* *los* finger (- *u* *u*)

dad daddy From infantile speech cf
mummy *baby* etc Corresponding forms
in most langs e.g. Sanskrit *dati* Record *d*
c 1500 but prob prehistoric

dado It L *datum* (see *d*) Orig the die
haped part of pedestal then part of all
representing continuous pedestal Hence
dido round the dining room knitted ab-
dominal belt (T Atkins 1914)

daedal Maze like etc From G name *Da-*
dalos the cunning one con tractor of
the Cretan labyrinth

daemon *c* See *demon*

daff Occasional var of *doff* (*q* *v*)

daffodil For earlier aff *hi* Γ *asph* *dile* (see
asphodel) For *d* prob playful elabora-

tion cf *dapple grey* *Daffadownilly* 1 in
Spenser

a *pho* *le* the *d* *ba* *ll* *ba* *ll* *c* *aspho* *ll*
flow *r* (Cotg)

Daff's elixir [*archa c*] Invented by *Tho* *as*

Daff a Leicestershire clergyman (17 cent)

daff AS *gadda* gentle meek cogn with
gaddan to be fitting becoming whence
the sense preserved in *daff* (*q* *v*) cf Goth
gaddan to be fitting For *d* generation
of *daff* cf *sill* (*q* *v*)

dag¹ [*hist*] Short hand gun Prob *F* *dagu*
dag *er* (*q* *v*) Cf *T* *p* *stol* *t* which form
eriv meant dagger as *ell* as *pistol* while
according to Howell (*v* *1*) bot¹ *da* and
da ger were used indifferently in the 16
cent

dagge (Γ) *c* *tol* *t* (It) *put* *l* *d* *ga* (S) *l*
pistol *p* *tol* *t* *l* *ga*

a *gr* *thor* *oman* *dagger* *off* *i* *l* (F) *p* *tol* *t* (It)
p *tol* (Sp) *p* *l* (Ho) *ll* *Le* *fer* *pl* *600*

T *sahall* *r* *v* *wheth* *r* *thou* *r* *th* *m* *n* *er* *ol*
cried Henry *t* *li* *e* *debe* *te* *a* *m* *a* *t* *h* *m* *with* *h*
dag (Ainsworth *ll* *nd* or *Casle*)

dag [*ten*] Pointed horn of young sta *I*
dagne a dagger also the head of the
young deer called a spitter or pricket
(Cotg)

dagger Cf *F* *digue* It *Sj* *da* a *Ger*
de en sword (from *F*) MedL *dag* a *u*
occurs *c* 1200 Origin unknown Earliest
record (1 cent) is *Γ* *With* *at* *da* *ers*
draen earlier also at *dagge* *drau* *n*
(Epps Dec 3 1065) cf *Γ* *à* *rouza* *v*
tires *With* *to* *look* *da* *ers* cf Shaks *t*
speak *dagge* *s* (*ll* *11* *11* *2*) Both above
phrases only became common in 19 cent

daggle Frequent of *lal* *da* in same sense
cf noun *da* *tag* clotted lock of wool etc
Associated in meaning w *th* *dabble* *d* *u* *le*
an also w *th* dial *dag* *dew* ON *dōg*
I *dagge* *or* *I* *da* *s* *ath* *s* *with* *m* *er* ; *croty*
(*P* *l* *1*)

dago [*US*] Orig Spaniard now also Italian
and Portuese Sp *Diego* a form of
James taken as typical nam *for* *John*
B *ll* *Fr* *is*) *Th* *wa* *anti* *pated* *under*
the Stuarts (*v* *1*)

Th *Di* *go* [*th* *Span* *ard*] *w* *dappe* *f* *ll* *w*
(*D* *kk* *c* *1010*)

dagoba Buddhist shrine for relics of saint
Sinhalese *dāgā* *idā* Sanskrit *dāstu* *garth* *a*
relic receptacle

Dagon Fish tailed deity of Philistines
(Jud *es* *xvi* 23) Heb *d* *g* *m* *dim* *ol* *dae*
f *h*

dags, to do Schoolboy perversion of *dave*.

Cf *faç*, *fug*

daguerreotype Earliest photograph From *Daguerre*, F inventor (1839)

dahabeeyah Large sailing barge on Nile Arab *dhahabiyah*, the golden, from *dhahab*, gold, orig gilded barge of Moslem rulers

dahlia Discovered in Mexico by Humboldt and named (1791) in honour of *Dahl*, Sw botanist

Dail Eireann [*neol*] Gael Ir *dáil*, meeting, and genitive of *Eire*, Ireland (see *Eire*)

The Dail Eireann, or Irish Constituent Assembly, met in the Mansion House at Dublin

(*Daily Mail*, Jan 22, 1919)

daimio Obs title of great Jap noble Chin *dai*, great, *mio*, name

dainty First as noun, meaning honour, regard, etc OF *deintid*, L *dignitas*, -*tat*-, from *dignus*, worthy For development of adj from noun cf *choice*, and for wide range of senses cf *nice* Sense of pleasing, esp to the palate, appears early (Wyc, Chauc) Cf *deign*, *disdain*

dairy ME & AF *deierie*, *dayerie*, from ME *dev*, woman, servant, AS *dæge*, for which see *lady* Cf the similarly formed *pantry*, *laundry*, *buttery*, all of F origin The native compd was *dey-house*, still in dial use

Le chat lui mena en le deyerie (Bozon)

deyerie vaccaria (Prompt Parv)

dais F, L *discus*, disk, quoit, G *δίσκος*, in Late L table, cf *desk*, *dish*, *disk* Orig raised table, high table, as in OF In ModF canopy

daisy AS *dæges* *ēage*, day's eye, from its opening in the morning and also from its appearance *Daisy-cutter* (cricket), ball that keeps low, was earlier applied to a horse that kept its feet close to the ground in trotting

Men by resoun wel it calle may

The dayesie, or elles the ye of day

(Chauc *Leg Good Women*, 183)

dak, dawk Hind & Mahratti *dāk*, post, orig transport by relays of men and horses Hence *dak-bungalow*, rest house in India daker See *dicker*

Dalai Lama Mongolian *dalai*, ocean, to indicate the extent of power of the Grand Lama of Tibet See *lama*

dale AS *dæl* Com Teut, cf Du *dal*, Ger *tal* (see *thaler*), ON *dair*, Goth *dal* Prevalence in north is due to ON influence, more gen term being *dean*² (q v)

dallastype [*phot*] Invented (1875) by D C Dallas

dally OF *dailier*, *dallier*, to chaff, from OF *dail*, sickle, blade Orig in F to slash, then used of cut-and-thrust repartee, hence, in E, conversation, and finally, frivolous pre-occupation, etc OF *dail* is of unknown origin, cf Norw *dølge*, Sw dial *dälja*, LG *däljen*, to strike and hew, which may be of Teut rather than OF origin From F comes Ger *dahlen*, to trifle

Patrick de Graham, ke demourt et daille

Del espe furbie [slashes with his bright sword]

(I angloft)

Pur ceo nous aprent coment devons daler [behave, deal judiciously] od gentz q'i sont en power de baille ou de seignurie (Boron)

I ewd and schrewd dalyauns [i.e. conversation]

(Pastor Let 1 514)

dalmatian Dog from *Dalmatia* Hence also *dalmatic*, vestment, F *dalmatique* Cf *ciavat*

Dalmatica vestis primum in Dalmatia provincia Graeciae texta est, tunica sacerdotalis candida cum clavis ex purpura (Isidore)

Daltonism Colour-blindness John Dalton (†1844), famous F chemist, originator of atomic theory, was colour-blind Term is of F introduction, *dallouisme* (Prévost, professor at Geneva)

dam¹ Barrier Com Teut, cf Du *dam* (as in *Amsterdam*), MHG *tam* (*damm*), ON *dammr* Noun not recorded in AS, which has, however, *fordenman*, to obstruct, with which cf Goth *faurdamman*

dam² Mother Var of *dame* (q v), from which it is differentiated since 16 cent In lang of venery correlative to *sire* For application to birds see *Dert* xxii 6

Dam Fortone turns about ay hir whele

(Hampole, 14 cent)

damage OF (*dommage*), from OF *dam*, harm, L *damnum* Hence leg *damage* *feasant*, damage due to trespass of animals, AF *fesant*, OF *fesant* (*faisant*) *What's the damage?* is app a playful variation on earlier *what's the shot?*

damascene, -keen To ornament with incised patterns as famous armourers of *Damascus* Cf *bilbo*, *toledo*

damask From *Damascus*, through It *Damasco*, cf F. *damas*, damask, and the material called *damassé* Also *damask rose*, whence fig rosy, beautiful cheek (*As You Like It*, iii 5)

rose de Damas the damaske, or muske rose (Cotg)

dambrod **dambord** {Sc} Draught board
Du *dambord* or *Din dambret* the name
coming from F *jeu des dancés* as dis-
tinguished from *jeu des rois* (chess) See
dancé

dame F *la dame* cf It *donna* *la donna*
dancia (*luenza*) Orig used indifferently
with *dame* (qv) Gradually extended to
women of lower rank (*Dame's school*) but
still leg title for wife of knight or baronet
See *damsel* The weakening of vowel in L
is perh due to its unemphatic use as title
Cf *sir* (qv) *ma*

damm F *dammier* L *dampf* *nire* to con-
demn to a penalty Theol sense from
14 cent Coverd uses it four times in
Joshua vi 18 Pope's *damm* with *saint*
praise aimed at Addison is borrowed
from the prologue to Wycherley's *Plain*
Deal v As oath recorded from 17 cent
but the L in it h were known in earlier OF
as *golon* *goddams* (temp Joan of Arc)
from their habitual oath The *VED* re-
jects the suggestion that not to *er* a
damm is from It *d* *din* a small copper
coin I believe that at any rate the plu-
rality of the expression is of this origin
In all *lams* expressions of this kind are
from (i) small coins and sums (*luopence*
baiss *failling*) or (2) objects of no value
(*but-n* *st* *au*) Such expressions swarm
esp in OF I know no parallel to *damm* in
this sense for not to *care a dam* (*sec-*
urse) is really an argument in favour of
the small coin suggestion The popularity
in F of the *two-penny dam* in which the
coin association seems to survive was a
great Anglo-Indian the Duke of Wellin-
ton With euph *d—d* cf Du *verdy* for
verd *mal*

England poets th t *erv* tank will do it
dam edest

(Admiral of the Tank Fleet, Nov 6, 1917)

Damnonian Of Devonshire From L
Damnonia Roman name for county

Damocles sword of Imminent peril waiting
on apparent prosperity *Damocles* feasted
by Dionysius tyrant of Syracuse (4 cent
B.C.) and lenly noticed sword s pend by
horse hair above his head

Damon and **Pythias** Types of ardent friend-
ship cf *David* and *Jonathan* *Damon*
condemned to death by Dionysius (5 c)
left *Pythias* as surety while he returned
home to settle his affairs See Schiller's
ballad *die F* *e chaf*

damp Prob a LG word Quot below
referring to coal mine *damp* is some
centuries older than *VED* records Cf
Du *dampf* Ger *dampf* steam Norw *Din*
dampf (from LG) cogn with Ger *dampf*
close oppress v Cf verb to *damp* choke
sm ther Orig sense of exhalation va-
pour survives in miners *fre-d* *mp* *choke*
dampf Hence *darker* flour and water
cake of Austral bushmen (1827) To *p* *t*
a dämp *o* is from mus sense of muffle g
sound

Ventus qui occidit lo d mp

(*Boletum* *Stas* 3)

damsel MF & OL *dameisse* (*et* *noctel*)
VL *dama* *nice* *li* *fr* *m* *mus* (*ee* *ne*)
cf It *donna* *ella* Sp *doncella* Orig maiden
of gentle birth At haic *time* *el* *st* was
revived by romantic poets esp Scott Of
ha it also masc form *damsel* (*damsel* *au*)
young squire

damsion All *damsion* *dams* etc plum
cf *Damasus* See *dams* *h*

dams *e* *d* *seen* *rd* *men* plum (Colg)

dan *ar* *h* *c* Of *lord* L *dominus* masc
of *din* (qv) Hence MF *daun* common
in Cl arc who is also called *Dan Chaucer*
by Spenser Cf It *dano* Sp *don* For
vowel cf *dime*

dan (*an* *i*) Small b oy used by trawlers
? From name *Dan* *el*

Let go your warp *d* *p* *t* *d* *on* *th* *d* *it*
(*bk* *pp* *r* *T* *Crip* *RNR* *V* *C*)

Danaid G *A* *va* *e* daughters of *Danans*
king of Arg is condemned for the murder
of their husbands to attempt to fill sieves
with water Hence *Danaid an* (endless
hopeless) *ts* *h*

dance F *danser* cf It *danza* *are* Sp *danza*
Ger *tanz* *n* (from It) ? All from OHG
dansōn to draw along cogn with OHG
din *an* and Goth *at-skinsan* to draw to-
wards one (*John* vi 44) Hence app first
of cl *oric* or processional dancing but this
etym is prob wrong In MF replaced
AS *sealt* *n* L *salt* *e* The *Dance* of *D* *at*
represented the equality of all men bef re
Death (see *wacchre*)

I purpose secretly with Goddes gr ce therast e
t d ac alond unc mont bowt plesur
n d se (*P* *sr* *m* *Ld* *i* *tt*)

dancette [*ar* *h*] **dancetté** [*her* *?*] Cf OF
da ché in fented Late L *de* *icatus* from
dens *dent* tooth

dandelion F, *dent de lion*, from toothed edge of leaf Cf *synon* Ger *löwenzahn*, lit lion's tooth

dander [US] Temper, as in *to get one's dander up* ² Fig use of Wind *dander*, fermentation (of sugar), usu *dunder*, from Sp *redundar*, to overflow, I *redundare*.

Dandie Dimmont See *dandy*

dandiprat Insignificant dwarf Also (16 cent) small copper coin For double sense cf obs *scuddick*, small coin, dwarf ² Of the same family as *Jack Sprit*

This Jack Prat will go burst
And say he hath cowed me
(*Misogonus*, li I, c 1550)

dandle From 16 cent Cf It *dondolare*, F *dodeliner*, prob cogn with F, *dodo*, baby word for *doimn*, as in *fanc dodo*, go to by-by Has been confused with *dangle* (q v)

dandruff, dandriff Second element is ON *hrufa*, scab (cf Ger *rufe*, OHG *hruf*), whence E dial *hurf*, first doubtful Cf AS *hræofa*, leper

porrigo scurfe or scaules in the head, dandruffe
(Holyoak)

dandy¹ Fop First on Sc border at end of 18 cent, hence prob for *Andrew* Cf mod use of *Johnny*, From Scott's *Dandie Dimmont* (*Guy Mannering*) comes name of terrier, cf *King Charles' spaniel*

dandy² [Anglo-Ind] Hammock slung on pole for carrying Hind *dāndī*, from *dānd*, staff

Dane From Dan *Daner*, ON *Danir* Hence also (hist) *Danegeld*, ODan *Danegjeld* (see *yield*), and *Danclaw*, -*lagh* (see *law*) With *great dane* (dog), cf earlier F *grand danois* (Buffon), cf also *dalmatian*, *pomeranian*, etc The *Dane John* (Canterbury) is supposed to be corrupted from *donjon* (q v)

Within an hour all Canterbury was in commotion
From St George's Gate to St Dunstan's suburb,
from the Donjon to the borough of Staplegate, all
was noise and hubbub (*Ingoldsby*)

Danebrog See *Dannebrog*

dane-hole See *dene-hole*

dang Lupa for *damm*, cf *dain*²

danger F, VL **dominatum*, for *dominium*, rule, lordship Change of vowel (OF also *dongier*) is due to association with *damnum* Sense-development took place in OF, earliest meaning surviving in *in danger of*, orig subject to the jurisdiction of, e.g. in *Matt* v. 22, where it represents *Vulg* *reus*

In the *Paston Let* constantly used in sense of being in debt to

Metons nos hors de lor dangier (Wace).

You stand within his danger, do you not?
(*Merch of Ven* iv 1).

dangle From 16 cent, with cogn forms in Scand & NFris A frequent verb, related by ablaut to *dung*¹ (q v), in sense of setting in motion Confused in senses with *dandle*

Daniel Wise and upright judge (*Merch of Ven* iv 1) From *Daniel* of Apocrypha

Danish AS *Denisc*, cf ON, *Danskr*. In ML, usu *densh*, whence surname *Dench*, also *dancis*, from OF, whence *Dennis* Lang, one of the mod forms of ON., is almost ident with Norw., and the hist Danes also came mostly from Norway.

Danite Member of supposed murderous organization among early Mormons, taking name from Bibl *Danites* (*Gen* xix. 16)

dank Now usu. replaced as adj by *damp* (q v) Origin obscure; believed to be cogn with Ger *dunkel*, dark Earliest records refer to dew.

Dannebrog, Danebrog Dan national flag Second element is thought to be ODan *brog*, breech, clout (see *brogues*), but some regard the word as a perversion of Jutish *danboget*, red with white "blaze" and fetlocks, perh from Fris Dan, red This would have a parallel in OF *bausan*, the Templars' black and white flag (*Ivanhoe*, ch xii), prop a horse with a "blaze," and ident. with E dial *bauson*, badger (q v).

danseuse F, see *dance*

daphne Laurel G δάφνη, derived in myth from name of nymph changed into laurel to escape pursuit of Apollo

dapper Du, brave, sprightly, cf Ger *tapfer*, brave, OSlav *dobli*, strong, doughty ON *daptr*, sad, is the same word, the intermediate sense being grim, cf hist of *moody*, or relation of Ger. *dreist*, audacious, to L *tristis*, sad

daptr, or *praty* elegans (*Promptuarii*)

The pert furies and the dapper elves (*Comus*, 118)

dapple Back-formation from *dapple-grey*, for unrecorded **apple-grey*, the markings being likened to the splashes of colour on an apple, cf F *gris pommelé*, It *pomelato*, Ger *apfelschimmel*, etc, all rendered *dapple-grey* in early dicta So also ON *apalgrär* and Russ *yablochnyi*, dappled,

from *yabloko* apple For prefixed *d* cf *diffolil*

This r \ sat upon a f il good stot
Th t was al prom ly grey and hie t Scot

(Cha c A 615)

Histeed was l d pp ll g ay (b B 74)

darbies [*slm*] Handcuffs Origin unknown but earliest records (v1) always *Derby's bands* (*bonds*) suggest that *Darby* (from *Derby*) was some noted urer or perh officer of the law

T t d s l l abes l f th r Deet es ba d
(Gaw \ 5 161us 16 nt)

Darby and Joan lirst u ed cf attached old couple in song in *Gentleman's Mag* (1735) perh charact is from real life

dare An oil pr terite present verb as sho n by orig absence of *s* in third person *he dare not* (cf *can may* etc) AS *dearr* with prst *dōsto* (*durst*) cogn with G *dursten* to dare cf Oax *g da* OHG *ka* Goth *ga darsan* Absent from ON *Daredevil* is formed like *cutthroat scapegrace Snake spear* etc.

dark AS *deorc* cogn with OHG *tarchan* in to conceal but without oth r parall forms Opposite of *light* in lit and fig senses *Dark horse* (racing politics) is 19 cent *Dark Continent* appears to have been coined by Stanley *Dark Ages* as applied to the Middle Ages is a mod impertinence To *darken one's doo* may be one of Benjamin Franklin's coinage *Da klo* is a back formation from adv *larkling* (cf *groef*) *Darky* negro in US **darling** AS *dōloŋg dī līnē* d uble dim l ē of *dear*

darn To mend Also earlier *dern darn* appears c 1600 and is prob a spec use of *dern darn* to hide common in ML and still ind al use from AS *lerna* hidden secret cogn with G *r la nēppe* coat of invisibility in *Nibelungenlied* Cf Ger *strunpfe stopfen* to darn (lit stop up) stockings

darn [US] Euph for *darn* So also *darned darnat on* (*firmation*)

darnel U ed in early Bible translations in differently with *lures* and *cockle* Cf F *dirl darnelle* Second element is F *nielle* co kl L *n gel* a first is of unknown origin but app contains idea of stupefying cf F *traise* tares from *ure* drunk L *ebilis* and the L name *lolium temulentum* drunken tare from stupefying properties nl Du *dolich darnel* from *dol* mad jn the v lous gra c Del or d mell (Cotb)

dart F *dart* OF also *di* cf It Sp *da* to Of Teut origin cf AS *da oth eth* javelin found also in OHG whence prob the continental form also ON *darr thr* **dartre** Ul r F for OF *derto dartre* ? From Gaulish *derb* is

Darwinian Of *Charles Darwin* the naturalist (1882) but applied earl r to his grand father *Erasmus Darwin* the poet (17802)

dash Of hasty movement etc ML al *lasse dassch* Prob imit t same type as *dash smash* etc cf Sv *da ka Dan daske* to beat slap etc Oldst en e v in mod to *dash in piece* Noun in various senses from idea of sudden rapid movement contained in verb To *cut a dash* is for earlier to *cut a feather* (cf *father*) *D shed* euph is *danned* contains an allusion to the *dash* in *d—d* (cf *ll nk blankety*)

dash [H Afr] Present commission App nati e word of long standing (v1)

When th y h e best wed th mail th w t g v them sore wh t to boat wh h the call da h (F ech *Decript* f G)

dastard Formed with depreciatory affix -a d (cf *slit ard*) from pp of *da* Orig *dullard* and l ynon with obs. *das berd* lit dazy bea d See *lize* Cf obs Du *darsard* delirius insanus phantasticus perterritus (Hal)

D ff or d sta d h that pekth t nt (Promp Pa)

D t r d o d ll rd (D)

dasyure Brush tailed possum nat e cat (Austral) From G *dasys* hairy *pa tad*

data L things given From *dare d t* to give **dattaler** [*dal*] Day tal r day labourer From *day* and *tale* Common in Midlands and north

date Frn t OF (*datt*) L G *δακτυλος* finger cf OIt *dattilo* whence Ger *dattel* Frn shape ? cf *banana* and also L *lactilis* a long grape like a finger (Coop) Some suggest that L *dactyl* in this sens is merely an imit form of an Arab word but the opposit is more likely (cf *carrot apricot* et)

date Time F L *dats* pp neut pl of *d e* to gi e as in *Data Po nar frst kis* Apr (these) given at Rome M rch 31 but in MedL understood as fem (sc *ep stola*) *Up t d e* is orig from book ke pug

dative *gram* L *daticus* rendering G *δοτικ* (*attwos*) gi ing (case)

datum Assumption taken as basis of calculation Sing of *data* (q v)

datura Narcotic plant Hind *dhatūra*, from Sanskrit

daub F *dauber*, L *dealbare*, to plaster, from L *albus*, white *Daubing* was orig a handicraft (cf *wattle and daub*), now replaced by plastering

daughter AS *dohtor*, Aryan, cf Du *dochter*, Ger *tochter*, ON *dōttr*, Goth *dauhtar*, G *θυγάτηρ*, Sanskrit *duhitār* ? From Sanskrit root *dugh*, to milk Found in the same langs as the cognates of *son* Normal form *daughter* (Tynd, Coverd) was replaced by *daughter* (Cranmer)

daunt OF *danter*, *donter* (*dompter*), L *domitare*, frequent of *domare*, to tame (q v) For vowel cf *dan*¹, *dame*, *danger*

Dauphin [*hist*] Title assumed (1349) by eldest son of king of France The province of Dauphiné took its name from the *Dauphin* family, lit dolphin (q v), a common early surname in E & F

Dauphin de France the dolphin, or eldest son of France, called so, of Dauphine, a province given, or (as some report it) sold in the year 1319, by Humbert Earle thereof to Philippe de Valois, partly on condition, that for ever the French Kings eldest sonne should hold it (during his fathers life) of the empire (Cotg)

davenport Writing-table (19 cent) Maker's name Cf *chippendale*, *tilbury*, etc

David and Jonathan Cf *Damon and Pythias* *davit* [*naut*] Earlier (15 cent) *daviot* AF & OF. *daviot*, *daviot*, dim of name *David* Cf Ger *julle*, *davit*, from *Judith*, and numerous meanings of *jack* In 17 cent usu *david* ? Allusion to David being let down from a window (1 Sam 11:12) Some suggest that OF *daviot* is a naut perversion of Sp *gaviote*, *davit*, which belongs to *gaff*¹

davy¹ Lamp Invented (1815) by Sir Humphry Davy

davy² Vulgar for *affidavit* (q v)

Davy Jones Spirit of the sea in naut myth Reason for choice of name unknown Cf *blue Peter*, *round robin*, *Mother Carey's chicken*, all naut ? Reminiscence of *Jonah*, 11 5, the prophet, formerly called *Jonas*, being made into *Jones* and supplied with a fitting Welsh christian name Hence *Davy Jones' locker*, the sea (see *lock*² for early quot)

daw Now usu *jackdaw* (cf *magpie*, *tomtit*, etc), cf Sc *caddow*, from ME compd *ca-daw*, of which both parts are prob

imit of cry Ger *dohle*, earlier *dahle*, MHG *tahele*, from *tahe*, OHG *tāhā*, may be related The F name *choucas* is from E *chough*

chouca 1 chough, or Jack Daw (Cotg)

dawdle Became popular in 18 cent Not in Bailey or Johns Prob, dial var of *daddle*, to walk unsteadily, trifle Cf *dadder*, *dodder*, *dither*, all with idea of unsteady movement, also obs or dial *dade* There are also LG parallels, e g Hamburg *daudeln*, to waste one's time

dawk See *dak*

dawn First as verb (c 1500), replacing earlier *daw*, AS *dagian* (from *day*) Thus *dawn of day* is pleon Earliest is *dawning* (c 1300) app of Norse origin, cf Sw Dan *dagning* The Prompt *Paru* has both *dawyn* and *dawnyng*

The cock may crow, the day may daw (Burns)

day AS *dæg* Com Teut, cf Du *dag*, Ger, *tag*, ON *dagr*, Goth *dags* Orig time of sunlight, the 24 hours being represented by *night* (q v) *Dayspring*, archaic for dawn, usu after *Luke*, 1 78 (*Vulg oriens*), is app from *spring*, ? but cf Norw. *dagsbrin*, ON *dagsbrün*, dawn, lit day's brow In *now-a-days*, *twice-a-day*, etc, *a* is for earlier *on* One of these days is used by Coverd (1 Sam xxvii 1) for *Vulg aliquando* Ger *der tag*, the day, is said to have been a pre-war toast in the Ger navy, alluding to the coming encounter with the British fleet

In the fulness of his heart, he [Mr Brass] invited Mr Swiveller to partake of a bowl of punch with him at that remote and indefinite period which is currently denominated "one of these days"

(*Old Curiosity Shop*, ch xxxv)

daysman [*archaic*] Umpire Usu after *Job*, ix 33 Contains a reminiscence of archaic use of *day*, in sense of time appointed for judgment Cf Ger *tagen*, to hold assembly (as in *Reichstag*, *Landtag*) and see *diet*²

daze ON **dasa*, as in reflex *dasask*, to become exhausted (cf *bask*, *bush*²), cf ON *dasi*, dullard, whence Norw. *daase* In ME to numb, become numbed, dazzled, etc

dazzle Frequent of *daze* Earliest intrans, of eyes Hence *dazzle-ship* (1917), camouflaged so as to confuse hostile gunners, invented by Lieut Commander N, Wilkinson.

de- L *de*, from, downward, but often a mere intens (*demur*, *denigrate*) In words of F origin usu for *dé-*, OF *des-*, L *dis-*,

as MedL *mala mors* (1358) *In at the death* is from fox hunting

debacle F *débâcle*, orig "bust-up" of ice on river, hence, stampede From *débâcler*, from *bâcier*, to fasten up, Prov *baclar*, to bar, from L *baculus*, staff, crossbar In mil sense esp since Zola's novel *La Débacle* (1892)

debar App of E formation from *bar* (q v) F *débarrier*, OF *desbarres*, has almost opposite sense, to unbar (door, window)

debark F *débarquer* See *barl*² Now usu replaced by *disembark*

debate F *débattre* Orig. in F & E, to fight (see *combat*) Cf *daughter of debate* (Mary, Queen of Scots) Hence *debatable ground* esp is recognized Tudor name for part of the Border claimed by both countries

And over that his cote armour,
As white as is a lily flower
In which he wol debate (Chauc. B 2056)

debauch F *débaucher*, OF *desbaucher*, orig to lead astray, as in *debaucher*, from F p p Origin unknown Parallel of *de-lirium* (q v), and of such mod expressions as to *run off the line*, suggests formation from Teut *ball*, in gen sense of line, ridge, boundary (see *ball*⁴) Perh orig ploughing metaphor

debenture Earlier (15 cent) *debentur*, they are owing, from L *debēre*, to owe Supposed to have been init word of document Cf *affidavit*, *item*, *purview*, etc Orig voucher for goods supplied to government, etc Current sense from middle of 19 cent

debility F *débilité*, L *debilitas*, from *debilis*, weak

debit F *débit*, L *debitum*, from *debēre*, to owe Cf *credit*

debonair OF *debonaire* (*débonnaire*), for *de bon' aire*, of good race, orig of hawks (see *aery*, *ery*), hence "thorough-bred" Very common in ME for docile, courteously well-bred (hence surname *Bonar*, *Bonner*), but obsolescent after Milton Mod. sense is somewhat altered OF had also the opposite *demalaue*

E' gentils hum, chevaliers de bon aire (Rol 2252)
Ahi, culvert [catiff], malv us hum de put are (ib 762)

deboshed Archaic var of *debauched*, revived by Scott

debouch Mil word of 18 cent F *déboucher*, OF *desboucher*, from *bouche*, mouth, L

bucca, lit cheek, used in VL for o Cf *It sboccare*, "to mouth or fall into the sea as a river" (Flor). See *disembogue*

débris F., from *débriser*, from *briser*, to break See *bruise*

debt Restored spelling of ME. *det*, *dette*, F *dette*, L *debita*, p p. neut pl of *debere*, to owe *Debt of honour* (17 cent) is so-called because it cannot be legally enforced *Debt of nature*, death, is ME The *National Debt* is the sum of a number of *national accts* from end of 17 cent onward *debus* [icoll.] Thus and *embitis* were officially used (1914) on the model of *debark*, *embark*, *detrain*, *entrain*

début F, from *débüter*, to lead off at bowls, etc From *but*, mark, goal.

deca- G *δέκα*, *tén*.

decade F, L, G *δεκάς*, *δεκάδ-*, group of ten *δέκα*

decadent F *décadent*, from pres part of VL **decadere* (*decidere*), to fall, decay Applied to themselves (c 1885) by a group of unwholesome young F writers, "unpleasant little anthropoids with the sexless little Muse and the dirty little Eros" (G Du Maurier), who affected admiration for literature of Roman decadence

decatalogue F., L, G *δεκαλόγος* (sc *βιβλος*), from phrase *οἱ δέκα λόγοι*, Ten Commandments, in LXX Used by Wyc

Decameron. It *Decamerone*, title of Boccaccio's (†1375) collection of tales, supposed to occupy ten days From G *δέκα*, ten, *ἡμέρα*, day Cf F *Heptaméron* (seven days), tales of Marguerite de Navarre (16 cent) Both are formed on MedL *hexameron*, incorr contr of G *ἑξαήμερον*

decamp F *décamper*, orig to break up camp, OF *descamper*, cf *It scampare*, and see *scamper* A mil word from 17 cent

decanal [eccl] Of a *dean*¹ (q v) Hence *rural-decanal*, of a rural *dean*

decani [eccl] *Dean's side of choir* Genitive of L *decanus*, *dean* Cf *cantoris*

decant Orig in alch F *décanter*, MedL *decanthare*, from *canthus*, corner, lip of jug, supposed to be from G *καρθός*, corner of eye See *cant*¹

decant from the Lat Barb *decantare*, a word lately found out by more barbarous chymists, which those mighty Zolus's derive from the Lat *de*, and the Gr *καρθός*, a corner (*Gazophylacium Anglicanum*, 1689)

decapitate After F *décapiter*, from Late L *decapitare*, from *caput*, *capit*-, head

decay OF *décay* dial form of *décheyr* (*déchors*) VL *décad re* for *decidere* to fall off cf Sp *décad*

decease Mk *déces* I *décès* L *decessus* lit departure euph for *mors* In F & E chiefly offic

Le Décès e spectre b e ratiqu qui g i
im tître co nnt un arro d'ement sile cie x
(la l'd Sa nt v t)

decent Ol *decente* pp fem of *décetier* (*décet*) VL *décipere* for *desipere* from *capere* to catch The normal OF was *d'cele* (cf *recete* from *recepta*) but the vowel *i* has been assimilated to the OF tonic stem *decet* whence also E *decene* rhyming with *sane* in 17 cent

decelerate [neol] A scient word First used in railway sense in offic notice as to modification of railway service (Jan 1917) Cf the *decartification order* (Nott Cus d April 24 1918) and more recent *decontrol* December F *décembre* L *d'cember* from *decem* ten with suffix *ber* of obscure origin Replaced AS *d'ra geol* earlier Yule With *Decembrist* from abortive Russ revolution (Dec 1825) cf more recent *Octob 1st*

decemvir [h st] L sing of *decem viri* ten men appointed (5 cent BC) to draw up the laws of the Twelve Tables Later Venet Council of Ten

decennial From L *decennium* ten years from *d'cem* and *annus*

decent F *décent* from pres part of L *déce* s ti be fitting Cf *decorat*

deci F abbreviated from L *deci* as tenth in terms of metric system

decide F *décider* L *decidere* *déc s* from *a d re* to cut Cf F *l'anchez la question* to come to a decision

deciduous From L *deciduius* from *decidere* to fall down from *radere*

decimal MedL *decimalis* from *decem* ten applied to the Arab notation and later to *decimal fract ons* an extension of the same Hence *decimal coma e*

decimate From L *decimare* to put to death every tenth man of unit as punishment for mutiny etc Much misused by mod journalists (literally decimated) as almost equivalent to annihilate Earliest sense in L & E is to take title

décima t t th to tak th tenth part de mar leguons to pu ish x p t t d th th t th man of cry l qu (Coop)

decis on See *decide*

deck¹ O1 ship Du *dek* covering roof cogn with E *thatch* (q v) Du has *terdek* in naut sense cf Ger *terdeck* Earliest E sense is covering (15 cent) and the naut *deck* was at first regarded rather as a roof than a floor cf F *plafond* ceiling lit floor (*plafond* flat bottom) So also verb to *deck* adorn meant *ing to cover*

Y *decke* yours sel e b t ye a not w m
(Co e d H g 16)

deck² [archaic] Pack of cards (3 Hen I 1 v 1) still usual in US Ident with *deck* cf dial *deck* used of things of same shape piled one on another

While I h d th ards t at n ght I m ked ry
on in e ery derk (O H ry)

deckle-edge Of paper rough edge caused by the *deckle* or covering over the mould Ger *deckel* cover lid (see *deck¹*)

declaim For earlier *declame* L *declamare* altered on *cla m* (q v)

declare F *déclarer* L *declarare* to make clear *clarus* hence to announce pro claim With ellipt *Well I declare!* cf archaic use of *protest tow*

déclassé F unclassed one who has lost class declension F *déclension* L *declinatio* from *declinare* to decline Cf *case* (gram) Form has been affected by *extension dimin sion* etc

decline F *déchier* L *declin e* to bend away cf G *kla v* to bend cogn with *lean* Sense has been affected by interpreting *de* as downward e.g *decline of l f* Trans meaning euph for *refuse* as in to *decline an in station* is evolved from earlier to decline (i.e turn away avert) a contest argument etc Cf synon Ger *ableh en* lit to l an away

declivity L *declivitas* from *declivis* sloping down from *clivus* slope cogn with *decline*

decoction OF from L *decoquere* d coct to boil down

decode [neol] Coined on *decipher*

decollation Chy sy in connection with *Feast of Decollation* of St John the Baptist (Aug 29) From L *decollare* to behead from *collum* neck

décolleté I lit uncollared from *rollet* dim of *col* collar L *collum* neck

decompose See *compose* Sense of putrefaction from 18 cent

decorate From I *decorare* from *decus* *decor* ornament

decorticate From L *decorticare*, from *cortex*, 'cortic-, bark

decorum L neut adj, fitting Cf *decent*, *decorate*

decoy Orig pond into which wild fowl are lured First (1625) in *decoy-duck*, with which cf Du *hooieend* (eend, duck) Earlier *coy*, Du *hooi*, cage, Late L *cavea* (see *cage*) The *de-* may be Du def art, *de hooi*, the cage, or be due to influence of *decoy*, card-game of 16 cent, of unknown origin Prob affected in meaning by obs *coy*, to smooth down, coax, from adj *coy* (q v)

kooyen, endi-vogelen iangen to catch wild ducks in the quoyes with quoy ducks (Hexham)

decrease ME *discrese*, OF *descreiss-*, stem of *descreistre* (*décrouitre*), VL **discrescere* for *decrecere*, from *crecere*, to grow, cf It *discrescere*, Sp *discrecer*

decree First as noun OF *decré* (*décret*), L *decretum*, from *deceinere*, to decree, from *cernere*, *cret-*, to separate, etc *Decree nisi*, "unless" cause to the contrary is shown within six months

decrement L *decrementum*, from *decreescere*, to decrease

decrepit F *décépité*, L *decrepitus*, "very olde, at the pittes brinke" (Coop), from *crepare*, to creak

decretal Orig (14 cent) papal decree Cf. MedL *decretales epistolae*

decry F *décrier*, OF *descrier*, from *dis* and *crier* (see *cry*), orig to announce withdrawal of coin from currency In E usu understood as from *de-*, as though to "cry down"

on le deserie comme la vieille monnoye he hath a very bad report among the people, his credit is wholly crackt, fame blemished, reputation lost (Cotg).

decuman Usu with wave, billow L *decumanus*, powerful, orig of the tenth cohort, and applied to the chief entrance of camp Already in L *decumanus fluctus*, associated with the superstition that the tenth wave is the largest Cf *decumana ova*, large eggs

decumbent From pres part of L *decumbere*, to recline

decuple F *décuple*, L *decuplus*, ten-fold Cf *simple*, *double*, etc

decurion [hist] L *decurio-n-*, from *decem*, ten Cf *centurion*

decussate [bot] X-shaped From L *decussare*, to divide cross-wise, from *decussis*,

the number ten (X), the ten-as piece Cf *chiasmus*

dedal See *daedal*

dedicate From L *dedicare*, to proclaim, devote in set words, in earliest E sense to the Deity

deduce L *deducere*, to lead down, *deduce*, *deduct* were formerly used indifferently Hence *deductive*, opposed to *inductive*

dee D-shaped piece of harness, cf *ceespriug*

deed AS *dād* Com Teut; cf Du *daad*, Ger *tat*, ON *dāth*, Goth *dēds*. See *do* For later sense of document cf *act* With *indeed* cf Ger *in der tat*, L *de facto*

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For in what dome ye demen, ye shulen be demyd (Wyc Matt vii 2)

deep AS *dēop* Com Teut, cf Du *diep*, Ger *tief*, ON *djúpi*, Goth *dīups*, cogn with *dīp* Most of the fig. senses appear already in AS, e.g. *the deep* (Luke, v 4), orig as opposed to shallows near shore

deer AS *dēor*, wild animal Com Teut, cf Du *dier*, Ger *tier*, animal, Icel *dýr*, Goth *dīus*, prob. cogn with *dear*², but not with G *thier* Spec, as well as gen, sense found in AS Gradually replaced in gen sense by *beast*, *animal*

But mice, and rats, and such small deer,
Have been Tom's food for many a year (Lear, iii 4)

deface OF *desfacer* (see *face*), cf It *sfaciare*

defalcate From MedL *defalcare*, to lop off, from L *falx*, *falc-*, sickle, pruning hook, cf F *défalquer*, to deduct E sense of embezzle is 19 cent Or perh borrowed, with other financ terms, from It (v1), and associated in sense with *default*

difalcare to deduce or deduct in reckonings, to default, to abate, to bate (Flor)

default Earlier *default* See *faul*

defeasance [leg] Annulment, etc AF *dé-fesaunce*, OF *desfesance*, from *desfaire* (*dé-faire*), to undo (v1)

defeat From *défait*, pp of F *défaire*, to undo, VL **disfacere* for *deficere* In ME to undo, destroy, etc, mil. sense being later, e.g. not in Shaks *Defeatist* was adopted (1917) from F *défaite*, applied

to a man suspected of working against his own country

defecate From L. *defaecare* to clear from dregs *faex faec*

defect L. *defectus* from *deficere* *defec* to undo

defend L. *defendere* to ward off (cf *defence*) earlier also in F sense of prohibit e.g. *defended fruit* (1710 *lost* vi 84) *Defender of the Faith* is for L. *Fides Defens* r title conferred (1511) on Henry VIII by Leo X for writing against Luther With *defendant* from F pres part. cf *compainant*

defer¹ To delay Etym ident with *defer* (q.v.) F *différer* from L. *differre* to set aside postpone from *ferre* to bear Form has been influenced by *delay*

My mast wyldeffrha comynge
(Tynd. Mat. v 43)

defer² To submit F *déferer* from L. *deferre* to submit (trans) from *ferre* to bear U n al mod sense comes from reflex use to submit oneself

deferrescence See *effervescence*

deficient From pres part of L. *deficere* to fail etc

deficit F *déficit* L. *deficit* th re lacks as intradu tory word in clauses of inventory Cf *item*

defilade [mil] To protect from enfilading fire Couined on *enfiler* (q.v.)

defile¹ Verb ME *defouil* *defoul* OF *de fouler* to trample upon (see *fuller*) with sense influenced by F *fouler* and by the corresponding verb *file* AS *fylan* to make foul filthy

To no thing it is worth er n bot it be sent o t
and d f uld (AS f t r ed a l of m n
(Wye Mat v 13)

It s a foul b rd that files its m nest (Coat F 140)

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d fil or d hile a t r u ght narrow la throuz
wh h a company of sold r s c u p s only n file
(h 105)

define Orig. to determine the end or limits OF *definere* from *fin* end now replaced by *definire* L. *definire* (see *fine¹*) With *definition* cf *aphorism* (111)

deflagrate From L. *deflagrare* to burn away
deflate Mod courage on *inflatus* use of L. *deflate* to blow away

deflect L. *deflectere* to bend aside

deflower [archaic] F *déflor* L. *deflorare* from *flor* for flower Orig to strip of flowers hence ravish *defile* In MF often to make extracts from books (cf *anikol* 1) **deformation** Acquired deformity F *déformation*

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That d fte mende Man be ame (VED 11 1)

defunct I *defunctus* p p of *defungi* to accomplish one's duty

defy F *déce* VL *discedere* from *fid* faithful Orig to proclaim breach of alliance Secondary F sense distrust is due to association with L. *diffidere* whence *diffident*

dégagé F free unembarrassed See *gagé¹*

degenerate From L. *degenerare* from *degener* race noun in sense of unwhole some crank or sexual freak is a quite mod us of the adj as employed in bi l

deglutition F *déglutition* from L. *deglutire* to swallow down See *glut*

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desic Directly demon trative (L. *deservius* from *deservire* to show

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Della Robbia ware From name of It sculptor (†148)

Delphic Usu with utterance Of Delphi seat of G oracle

delphin [bibl] Of L texts edited in *usum Delphini* i.e for the son of Louis XIV

See *dauphin d lphin*

delphinium Larkspur L G δελφινιον littl dolphin from form of nectary

delta G letter D (Δ) adapted from Phoenician *daleth* tent door (see *alpha'set*)

Used by Herodotus of the Nile by Strabo of the Indus Hence *deltoid* (anat) delta shaped

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delve [archaic] AS *ðelfan* orig strong (v) WGer cf Du *del en* OHG *biteln* Now etc in dial usu fig eg to *dive* into the past It is the regular word in Wyc where Tynd has *dig*

Th *Idolien* *dahed* fore my face (Wyc P 147)

demagogue G δῆμαγωγος from δῆμος people *dywgos* leader from *aye v* to lead First di para in only in *Eikon Basilike* (1648)

Setting as de tl affright ent of this g bl n wo d [tem log] f r th kng by h s i ave cannot co u E glish a w ll as b oul mon y (Milton Ek h no l r s)

demand F *demander* L *demandare* to en trust (from *mandare* to order) which as summed in Late L sense of request Cf *dimandare* Sp *demandar* Used (econ) in correlation with *sipply* since Adam Smith (1776) The peremptory sense is peculiar to F (cf *require*) and of late esp illus trated by the various nkases issued by privileged organisations

Th railw ymen in conf re c t Plymouth d manded instant withdrawal of Brit h troops from Russ a (Pall Mall Gaz J n 2 1910)

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démarche F step (see *marché*) esp in pol sense

deme G δῆμος district to vishup Hence set of cells (bi 1)

demean F *démen* *démèn* (OI *d nein*) from *mener* to lead VL *minare* for

minari to threaten dri e with threat lead Very common in OF & ML now only reflex to *demean* (behave) o *ieself* Hence *demeanour* *misdemeanour* AF formations (cf *behaviour*) To *deme n* (lower) *oneself* in vulgar speech is prob the same word by association with *mean* and analogy of *d ba e*

dement L *dēmentare* to send out of one's mind *uens mnt* *De nentia* L hrs re placed earlier *d me cy* cf *dērence*

démenti Official denial F pp of *dēntir* to give th lie belie See *mendicant*

demerit F *démerit* L *demeritum* de crt prefix de having been error taken as neg in Late L & Rom lang's Orig sen e sur vives in ME and Shaks

demi t deserve & thanke (Coop)

M dom vt

Nav pe k u boum ted to pro d f t ne A th th t i b re ch i (Osh a)

demesne [leg] Estate held with full rights MF *decrein* *denayn* etc OF *de inc* L *dominium* now replaced by *domaie* OF *demeine* is also an adj on The s of *deme n* a late spelling i prob due to analogy of contrasted *iesne* (qv) in which it is also unoriginal perh partly to OF *nesn* e household (*iesin* in Shaks) An intrusive e is very common in OF & AF esp before -n See also *domain*

d m in (dom m) i a f en h w rd oth rws writ n d ma and on f th pat mon m dom as H toman saith b frad l b s (Cow l)

demi F prefix also used in I See *d i y* **demijohn** [naut] Corrupt of F *dame jeanne* lt lady *Ja s* cf It *d i giana* Sp *da naja* ana It is not certa n in wh ch lang the word arose Similar fanciful names for ves el are *joch yu jorum* etc Cf also *belar n n tankard* and obs *godlard* Perh the wicker covered bottle suggested by a portly lady in the costume of the period

d me j ne les m telots pp ll t a ns a grosse bout ll d verre co rt de nait (Th Cor ill)

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Et enq ste j ante, d n n et f'rein out fast p
xil dont l tee sot d d n nes et lautre
mo tee des fore demourantz en il
(*De lib p 29*)

denominate From L *denominare* to specify by name *nomen* Denominational first occurs in sectarian sense in Gladstone's *Church and State* (cf *disestablishment*)

denote *Γ den ter* L *denot'e* from *nōt'a* mark note As term of logic dates from Mill (cf *connote*)
dénouement [*thrat*] *Γ* Lt untzng (of plot) *h nouer* is L *nōda e* from *nūd's* knot Cf *Γ nūd* knot in sense of plot.

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dense *Γ* L *densus* compact

dent Var of *dint* (q v) Mod sense has been affected by *in-dentation* etc

dental MedL *de talis* from *d'ns dent* tooth *Dentifrice* L *dentifricum* from *frica e* to rub dates from 16 cent

dentist *Γ danti te* replacing (18 cent) native *tooth drauer* (*Piers Ploum.*)

denude L *denudare* to lay bare *nūd is*

denunciate S e *denounce*

deny *Γ den er* L *dene're* from *negare*

deodand [*hist*] Object which having caused death was consecrated to Crony (up to 1846) L *Deo danti'm* to be given to God

danda d (*deod d m*) is thing g v'n o forfeited (it w) t God for t pa'ticat of his wrath in case of misadventure nō r ly any Chr'tian soul cometh t dent d with v'it fault of any reason ble creat re (Cow l)

deodar Hind *dēv'ar* Sanskrit *deva-dāra* divine tree In E from c 1800 but mentioned by *Acenna* (11 cent.)

deodorize Coined (19 cent) from *odour*

deontology [*phl*] Ethics. From C *deov* pres part neut of *ea* it beloves

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depend *Γ d pend* from L *de + nēre* to hang from influenced in *form l's trans* *pen're* whence *Γ pē're* *Thal dep't* is an ellipt expre'sion of the same type as *I d essay*

depict From L *de + mēre* *pī't* *it m pīn gere* to paint

depilatory From L *epilare* to remove hair *p l's*

deplete From L *deplere* *pīet* to empty lit un fill

deplete L *deplorare* from *p'are* to weep deploy *Γ depl'ner* L *d'plicare* to unfold Mil word from 18 cent. Cf *di p'ly*

deponent From pres part of L *d'ponere* to put down Used by late I grammarians of verbs which were supposed to have laid down their passive sense The so called deponent verbs were on reflexives corresponding to the C middle voice Leg sense appears in Late I *d'pos'e* With *deponent* one who gives evidence cf *de position*

deport To behave (r nex) From OF *de porter* from *por't* to carry Hence *de portment*

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committas la (n d) gl'ure q loy s'ortive
je ser b'n du royaume u j t ale
d port'e ce'a d'oute m'itarem t l'étrang
qui se cood t al ou deplait, on l prend on le
m'e a port l pl proch ou l m'it'et
l p'rem'e b'it'ment p'et d' l e v l on l j'et
sur la p'rem'e cōble où l bord
(*L C mer 1*)

depose I *déposer* to set down (see *po e*) *Depos't* m bel ngs to L *depos'e* but the confusion between the two groups of word is complete

depost First as noun L *depositum* what is laid down (v s)

demise F, p p fem of *démettre*, to put off, *se démette*, to resign, L *demittere* Used first of transfer of property, then, in *demise of the crown*, of transfer by death, hence, fig death itself

demurge Orig creator of world in Platonic philosophy G *δημιουργός*, from *δήμιος*, public, -*εργος*, working

demob [slang] For *demobilize* (1919)

I beg that we do not demobilize the spirit of patriotism in this country

(D Lloyd George, in H of C, July 3, 1919)

democracy F *démocratie*, MedL *democratia*, in 13 cent transl of Aristotle, G *δημοκρατία*, from *δήμιος*, people Defined (1863) by Lincoln as "government of the people, by the people, for the people," a variation on Webster's earlier (1830) definition Earlier still is Byron's "aristocracy of blackguards" In US *Democrat* and *Republican* represent earlier *Federal* and *Whig*

The world must be made safe for democracy

(Pres Wilson, Apr 2, 1917)

Democritean Of *Democritus*, the laughing philosopher of Abdera (5 cent B C) The name means judge of the people

demogorgon App Late L formation from *δαίμων*, divinity, demon, and *γοργός*, terrible (see *gorgon*), but possibly perverted from some Eastern word First mentioned (5 cent) as name of deity invoked in magic rites Introduced into literature by Boccaccio and Ariosto

demolish F *démolir*, *démoliss-*, from L *demoliri*, from *moles*, heap, building

demon L, G *δαίμων*, divinity, tutelary genius, but, in usual E sense, from L *daemonium*, G dim *δαίμόνιον*, used in LXX and *Vulg* in its Jewish sense of god of the heathen and "unclean spirit" Orig sense survives in *daemonic* *Demonology* was coined (1597) by James VI of Scotland (James I) as title of his treatise on witchcraft

That daemonic element—so essential in times of crisis—is not necessarily a turbulent spirit

(Oliver, *Ordeal by Battle*)

demonetize F *démonétiser* (see *money*)

demonstrate From L *demonstrare*, from *monstrare*, to show See *monster*, *muster*

demonialize F *démonialiser*, a Revolution coinage, of which Laharpe says, "Si 'démoraliser' pouvait être français, il signifierait 'cesser de parler de morale'" Cf *denationalize* and see *moral*

demos G *δῆμος*, people From 19 cent

demotic G *δημοτικός*, plebeian, of the people, *δῆμος* In ref to Egypt written character, contrasted with *hieratic* (q v)

demulcent From pres part of L *demulcere*, to soothe

demur AF *demurer*, OF *demorer* (*demeurer*), VL **demorare*, for *demorari*, to delay. Orig. sense of tarrying survives in leg *demurage*, *demurrer*, the latter an infin (cf *attainder*, *misnomer*, etc.)

demure From AF *demurer*, to stay (v s) Cf synon *staid* (q v) It possibly represents the p p, cf *costive*, *signal*?, *hove*, for parallels to loss of -e But OF forms many adjs from verb stems without suffix (cf *stale*) The oldest meaning of *demure* is quiet, settled, used of the sea, later it meant sober, sedate (*Penseroso*, 32), and became ironical c 1700

demurrage See *demur*

demy Size of paper, sheet folded in half For *demi*, F, L *dimidium*, half, from *di-* and *medium* A *demy* at Magdalen (Oxf) was so-called because his allowance was half that of a fellow

den AS *denn*, lair of wild beast, cogn with *dean*?, ? cf Ger *tenne*, floor, archaic Du *denne*, floor, cavern

denary L *denarius*, relating to ten, from *deni*, ten at a time, for **decim*, from *decem*

denationalize F *dénationaliser*, a Revolution coinage Cf *demonialize*

dendrite [min] G *δενδρίτης*, from *δένδρον*, tree From markings

dene Sandhull ? F. *dune* (q v)

denegation F *dénégation*, L *denegatio-n-*, from *denegare*, to deny

dene-hole [antiq] Recorded, as *Dane-hole*, from 18 cent only, a name prob due to popular connection with the *Danes*

dengue Eruptive fever with pain in joints (E Afr and W Ind) Agrees in form with Sp *dengue*, affected contortion, prob from *denegar*, to refuse (with idea of affectation) But, in this sense, a perversion, assimilated to Sp *dergue*, of Swahili (Zanzibar) *dinga*, cramp-like seizure The negro W Ind name is *dandy*, and the disease is also called the *giraffe*, each name alluding to the stiff unnatural holding of neck and shoulders

denier [hist] F, L *denarius*, coin worth ten asses, cf It *denaro*, Sp *dinero*, Arab *dirar*. Applied to various obs coins in F. & E. and used (d) for penny

denigrate From L. *denigrare* to defame lit black n Obs in 18 cent and now revived in imit. of F *dénigrer*

denizen AF *de n ein* (*ten-ein deinzain*) from *de nuz* within OI *denz* (*lans*) L. *de intus* Orig native as distinguished from foreigner and in City rec'ds esp citizen (which it has affected in form) as distinguished from outsider Cf *foreign* Quot below refers to mixed juries deciding on disputes between citizens and non citizens

Et enquisse j'into dens in t fo ein soit fait p.
x d'm t la molt soit de d'mz es et l tre
molt e d s fore is demorra te en vill
(Liber 415 p 92)

denominate From L. *denominare* to specify by name *nomen* Denominational first occurs in sectarian sense in Gladstone's *Church and State* (cf *disestablishment*)

denote F *dénoter* L. *denotare* from *nota* mark note As term of logic dates from Mill (cf *connote*)

dénouement (theat) F lit untying (of plot) F *noue* is L. *noda* from *nodus* knot Cf *knave* knot in sense of plot

denounce F *dénounce* L. *denunciare* to intimate by messenger *in ius* In earlier use almost equivalent to *announce* (see *fatal*) To *denounce a treat* v 1 19 cent from F

dense F L. *densus* compact.

dent. Var of *dint* (q v) Mod. sense has been affected by *in-dentation* etc

dental Med L. *dentis* from *den* *dent* tooth *Den* if ice 1 L. *den* ifri sum from *fricare* to rub, date from 16 cent dentist F *dentiste* replacing (18 cent) native *tooth-d awer* (Piers Pl.)

denude L. *denudare* to lay bare *nudus*

denunciate See *denounce*

deny F *dénier* L. *denegare* from *negare*

deodand [hist] Object which, having caused death was confiscated to Crown (up to 1846) L. *Deo dandū* to be given to God

deodand (deodand m) a thing given or forfeited (it w) to God for the pacification (b w th) in a case of misadventure whereb y Chr t n soul committ t a violent end, without the f lt of any re sonab creature (Cow 7)

deodar Hind *Madar* Sanskrit *dard-dā* a divine tree In L. from c 1500 but mentioned by *Vicenna* (11 cent)

deodorize Council (19 cent) from *odor*

deontology (phil) Ethics From G *deon* pres part neut of *δένειν*, it behoves

depart F *départir* VI *dispartire* for *dispartire* to divide from *pars* part part Orig trans to divide mod (now) pronominal from reflex use as in the ex. e also of F *partir* (1 abs ont) Trans sense survives in to depart this life whence *tho d parted* and in *department* F *département* (1 90) division province also in *marmite à service* till death us depart altered (106) to do part at request of Puritan d vines. New departure is L (19 cent)

depend L. *dependere* from L. *de* and *pendere* to hang from influenced in form by *trunferi* whence F *pendre* *Tha eper* is an elliptic expression of the same type as *I dures*

depict From L. *depingere* *psit* from *pungere* to paint

depilatory From L. *depilare* to remove hair *pilus*

deplete From L. *deletere* *psit* to empty lit unfill

deplore L. *deplorare* from *plorare* to weep deploy F *déployer* I *displacere* to unfold lit word from 18 cent Cf *displacere*

deponent From pres part of L. *deponere* to put down L. and by Late L. grammarians of verbs which are supposed to have laid down their passive etc The so-called deponent verbs were orig reflexives corresponding to the G middle voice Lex. sense appears in Lat L. *deponere* With *deponent* one who gives evidence cf *position*

deport¹ To behave (ren v) From OF *desporter* from *porter* to carry Hence *deportment*

deport² To expel trans port. From F *déporter* (18 cent.) L. *deportare* also from *portare* to carry but mentally associated (like *import* export) with *portus* harbour (v)

En certu d tte loz, q n appell un-bill je conmettais la [n Angl terr quelque sortise je ser is ban d re a m ou pou n'ay d deporté exA t il t rement L tra q qui se rend t mal ou dep it ou le pren t, ou l mie e au port le pl proche on l maba q je le prem bâtiment pris à faire se ou le jett sur la première côte où il ord
(P L Courser 122)

depose F *déposer* to set down (see *po* e) *Deposition* belongs to L. *deponere* but the confusion between the two groups of words is complete

deposit First as n un L. *deponere* what is laid down (v s)

depot F *dépôt*, OF. *depost*, L. *depositum*, from *deponere* US sense of railway station occurs earlier in E of a goods station
deprave L *depravare*, from *pravus*, crooked, wrong

deprecate From L *deprecari*, to pray against

depreciate From L *depretiare*, to lower price, *pretium*

depredate From L *depraedari*, from *praeda*, prey

depress From L *deprimere*, *depress-*, to press down, from *primere* For fig sense cf *deject*

deprive OF *depriver*, Late L. **deprivare* for *privare*, to deprive *Deprivatio* is recorded in Late L

de profundis L., out of the depths First words of *Ps cxxx*

depth Formed in ME from *deep*, after *length*, *breadth*, etc AS has *ðeopnes*

depute F *députer*, L *deputare*, lit to cut off, cf *detached for special service* Deputy is F p.p *député* From the sense of acting as agent comes that of substitute and also that of manager of a lodging-house

deracinate From F *déraciner*, from *racine*, root, VL *radicina*, from *radix*, *radic-*

derail F *dérailer* Adopted in US earlier than in E See *rail*

derange F *déranger*, lit to throw out of rank See *range*, *arrange* Not in Johns, who considered it a F word For application to insanity, orig in *deranged mind* (head), cf *disordered mind*. In gen. sense replaced by *disarrange*

Derby Race, at Epsom, founded (1780) by twelfth Earl of Derby Parliament always adjourned for it before the carpet-bagging period *Derby scheme*, *Derby man* date from the Earl of Derby's appeal (1915) to Britons to attest as ready for national service

derelict L *derelictus*, p.p of *derelinquere*, to forsake entirely Hence *dereliction*, esp in *dereliction of duty* (mod).

deride L *deridēre*, to laugh at

derive F, L *derivare*, to lead water, from *rivus*, brook This is also orig sense in F & I

I *derive*, or bringe our thyngs out of another, as water is brought whan it is brought from the spring to derive (Palsg)

derm [med] F. *derme*, G *derma*, skin Cf *dermis* (ModL)

derogate From L *derogare*, to repeal partly,

from *rogare*, to ask. Orig. trans., to detract from.

To derogate the honour of the State
(Milton, *Smectymnus*)

derrick Gallows-shaped mech device From *Derick*, hangman at Tyburn (c. 1600). A Du name, *Diederik*, corresponding to Ger *Theodor*, *Dietrich*, people mighty, whence F *Thierry* and our *Terry* Naut Du *dirk*, "lifts," is the same word borrowed back

I would there were a Derick to hang up him too
(DeKker, 1606).

derring-do [archaic]. Used several times by Spenser as an abstract noun, "manhood and chevalie" He misunderstood a passage in Lydgate, misprinted *derryngge do*, which is imitated from Chauc (v.1) Revived by Scott (*Ivanhoe*, ch xxx) and hence used by other romantic writers

And certenliche in storie it is y-founde
That Froilus was nevere unto no wight,
As in his tyme, in no degre secounde
In durring don that longeth to a knight
[In darring to do what belongeth]

(Chauc *Troilus*, v. 331)

derringer Name of US gunsmith c 1850

derry-down Meaningless song refrain, cf *tol-de-rol* and F jingle *laridondaine*

dervish Turk *dervish*, Pers *darvish*, poor, hence religious mendicant, cf F *derviche*. It *dervis*, etc Equivalent to Arab *faqih* *Dervish* is also loosely applied to Soudanese follower of the Mahdi, "fuzzy-wurzy."

des-. OF *des-* (*dés-*, *dé-*), L *dis-* See *dis-*

descant First as noun, variation on melody OF *deschant*, *descant* (*déchant*), ModL *discantus*, part song. With to *descant on* cf to *harp on*, *ring the changes on* (a theme)

descend F *descendre*, L *descendere*, to climb (*scandere*) down

describe Reconstruction, on L *describere*, to write down, of earlier *descriere*, OF *descrire*, *descriu-* (*décrire*) All senses, including math., appear in 16 cent

descry OF *descriu*, to shout, proclaim, equivalent to *escrivo* (*écrire*), whence obs. F *ascry*, *escry*, in same sense (see *cry*). Orig used of announcing by a shout the presence of enemy, land, game, etc (cf *exploire*) Occ confused with obs *descrie* (v s)

M's le dit Junes Douglas fut escryt des gueltes en l'ost, et se mist a le fuite
(French Chron of London).

desecrate Formed in L. as opposite of *consecrate* (q.v.) L. *desecrare* means to make holy

desert¹ What is deserved OF from *deservir* (*deservire*) L. *deservire* to serve well and in V.L. to merit (cf Ger *verdienen* to merit from *dieneu* to serve) Now usu. in bad sense to get one's deserts

desert² Wilderness F *désert* L. *desertum* (wilderness in Vulg.) from L. *deserere* to abandon lit. to unbind from *se ere* *ert*

desert³ Verb F *désérer* from above cf Late L. *desertare* It. *desertare* Sp. *désertar* In mil. sense from 17 cent

deserve See *desert*

deshabillé *deshabillé* F *deshabillé* undressed See *habiller*

desiccate From L. *desiccare* to make dry *siccus*

desiderate From L. *desiderare* of which *desideratum* is the p.p. neut. See *desire*

design F *désigner* I. *désigner* to mark out from *signum* mark Noun was earlier also *dessigne* after F *dessin* It. *dise* no F now differentiates *dessain* project *dessin* drawing but they are the same word For deterioration of sense cf *plot*

A. Thal. *d. design* b. Tild. ! (A. cl. by ch. 1)

desipience L. *desipie* *lia* from *desipere* to be silly from *sapere* to know be wise

desire F *désirer* L. *desiderare* orig. to regret Prob. like *consider* (q.v.) derived from *sider* *sider* star In earlier use often to look back with regret

He reign d in J. rural in ght years and d p. ted without be g d si d (z. Ch. x. 1. 20)

desist F *désister* L. *desistere* to stand back

desk It. *desco* a deske a table a board a counting board (Flor.) L. *discus* disk in Late L. tabl. (cf Ger *tisch* from L.) Hence ModL. *desca* (by analogy with *mensa tabula*) which is the source of MT *deske* (Chruc.) See *dish* *dis*

desm C *des* *os* bond chain

desolate From L. *desolare* to desert leave alone *soli*

He which th t bath no w f I holde hym shet
He lev th help e ad al d mol t (Ch. u. L. 13. 0)

despair First as verb OF *desperer* *desperer* (replaced by *désespérer*) L. *desperare* to give up hope from *spera* to hope As noun has supplanted native *wanhope* from AS *wan* wanting

despatch See *dispatch*

desperado From c. 1600 OSp. I. p. of *desperar* (replaced by *désespérer*) to despair

desperate L. *desperatus* p.p. of *desperare* to despair For intense sense (*desperate scoundrel*) cf *deperado*

despise OF *despire* *despis* L. *despicere* to look down from *spectare* to look Cf *despicable* *despite*

despite OF *despit* (*dépit*) L. *despectus* from *despicere* (v.s.) cf It. *dispetto* *despite* (Flor.) Orig. scorn as in *despite* of F. *en dépit de* i.e. in contempt of shortened to *despite* of or simply *despite* Often *de spite* in 16 cent (cf *leli* lit. *sprightly*) No v. replaced in most senses by *against* *spite* (cf *spirit* *split* etc.)

despoil OF *de poiher* (*depoiler*) L. *depoliare* to plunder cf It. *d. spoliar* *sp. despoir* See *spoil*

despond From L. *despondere* (c. a. m. n.) to lose heart lit. to give a. an. alliance from *spondere* to promise As noun only in *slough of despond* (Bunyan)

despot F. d. *pote* L. *despotis* orig. master of the house and in ModL. usual title of bishop As title of various Balkan princes it appears in F. of 14 cent whence its usual meaning in other European languages For sense development cf *tyranny* *desquamation* (med.) From L. *dequamare* to remove scales *squama*

dessert F. from *desservir* to clear away from *servire* to lay the table Of also *desserte* still used of fragments that remain

dessous F. underneath L. *de* *hius* In ModL. & F. for underneath undies

destine F. d. *sterner* I. *destine* to make fast cogn. with *stare* to stand and with *obstinare*

destitute L. *destitutus* p.p. of *destituere* to abandon from *statuere* to set up

destrier [Aust.] Warhorse F. ModL. *destrer* (equ.) because led by squire at knight's right hand

destroy OF *destruere* (*destruere*) V.L. *destruere* (cf It. *destruere*) *destruere* from *struere* pile building (cf *demolish*) Hence *destruere* for *destruere* to build replacing (1833) earl. *destruere* to build

destruction I. L. *destruere* to-m (v.s.) desuetude I. *desuetudo* L. *de* *consuetudo* to be accustomed See *custom*

desultory L *desultorius*, from *desultor*, circus equestrian, lit leaper down, from *desilire*, from *salire*, to leap

desultores horsemen that in bataille had two horses, and quickly would change horses, and leape from one to an other (Coop)

detach F *détacher* See *attach*

detail F *détail*, from *détailler*, to cut up
First (c 1600) in phrase *in detail*, F *en détail*, opposed to *en gros* For mil sense cf *detach* Oldest F sense of the noun is replaced in E by *retail* See *tally*, *tailor*

detain F *détenir*, VL **detenere*, for *detinere*, to hold back With leg *detainer*, AF infin *detener*, cf *remainder*, *disclaimer*, etc

detect From L *delegere*, *detect-*, to uncover (see *thatch*) Hence *detective*, for *detective policeman*, *officer* (c 1850), vulg *tec'*

detente [neol] Slackening of pol tension
F, from *tendre*, to stretch Cf *detent*, in various mech senses, orig in OF of the catch of a cross-bow

detention F *detention*, L *detentio-n-*, from *detinere*, *detent-*, to detain

deter L *deterere*, to frighten off

deterge L *detergere*, to wipe off

deteriorate From L *deteriorare*, from *deterior*, compar of lost adj **deter*, from *de*, down Cf *inferior*, etc

determine F *déterminer*, L *determinare*.
as to bring (come) to an end, *terminus*, as still in some spec senses (cf *define*)
Self-determination (of races) renders Ger *selbstbestimmung*, an idealistic compd much used early in 1917 *Determinism* as opposed to *freewill* is 19 cent

detersive See *deterge*

detest F *détester*, L *detestari*, to execrate, calling God to witness, *testis*

detinue, writ of [leg] ME *detenewe*, F *détenu*, p p of *détenir*, to detain

detonate From L *detonare*, to thunder down
detour F, from *détourner*, to turn aside.
See *turn*

detract From L *detrahere*, *detract-*, to draw away

detrain [mil] From c 1880, after *debark* Cf *debus*.

detriment L *detrimentum*, from *deterere*, *detrin-*, to rub away Hence *detrimental*, younger brother of heir, regarded as ineligible suitor

detritus [neol] Incorr use of L *detritus*, process of wearing down, from *deterere* (v s)

deuce Two, at cards or dice F *deux*, L *duos*, equal, at tennis, F *à deux de jeu*

Hence the *deuce'* dicer's exclamation at making lowest throw (*ambsace*), later adopted as euph for *devil* Cf Ger *daus*, two at dice, OF *dous* (*deux*), similarly used In secondary sense *deuce* may have been associated with ME *dewes*! God! OF *Dieus*, nom & voc of *Dieu*

adua, *adue*, *aduo* two by two, two and two together, a dewce at tennis ply (Flor)

duum two dewces at dice (ib)

deus ex machina L, god from a machine
Allusion to intervening deity suspended in air on ancient stage

Deuteronomy G *δευτερονόμιον*, from *δευτερος*, second, *νόμος*, law, used erroneously by LXX (*Deut* vii 18), where Heb original means "copy of this law"

deutzia Flower From J *Deutz* (Amsterdam, 1781) Cf *dahlia*, *fuchsia*, etc

devanagari [ling] Sanskrit script Sanskrit *deva-nāgarī*, lit divine-urban

devastate From L *devastare*, to lay waste
See *vast*, *waste*

develope F *développer*, from OF *veloper*, *voloper*, to wrap, from a radical *velop*, *volep*, of unknown origin, which is found also in Prov *desvolopar* Cf *envelope* and It *inviluppare*, to wrap up Perh from Teut *wap*, affected initially by L *volvare*, cf *Salop*, from Roman pronunc of *Shropshire*, scrub shire

deviate From L *deviare*, to depart from the way, *via*

device F *devis* (m), *deviser* (f), verbal nouns from *deviser*, to divide, arrange, VL **divisare*, for *dividere*, *divis-*, to divide, cf It *diviso*, *divisa* The E senses often confuse the two F words To one's own *devices* corresponds to OF *à son devis*, where *devis* has sense of plan, decision In her, e g *a banner with this strange device*, it was orig an emblem used as distinctive mark (cf *cognizance*) See *deviser*

devil AS *dēofol*, L *diabolus*, G *διάβολος*, lit slanderer, from *διαβάλλειν*, to slander, lit throw across Used by the LXX to render Heb *Satan* (q v) Adopted in all Europ langs, including OSlav and Celt, e g F *diabole*, Ger *teufel*, Norw Dan *djævel*, Welsh *diawl*, etc Orig the arch-fiend only, but early confused with *demon* *Printer's devil* is 17 cent In sense of junior doing work for superior there is prob a reminiscence of the sorcerer's devil or familiar spirit Hence perh *Devil's own* for Inns of Court Volunteers (also 88th

Connaught Rangers) In cookery sense the allusion is to the temperature associated with the devil. For *go to the devil* the *NED* quotes a chronicle of 1394 which represents Richard II as saying to the Earl of Arundel: *Quod si tu mihi imponas adas ad diabolum*. For the *devil to pay* see *pay*. So also *between the devil and the deep* (17 cent. also *Dead*) *set* has been connected with *devil* in the sense of *serm* close to the waterline. But in each case the naut. interpretation is prob. secondary. With the last phrase cf. C. *μυροβερύμια* *μυροβ* λ. as a recipe in front wolves behind. *The devil on two sticks* is the name of a game recently revived as *diabolo*. *Devil's advocate* is for Church L. *advoca* is *Diaboli* raising objections to canonisation. *Devil may-care* is first recorded as adj. in *Pictet* but the interj. *devil care!* is much older. *Forerunners* as oppo. to *Celestial* (Ch. nese) is a misunderstanding of *Chin-jang-kwei*, ocean ghost, a name given to the Du sailors whose fair hair and pale faces appeared ghostly to the Ch. nese. *It has the devil* is directly from *l' que diable* (12 cent.).

Thy pot th p g d ty t ha e hee a won a y a that sh t l lws (the d l l sh d th) b t will t sh w e r selfe (f. reh. 16)

These hoves do in p nt gho e omn only bl k nd d wh th m l es when e the workmen do jocosely all them devils (*NED* 1853)

devious From L. *de* + *via* out of the way *via* devise F. *deciser* VL. *divisa* + *e* (see *device*)

In this as in other words the mod. distinction between *s* and *-e* is artificial. Orig. to arrange etym. sense surviving in law to *devise* being to arrange a division of one's property.

devoid Orig. pp of obs. verb *devoid* to empty out OF. *devoidier* (replaced by *devoid*). See *avoid*.

devoir [arch. ic] Pestored from MF. *deter* OF. *d'atir* (f. *atir*) L. *deb* + *e* used as noun. See *enlavour*.

devolve I. *d v here* to roll down. Hence *devolution* opposed in law to *evolution* and used pol. for *descent* *evolution*.

Devonian [g. ol.] Oil red sandstone between carboniferous and Silurian well exemplified in *Devon* and adopted as geol. term in F. and other langs.

devote From L. *devovere* *devot* to dedicate by vow. *turn* Hence *dote* by analogy with *refusee* *prince* etc. (which represent

the F. pp) replacing earlier *dote* F. *dote* + *e* *devout*.

deavour F. *décorer* L. *decorare* to swallow down from *i ra* + *e* to swallow. Fire called the *deiuri* element by Spenser. **devout** F. *devot* L. *devotus* pp of *devotere* to devote. Hence *devoutly* sincerely esp. in cons. *in devotion* *devoutly* to be *wh d* (*Hamlet* iii. 1).

dew AS. *dēaw* Com. Teut. cf. Du. *dauw* Ger. *tau* ON. *dög* Mo. *ntai* *deu* + *i* whisky illicitly distilled on mountain. *Dewlap* (14 cent.) *deuclaw* (10 cent.) prob. belong together as F. *façon* means both dewlap and the hair of the fetlock. For *dewlap* see *lap*. The first element is prob. *leu* thou h in the Scand. equivalents the first element (Dan. *Norw.* do. Sw. *d* + *u*) does not mean dew. Both the *dewlap* and *dewclaw* come naturally into contact with the dew. *Der pont* is a dial. word (Watts) recently adopted.

e n t on t th l v c l w wate c l t l g etc. (Lodge)

dewan See *dian*.

dewitt [hist.] To murder by mob-violence the fate of John and Cornelius de Witt opponent of William of Orange (1672). Cf. *Burke* *lunch* *boycott*. A pamphlet published in 1695 was entitled *The Dewittung of Gloucester*.

dexter [her.] L. on the right hand. Cogn. with G. *dexter* Goth. *takhsua* OHG. *te* *esu*. Hence *dexter* *us* (with etym. sense surviving in *ambi-dextero* is) *dexteris*.

dextrin [chem.] Named (1833) by Biot and Herschel. Cf. chem. terms in *l'et* + *due* to causing plane of ray of polarized light to rotate to the right.

dey [his.] F. Turk. *dé* maternal uncle applied to commander of janissaries at Algiers who in 1710 deposed the civil governor and became ruler.

dhoby [Anglo-Ind.] Washerman. Hind. *dhobi* from *dhob* + *ash* ng.

dhooly See *dool*.

dhourra See *dura*.

dhow *dow* Vessel esp. of slavers. Mod. Arab. *daw*. Origin unknown.

d For L. *dis* apart or C. *dis* *f r d* + *twice* corresponding to *l b*.

dia G. *dia* through *coon* with *u* (v) also *di*.

diabetes G. from *dia* + *pass* to pass through. Cf. *diarrhoea*.

diablerie F. *devilly*. See *devil*.

desultory L *desultorius*, from *desultor*, circus equestrian, lit leaper down, from *desilire*, from *salire*, to leap

desultores horsemen that in bataille had two horses, and quickly would change horses, and leape from one to an other (Coop)

detach F *détacher* See *attach*

detail F *détail*, from *détailler*, to cut up
First (c 1600) in phrase *in detail*, F *en détail*, opposed to *en gros* For mil sense cf *detach* Oldest F sense of the noun is replaced in E by *retail* See *tally*, *tailor*

detain F *détenir*, VL **detenire*, for *détinere*, to hold back With leg *detainer*, AF infin *detener*, cf *remainder*, *disclaimer*, etc

detect From L *detegere*, *detect-*, to uncover (see *thatch*) Hence *detective*, for *detective policeman*, *officer* (c 1850), vulg *tec'*

detente [neol] Slackening of pol tension
F, from *tendre*, to stretch Cf *detent*, in various mech senses, orig in OF of the catch of a cross-bow

detention F *détention*, L *detentio-n-*, from *détinere*, *detent-*, to detain

deter L *deterrire*, to frighten off

deterge L *detergere*, to wipe off

deteriorate From L *deteriorare*, from *deterior*, compar of lost adj **deter*, from *de*, down Cf *inferior*, etc

determine F *determiner*, L *determinare*
Orig to bring (come) to an end, *terminus*, as still in some spec senses (cf *define*)
Self-determination (of races) renders Ger *selbstbestimmung*, an idealistic compd much used early in 1917 *Determinism* as opposed to *freewill* is 19 cent

detersive See *deterge*

detest F *detester*, L *detestari*, to execrate, calling God to witness, *testis*

detinue, writ of [leg] ME *detenewe*, F *détenu*, p p of *détenir*, to detain

detonate From L *detonare*, to thunder down

detour F, from *détourner*, to turn aside
See *turn*

detract From L *detrahere*, *detract-*, to draw away

detrain [mil]. From c 1880, after *debarik* Cf *debuss*

detriment L *detrimentum*, from *deterere*, *detrin-*, to rub away Hence *detrimental*, younger brother of heir, regarded as in-eligible suitor

detritus [geol] Incorr use of L *detritus*, process of wearing down, from *deterere* (v s)

deuce Two, at cards or dice F *deu*, L *duos*; equal, at tennis, F *d deux de jeu*

Hence the *deuce!* *dicer's* exclamation at making lowest throw (*ambace*), later adopted as euph for *devil* Cf Ger. *daus*, two at dice, OF. *dous* (*deux*), similarly used In secondary sense *deuce* may have been associated with ME *dewes!* God! OF *Dieus*, nom & voc of *Dieu*

adua, *adue*, *aduo* two by two, two and two together, a *deuce* at tennis play (Flor)
dum two *deuces* at dice (sb)

deus ex machina L, god from a machine
Allusion to intervening deity suspended in air on ancient stage

Deuteronomy G *δευτερονόμοι*, from *δευτερος*, second, *νόμος*, law, used errone by LXX (*Deut* xvii 18), where Heb original means "copy of this law"

deutzia Flower From J *Deutz* (Amsterdam, 1781) Cf *dahlia*, *fuchsia*, etc

devanagari [ling] Sanskrit script Sanskrit *deva-nāgarī*, lit divine-urban

devastate From L *devastare*, to lay waste
See *vast*, *waste*

develope F *developper*, from OF *veloper*, *voleper*, to wrap, from a radical *velop*, *volep*, of unknown origin, which is found also in Prov *desvolopar* Cf *envelope* and It *involuppare*, to wrap up Perh. from Teut *wrap*, affected initially by L *volvere*, cf *Salop*, from Roman pronunc of *Shropshire*, scrib *shire*

deviate From L *deviare*, to depart from the way, *via*

device F *devis* (m), *devisé* (f), verbal nouns from *deviser*, to divide, arrange, VL **divisere*, for *dividere*, *divis-*, to divide, cf It. *diviso*, *divisa* The E. senses often confuse the two F words. *To one's own devices* corresponds to OF. *à son devis*, where *devis* has sense of plan, decision. In her, e g *a banner with this strange device*, it was orig an emblem used as distinctive mark (cf. *cognizance*) See *devise*

devil AS *deofol*, L *diabolus*, G *diábolos*, lit slanderer, from *διαβάλλειν*, to slander, lit throw across. Used by the LXX. to render Heb *Satan* (q v) Adopted in all Europ langs, including OSlav and Celt. e g F *diable*, Ger *teufel*, Norw Dan *djævel*, Welsh *diawl*, etc Orig the arch-fiend only, but early confused with *demon* *Printer's devil* is 17 cent In sense of junior doing work for superior there is prob a reminiscence of the sorcerer's devil or familiar spirit Hence perh *Devil's own* for Inns of Court Volunteers (also 88th

dickens Toph for detail cf o f Vick From
Di lem D chon pet form of Pickard
whence also surname Dickens

I cannot tell what the dickens knows is
(Merry W s li 2)

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tension of this word which occurs in
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is supposed to be due to ten hides having
been adopted by the Romans as unit of
tribute and barter on the frontier Cf Du
daker Ger *dacker* a dicker of 1 other
ten hides (Ludw) Icel *dekk* Norw Dan
decker Sw *däcker* also MedL *dakra* Of
fact It is likely that US *dicker* orig
to barter for skins with the Indians on the
frontier is the same word a curious
parallel to its last origin

II bands will be too scarce to dicker about
(Gertrud Altherton 72 Loe 2d ser 191)

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dicky² Inferior shily Slang from c. 1800
Origin unknown

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to say Hence *dicts* or orig in Repub
lican Rome magistrates invested tempora
rily with absolute power Cf *pro dictato*

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to say com with Ger *ziehen* to accuse
(*gerziehen* to forgive) AS *ðian* to accuse
dictionary MedL *dictionarius* or *dictiona
rius* (sc *liber*) a collection of dictions
usu arranged under subject headings and
not alphabetically 1 word as book title
dates prob from Sir Thomas Llyot's *La n
D cty navy* (1538) and I *dictonnary* from
Robert Lathen's *Dictionnaire de faucons*
1611 (1539)

dictum L from *dicere* d c t to say Hence
archaic I *dict* saying

didactic G *didaktikos* from *didaxi* v to
teach

didapper Dabeluck For d e-dapper from
obs d te-dap AS *dus dappas* from *dusan*
to dive and second element cogn with
d p Cf synon F *pion con* Ger *kuckente*
diving duck

diddle To swindle Back formation (cf
peddle) from *ferre* n Diffiler name of
swindling character in Kenne's farce
Passing the Wind (1803) Cf *burlesque*
cat M s Grady etc But the selection
of the name was prob due to dial *diddle*
to trick (16 cent) app related to dual

didle to totter (cf sense history of
swindle) and ult with AS *dyde* tam to
fool

This was their fi d vice to f 30 horses wh
our horsemen sho ld m t th m H when
bec with n r s w re o l t es or their h
any l t e the co ld l th jockB th
aff y the ther (W l tte 348)

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AS *stafa* (cf Ger *sterben* and
starbe) Usual ME form was *dey* (s s
dee) See dead The De ad Midl sex
regiment (ol l 5 th foot) on th title at
Albuera (1811)

die² Sing of *dice* ML also *de* s e d F
d d L dat m from d re in sense f l r w
(cf Ger *ausfallen* from *ausfallen*) See *dado*
Chauc MSS have pl ace *des* f d e
d so Pl d e s often used as sing n 14-17
cents and the sing hardly occurs no
exc in fig phrases With *true* *tri* h t
as a d cf earlier *smooth* as a d The
other senses cubical block stamping-die
are much later (17 cent) Th *lie* s cast
is after L *gestale* ascribed to Cae ar
on crossing the Rubicon

dies irae Opening words of L hymn as
cribed to Thomas of Celan (1530)

des non [leg] F *des* n n j r d e s d n
not counting for legal purposes

diet¹ Rations F *diete* L *dieta* G our
system of life Cf It Sp *dieta*

diet Parliamentary assembly MedL *die* a
whence F *diete* In F used (from 16 cent)
esp of such Ger bodies as the Reichstag
Bu de tag Landtag (though the wr d i
foreign to G r) and also of Hungary and
Ioland MedL *die* a meant also a day's
journey work wage etc corresponding
thus to F *jour née* This fact and the pec
use of *diet* for Ger *die* day (see *divs*)
Re chstag point to derivation from L *die*
It occurs in 15 cent Sc both for f rmal
meeting and day's work The form of the
MedL word was no doubt suggested by
a sociation with *diet* (q v) Hence agree
ment in form of the two words in the Pom
lang. (v d)

d d a diet or abstr once from m at or p
scription when to te Also parliament
g a rail assembly fest tea (Thor)

differ F *differre* from L *differe* from *dis*
and *ferre* to bear Ident th d fer¹ (q v)

diabolical See *devil*

diabolo Fancy name for old game revived c 1907 App a mixture of It *diavolo* and Sp *diablo* See *devil*

diachylon Orig ointment of vegetable juices L *diachylon*, G *διὰ χυλῶν*, by means of juices, from *χυλός*, juice (see *chyle*)

diacanal See *deacon*

diacritic G *διακριτικός*, from *διακρίναι*, to separate, distinguish

diadem F *diadème*, L, G *διάδημα*, fillet, esp royal fillet of Pers kings adopted by Alexander the Great From G *διαδεῖν*, to bind round

diacresis G, from *διαίρειν*, to take apart

diagnosis G, from *διαγνώσκω*, to discern, know apart *Diagnose* is a back-formation

diagonal From G *διαγώνιος*, from *γωνία*, angle

diagram F *diagramme*, G *διάγραμμα*, from *διαγράφειν*, to mark out

dial Only in E App MedL *dialis*, from *dies*, used for *diurnalis* Froissart has *dyal*, explained as *100 journal*, day wheel First of sun-dial (Lydgate)

diall to knowe the houres by the course of the son e. quadrant (Palsg)

dialect L, G *διάλεκτος*, from *διαλέγεσθαι*, to discourse Earlier is *dialectic* (Wyc), art of formal discussion, invented, according to Aristotle, by Zeno of Elea, and perfected by Plato, G *διαλεκτική* (sc *τέχνη*)

dialogue F, L, G *διάλογος* (vs) *Dialogues* of St Gregory are mentioned in *Ancient Riwle* (early 13 cent) Sometimes felt as limited to two persons, through confusion between *dia-* and *di-*.

dialysis G *διάλυσις* See *analysis*

diameter F *diamètre*, L, G *διάμετρος*, measuring through

diamond F *diamant*, Late L *diamas*, *diamant-*, corrupt of *adamas* See *adamant*, in sense of which Milton still uses *diamond* *Diamond* (i.e. smallest) type is of Du origin Dryden calls Chaucer a *rough diamond*

Diana Type of purity, or huntress L divinity, later identified with G Artemis, e.g. *Diana of the Ephesians* For *Divana*, from *diuis*, god

diapason L, G *διὰ πασῶν*, through all, for *ἡ διὰ πασῶν χορδῶν συμφωνία* Cf *diatessaron*

diaper OF *diaspre* (whence F *diaprer*, to checker), MedL *diaspris*, MedG *διασπρος*, ?white in places, from Byzantine G *ἄσπρος*,

white Used in OF of a precious flowered fabric The sense-development has been influenced by *jasper*, with which it is confused in MedL, It & Sp (cf F, *marbré*, used of patterns from 12 cent.)

diaphanous From G *διαφανής*, transparent, from *φαίναι*, to show

diaphoretic G *διαφορητικός*, promoting perspiration, from *διαφορεῖν*, to carry off

diaphragm L, G *διάφραγμα*, from *φράγμα*, fence, from *φράσσειν*, to hedge in, etc E word is *midijf* (q v).

diarchy See *dyarchy*

diarrhoea L, G *διάρροια*, from *διαρρεῖν*, to flow through

diary L *diarium*, daily allowance, later, daily record, from *dies*, day

diastole Dilatation (of heart), opposed to *systole*, contraction. G *διαστολή*, from *διαστέλλειν*, to put asunder Often fig

The great respiration, ebb and flood, *systole* and *diastole*, of the national intercourse (De Quincey)

diatessaron Gospel harmony. From title given (2 cent) by Tatian to his gospel harmony, *Εὐαγγέλιον διὰ τεσσάρων*, gospel made of four Cf *diapason*

diatonic G *διατονικός*, through the notes, *τόνος*

diatribe F, L, G *διατριβή*, wearing away (of time), from *διατρίβειν*, to rub through. Orig discourse, etc, from c 1800 associated with invective

dib, dabble Lighter forms of *dab*, *dabble*, cf *dibchick* for *dabchick* *Dibs*, money, earlier applied to counters used at play (cf *chips*), is perh the same word, also *dibstones*, *dabs*, used of a children's game *Dibber*, for gardening, is prob old in dial

dicast [hist] G *δικαστής*, judge, jurymen, from *δίκη*, justice

dice See *die*²

dichotomy G *διχοτομία*, cutting in two, from *δίχα*, in two, *τέμνειν*, to cut

Dick, dick¹ Rimed pet form of *Richard* Often used, as one of the commonest F names (cf *Jack*), as equivalent to fellow, e.g. *dirty Dick*, *Tom*, *Dick* and *Harry* So also *dicky bird* (cf *robin redbreast*, *jack daw*, etc), *dicky*, a donkey (cf *neddy*), *dick*, a leather bib, *dicky*, a detachable shirt-front, seat in carriage Some of these are no doubt old, though early records are naturally hard to find

dick² [slang] In to take one's *dick* Short for *declaration* (cf *davy for affidavit*) Hence also *up to dick*, i.e. up to declared quality

dickens Euph for *devil* cf *old Nick* From *Dicken Dickon* pet form of *Richard* whence also surname *Dickens*

I cann t tell wh t th dicke s has am is
(*Merr W as u*)

dicker [techn] Ten esp ten hides L *de cursa* set of ten The wide and early extension of this word which occurs in *Doine day Book* and prob existed in AS is supposed to be due to ten hides having been adopted by the Romans as unit of tribute and barter on the frontier Cf *Du daker Cer decher* a dicker of leather ten hides (Lud v) Icel *dekr* Norw *Dan deger* Sw *däcker* also MedL *da ra* OF *dacre* It is likely that US *dcher* orig to barter for skins with the Indians on the frontier is the same word a curious parallel to its hist origin

H bands will be too se t dicker about
(Gertrude Atherton *JA* Livs & P cent 1917)

dicky¹ See *dicke*¹

dcky² Inferior shabby Slang from c 1800 Origin unknown

dictate From I *dictare* frequent of *dicere* to say Hence *dictator* orig in Republican Rome magistrat invested temporarily with absolute power Cf food *dictato*

diction F L *dictio-n* from *dicere* *dict* to say cogn with Ger *zählen* to accuse (*verzeihen* to forgive) AS *kōn* to accuse dictionary MedL *dictionariu n* or *dictionarius* (sc *iber*) a collection of dictions usu arranged under subject headings and not alphabetically L word as book title dates prob from Sir Thomas Elyot's *Lat n Dict onary* (1538) an IF *di t o nari* e from Robert Lescunne's *Dictionnaire f an o s la in* (1539)

dictum L from *dicere* *dict* to say Hence archaic F *dit* saying

didache G *διδάσκειν* or from *διδάσκειν* to teach

didapper Dabchick For *dve-dapper* from obs *dne-dap* AS *dusdoppa* from *dusan* to dive and second element cogn with *dip* Cf synon F *plon con* Ger *tauchen* e diving duck

diddle To swindle Back formation (cf *peddl*) from *Jer m* *Diddler* name of swindling character in Kenney's *furce Passig the II and* (1803) Cf *burke boy* coll *Mrs Grundy* etc But the selection of the name was prob due to dial *diddle* to trick (16 cent) app related to dial

diddle to totter (cf sense-history of *swindle*) and ult with AS *dǣderian* to fool

This was their fin d vi to fr y o horses wh our horsemen should coun at them. Howbe beca th rid as were o b b es or their b res a y colt th y uid nathe daddl th ese r aftr y th oth (W P t n 349)

didymium [chem] Named (1843) from (*δίδυμος* twin because of its close asso ciation with *larihanium*)

die¹ Verb ME *de ten* ON *teva* replacir AS *steorjan* (f Ger *stēbn* and scr *stare*) Uual ME form was *deu* (cf S *des*) See *dead* The *Die hard*s Middlesex regiment (old 57th foot) on the title at Albuera (1811)

die Sing of *dice* ME *al o d de dev* F *dé L datim* from *da e* in sense I throw (cf Ger *wurfel* from *w rfen*) See *dat* Chauc MSS have *pl dee de d i d i e* *dise* Pl *dice* is often used as ing in 14-17 cents and the sing hardly occurs now exc in fig phrases With true t a i ht as a *dice* cf earlier *smooth as a die* The other senses cubical block stan ping-die are much later (17 cent) *The d e is c i t* is after L *ja a est alea* ascribed to Caesar on crossing the Rubicon

dies irae Opening wo ds of L hymn a scribd to Thomas of Celano (150)

dies non [le] For *dies non jur dicus* day not counting for legal purposes

diet¹ Fashions F *diète* L *dieta* (*dia* system of life Cf lt Sp *dieta*)

diet Parliamentary assembly MedL *d i ta* whence F *diète* In E used (from 16 c nt) esp of such Ger bodies as the Reichsta Bundestag Landtag (though the word s foreign to (e r) and also of Hunga s and Poland MedL *d i ta* meant also a day s journey work wa e etc corresponding thus to F *jour née* This fact and the spec use of *diet* for Ger *tag* day (see *dysman Reichstag*) point to derivation from L *d* It occurs in 15 cent Sc both for form u meeting and day s wo k Tl form of the MedL word was no doubt suggested by association with *diet*² (q v) hence aere ment in form of the two words in the Rom langs (v i)

d i ta a d i t or between a from *die* te or pre scription wh n to e t Also *parli ment* or *generall assembly* f estates (17 v)

differ F *d i f f e r* from L *d i f f e r e* from *dis* and *ferre* to bear Ident with *differ* (1 v)

from which it has been differentiated in sense and sound since c 1500 With *difference*, quarrel, cf *variance* The *difference* *calculus*, dealing with infinitesimal differences, was invented by Leibnitz (1677) Hence *differentiate*, a neol first used in math

difficult Back-formation from *difficulty*, L *difficultas*, replacing (16 cent) earlier *difficil*, F *difficile*, L *difficilis*, from *dis-* and *facilis*, easy

All things seeme difficulte to the dysciple (Caxton)

diffident From pres part of L *diffidere*, to distrust Now usu of distrusting oneself

Thou dost shame thy mother

And wound her honour with this diffidence
(King John, 1.1)

diffract From L *diffingere*, *diffract-*, to break (*frangere*) apart

diffuse First as adj, F *diffus*, L *diffusus*, p p of L *diffundere*, to pour apart

dig F *diguer*, to prick, spur, orig to excavate, from *digue*, dike Of Teut origin, cf *dike* and AS *dician*, to dig Orig weak (past always *digged* in AV) Replaces (from 14 cent) native *delve* (q v) and *grave* *Diggings*, abode, is found almost as early (1838) as first record in sense of gold-diggers' camp

digamma Sixth letter of orig G alphabet, from Semit, with sound *w* or *v* So called because it (F) was the shape of two *gammas* (f)

digest Earliest (14 cent) E sense is body of Roman Law compiled by order of Justinian From L neut pl *digesta*, from *digerere*, to put apart, arrange, also *digerere cibum*, to digest food

dight [*poet*] Orig p p of AS *dihthan*, to compose, L *dictare*, whence also Ger *dichten*, to write poetry Very common in ME, to equip, order, prepare, etc., but obs after Milton till revived by Scott

Stoned window s richly dight (*Penseroso*, 159)

Why do these steeds stand ready dight? (*Lay*, 1.6)

digit L *digitus*, finger First in math sense, the Arab notation being based on the ten fingers Hence ModL *digitalis*, fox-glove, named by Fuchs (1542) after Ger *fingerhut*, fox-glove lit thimble, "finger-hat" With *digitigrade*, toe-walking (cats dogs, etc.), cf *plantigrade* (bears)

dignity F *dignité*, L *dignitas*, from *dignus*, worthy, See *deign*, *dawty* *Dignitary* is F *aisné*

digraph From G δι-, two, γραφή, writing See *diphthong*

digress From L *digredi*, *digress-*, to step aside, from *dis-* and *gradior*, I step

dike, **dyke** AS *dīc*, excavation, later also mound resulting (cf *moat* for converse case of double sense, also Du *dam*, bank, pool) Ident with *ditch* (q v), the EAngl currency of the word being prob due to association with cogn Du *dijk*, dam Cf also Ger *teich*, pool The office of *dike-reeve*, surveyor of dams and water-courses, still exists in the fen-country

dilapidate From L *dilapidare*, orig to throw stones, *lapis*, *lapid-*, apart, as still in geol

dilate F *dilater*, L *dilatare*, from *latus*, wide With to *dilate on*, earlier also to *dilate oneself on*, cf *expatiate* and *colloq to spread oneself*

dilatory Late L *dilatorius*, from *differre*, *dilat-*, to put off

dilemma G δίλημμα, from δι-, double, λῆμμα, assumption, from λαμβάνειν, to take The alternatives are commonly called the "horns," as they catch one on both sides

Either horn of the dilemma impales him

(*Pall Mall Gaz* Sep 3, 1917).

dilettante It, from *dilettare*, to delight (q v), L *delectare* Cf *amateur*, ModE sense of which is now replaced in F by *dilettante*

diligent F, from pres part of L *diligere*, to delight in, orig to choose (*legere*) between (*dis-*) *Diligence*, stage-coach, F, is for *carrosse de diligence*, coach of dispatch Hence dial *dilly* for various vehicles

dill Plant AS *dile* (*Matt* xxiii 23), cf Du *dille*, Ger *dill* Origin unknown

dilly¹ See *diligence*

dilly². Nursery name for duck, as in "dilly, dilly, come and be killed"

dilly-bag [*Austral*] Native *dilli*, bag of rushes (Queensland) See *dilly-bag*

dilly-dally Redupl on *dally* Cf *shilly-shally*

dilute From L *diluere*, *dilut-*, from *luere*, to wash *Dilution* of (skilled) labour is a neol

The May agreement made provision for dilutees being first taken from the workshops

(*Sunday Times*, Jan. 20, 1918)

diluvial Resulting from flood See *déluge*, *antediluvian*

dim AS *dimn*, dark, wickcd, cf ON *dimmr*, OHG *timbar*, Swiss dial *timmer* App cogn with Ger *dämmern*, to be twilight (cf *Götterdämmerung*), and L *tenebrae*

philology, to *skim a novel* *Dip*, candle, is for earlier *dip-candle*, made by dipping wick in tallow instead of moulding. Hence *dips*, the purser (Marryat), as *chips*, the carpenter

None of your rascally "dips"—but sound,
Round, tenpenny moulds of four to the pound
(Ingoldsby)

diphtheria From F *diphthérie*, substituted (1855) by Bretonneau for his earlier *diphthérie* (1821) coined from G *διφθέρα*, skin

diphthong F *diphthongue*, L, G *διφθογγος*, from *δι-*, twice, *φθόγγος*, voice, sound Prop two vowel sounds in one syllable, as in *rice*, *found*, *foil*, but often used for *digraph*, double letter, e.g. *Cæsar*

diploma L, G *δίπλωμα*, folded paper, from *δι-λούς*, double, hence official document, certificate, etc. *Diplomatic* is F *diplomatique*, having to do with diplomas, and *diplomat* is a back-formation after *aristocrat*, *democrat*, etc

dipsomania Coined (19 cent.) from G *δίψα*, thirst

diptera [biol.] G, neut pl of *δί-τερος*, from *δι-*, two, *-τερός*, wing

diptych L *diptycha* (neut pl), Late G *δί-πτυχα*, pair of writing tablets, from *δί-πτυχος*, double folded, from *πτυχή*, fold Cf *diploma*

dire L *dirus*, terrible, cogn with G *δεινός*

direct First as verb From L *dirigere*, *direct-*, to make straight, from *regere*, to rule For temporal meaning of *directly* cf *immediately*, *straightaway* *Direct action* (pol.) is 20 cent (cf *Bolshevist*, *frightfulness*) *Directory* in sense of address-book is recorded (for London) in 1732 In hist sense it translates F *Directoire* (1795-99)

dirge L *dirige* in antiphon at Matins in Office for the Dead, beginning "Dirige, Domine, Deus meus, in conspectu tuo viam meam" (Ps v 8) Cf *placebo*, *requiem*

dirge office for dead men (*Prompt Par*)

dirigible From L *dirigere*, to direct (q.v.)

In aeronautics adopted from F *dirigible* **diriment** [law] From pres part of L *dirimere* to separate, hence to nullify

dirk I rather at a *dirk*, *dirk* The true Gaelic word is *brodhar* Prob. from proper name *Dirk*, *Dirk* used in Din. & Sw. like Ger *Dick*, of a picklock, and hence perh. applied to an instrument for 'letting daylight into' the human body. Cf double

meaning of Du word below See also *desrich*.

opsteeker a picklock, a great knife, or a dagger (Sewel, 1727).

dirt ME, ON *dirit*, excrement. AS has verb *drilan* For metath of *bird* Used by Wye (*Philip* iii 8), var *tordis*, for Vulg. *stercora* (AV *ding*), cf Du *drilen*, *stercorare* *Dirty Half-hundred* 50th foot (1st bat Royal West Kent), *Dirty Shirts* 101st foot (1st bat Munster Fus.) The first name is said to be due to the men becoming smeared with dye from black facings of uniform in Peninsular War, the second to the regiment having fought in shirt-sleeves at Delhi (1857)

dis- L prefix cogn with *bis* (for **dis* = G. *dis*, twice) and with *duo*, two. Hence sometimes L *de-*, from OF *des-* (*dé-*), now often replaced by reconstruction, e.g. *dis-arrange*, *dis-ange*, *disembark*, *debark*; *disinherit* (q.v.)

disaffected See *affect* Sense of mutinous from 17 cent

disappoint Prop to break an arrangement, appointment See *appoint*

disaster F *désastre* or It. *disastro*, orig. evil star, L *astium* Cf *ill-starred*

disband F *débander*, earlier *desbander*, imitated from It. *sbandare* in mil. sense See *band*²

disburse OF *desbourser* (*déboursier*), from *bourse*, purse Cf *out-of-pocket* See *bursar*, *purse*

disc See *disk*

discard Earlier also *decard* OF *descartier*, to scatter (cf Sp. Port *descartar*), for more usual *escarter* (*décartier*), VL. **exquartare*, to quarter out, remove portions (cf It. *scartare*) Though early associated with card play it can hardly be from *card*, as *discart* could only mean to remove from the card (cf *disburse*, *disgorge*, *disfranchise*, etc.). For formation, from L *quartus*, cf. OF. *entrecier*, to put on one side, from *tertius*, third

discern L *discernere*, to separate.

discharge OF *descharger* (*décharger*), to unload See *charge*. With lex. sense cf *exonerate*.

disciple AS *discipol* and F. *disciple*, L. *discipulus*, pupil, from **discipere* (contracted with *proscribere*, to teach) but influenced by *discere*, to learn. It sense has been determined by Bibl. use AS had at a *lorenter* *ceate* *Discipulus* is F. L. *discipulus*.

disclaimer AF infin as noun OF *des clamer* L *disclamare* Cf *allsinder se mainde misno ner* etc See *claim*

discombolus Statue of quirit thrower From C *βωλλων* to throw See *dish*

discomfit OF *desconfit* pp of *desconfire* (d *confire*) VL *disconfite* to undo (s *e* *confit*) First as pp in F

discommon To expel from community (see *comm* n) At Oxf and Camb (from 16 cent) to deprive tradesman of liberty to supply undergraduate

disconcert Now usu with personal object but orig of deranging frustrating (plans etc) See *concert*

dissens ti t hring o t of der frame t ne o proportion (Flw)

discord OF *descorde* L *discordia* See *accord*

discount OF *descont* *descompte* (*decompte*) from *desconter* to count off See *count* Modf now u es rather *escompte* It s *out*

discourse F *discours* L *discursus* orig *currere* to and fro from *discurrere* Etym sense appears in *discursive*

Discours strictly speaking i th motion or progress fth mod from one f dgm t t an ther (W 13)

discover OF *descovrir* (*decouvrir*) to uncover as in *chess* by *discovery* (*chess*) See *cover*

discreet F *discret* L *discretus* orig separated from *discernere* but takin act sense in Late L Cf Ger *gescheid* clever lit separated In to *surrender at d s ret on* the d *scritum* is that of the victor Ye s of d s ret on fixed by L law at fourteen (Littleton s *Tenn* ss) date from 14 ce it

The better part of v i u lads relation (He II v 4)

discrepant From pres part of L *d s repare* lit to sound ill jar from *c efa e* to so nd Cf fig ens of *dish*

discriminate From L *discriminare* to divide See *crisis*

discursive See *discourse*

discuss AF *discusser* from OF *descous* pp of *descou e* L *discite* to agitate from *graver* to hake

Te c stus es et usages se font discus p r les maltr et alderman (Labe 4 bus p 224)

disdain OF *desdain* *desden* n (*déda n*) from *desleign er* (*déda ner*) VL *d d gna e* for *dedignari* from *di nus* worthy See *dign*

disease OF *desaise* discomfort (e *ease*)

For strength ned sense cf *disgrace* *disgrace* all orig euph coinages

Th I ges M pest w s a lte d ised ith o id (c id) t kunge (Wri thersley Chron 55)

disembogue [archaic] To come into open sea now esp of rivers Sp *de embocar* to come out of the mouth of a river or haven (Minsh) from Sp *boca* mouth (see *de bouche*) A word from the Spanish Mun earliest examples ar *disembogue* bein from Drake Hawkins I alough u u of ship emergin, from bay or river mouth Earlier is the simplex (v) Sp *emboc* expressing the opposite In Hall (v 141) we also find d *shock* app a Norman var of OF *desbocher*

Wh re th y hall land tra yl lodg and ymburke (C mm o t 3 r II Morg 3)

disestablish In ref to scheme directed against the Church of England first recorded in Gladstone s *Church and State* (1838)

disfigure For sense cf *deface* *deform*

disgorge OF *de go ser* (*dégor er*) App from lang of falconry (see *gorge*) Now usu fig Quot below suggests a curious picture

People found boarding oil will be a ade t d g s it as w s don n th as f food (Dily Years Sep 6 9 9)

disgrace Orig loss of favour (s *use*) as still in F Cf *in d i s ace* For strengthened sense cf *disase* *disgust*

I h ar Macduff lives in d i gr e (Macb 1.6)

disgruntled Now chief US but 17 cent L From gr *nile* frequent of g unt

disguise OF *de gu ser* (*déguiser*) to change costume (e *guise*) Not orig with s use of concealment Cf *disused* n liquor (Massinger) appearance being changed by intonation

H [th proph t] is disg sed from th re t i b apparell (Purch)

disgust OF *de oust* (*dégoûst*) S-e *gusto* Orig di taste now strengthened in meaning

dish AB *disc* bowl platter L *discus* quirit dish (un f i l g) See d k Cf Ger *ti ch* (from L) table and see *dais* *dash* Wyc uses it al o i l L sense of quirit *Dish of tea* (*coffee*) is common in 17-19 cents W th to d sh to briff cf to do for to cook one s goove settle one s hash Esp in 1st phrase *dishing th* H h g s (Reform P II 186) perh due to Dyrach, who often uses the verb

dishabile [*archaic*] See *dëshabilë* For loss of final syllable cf *signal*², *defile*², etc See *habilement*

dishevelled Earlier *dishevelly*, *dishevel*, OF. *deschevelé* (*dèchevelé*, usu replaced by *èchevelé*), from *dis-* and *chevel* (*cheveu*), hair, L *capillus* *Dishevelled hair* is thus pleon
disinherit Preserves obs sense of *inherit* (q v), to make heir For earlier *disherit*, F *deshériter*

disjunctive, L *disjunctivus* See *join*

disk, *disc* L *discus*, G *δίσκος*, quoit, its earliest sense in E (Pope's *Iliad*) See *dais*, *desh*, *dish*.

dishke Hybrid, replacing (16 cent) native *mislike* (q v)

dismal From ME *in the dismal*, with which cf *mod in the dimalis* OF *dis mal*, L *dies mali*, unpropitious days of medieval calendar, also called *dies Aegyptiaci* The word is still esp used with *day* Chauc app understood it as OF *dis mals* (*dix mau*), ten plagues

Ore dirrai des jours denietz [forbidden]

Que vous dismal appeletz

(AF *Art de Kalender*, 13 cent).

I trowe hit was in the dimalle,

That was the ten woundes of Egipte

(Chauc *Blanche the Duchess*, 1205).

dismantle Earliest (16 cent) in mil sense, to rare OF *désmanter* (*démanteler*), to strip See *manile*

dismay AF **desmaier*, for OF *esmaier*, whence ModF *émor*, agitation From *dis-* and Teut *mag*, power, as in OHG *magan* (*mogen*), to be able, E *may* Cf It *sma gare*, Sp *desmarar* For E preference for *dis-* cf *discard*, *dishevel*

dismiss For earlier *dismitt*, OF *desmethe* (*démétte*), from L *dimittere*, *dimiss-*, from *mittere*, to send, with usual change of prefix in VL

disorder F *désordre* The verb is for earlier *disordain*, OF *desordener*, *desordain-* (now *desordonner*) See *order*, *ordain*.

disoriented [*neol*] Adaptation of F *dés-orienté*, having lost one's bearings See *orientation*

The returned soldier, bewildered, disoriented, nerve-wracked (*Times Lit. Sup* Jan 19, 1920)

disparage OF *desparagier*, orig to marry unequally (cf. *mésalliance*), also earliest sense in E, from *parage*, rank, "peerage" See *peer*

disparity See *parity*.

dispart [*mil*] Difference between semi-diameters of cannon at base-ring and muzzle Hence, sight constructed to allow for difference App. from *archaic dispart*, to separate, OF. *dispartir* (*départir*), L *dispartire*, *-pertine*, to divide

dispatch, *despatch* Sp. *despachar*, to expedite, opposite of *empachar*, to impede (cf. It. *dispacciare*, *impacciare*) Has absorbed and superseded obs *depeach*, F *dépêcher*, but the two words are not related, F *-pêcher* representing VL **pedicare*, to cause to stumble, from *pedica*, fetter (*pes*, *ped-*, foot), while the radical of the Sp & It words is prob. *pac-*, from *pacere*, to fasten First used by Bp Tunstall, Commissioner to Spain (1516-17). For *happy dispatch* (19 cent) see *hara-kiri*.

dispel L *dispellere*, to drive apart

dispense. OF *despenser* (*dépenser*), L *dispensare*, frequent of *dispendere*, to weigh out Hence *dispensary*, place for "weighing out" medicines, first in Garth's mock-heroic poem, *The Dispensary* (1699) In *dispensation*, the sense of ordering, management, e.g. *divine dispensation*, *Mosaic dispensation*, is due to rendering in NT. of G *okoropia*, office, method of administration, by L *dispensatio*, weighing out, stewardship. Sense of exemption, relaxation, springs from MedL sense of *dispensare*, to act as steward, deal administratively with spec cases, whence *dispense*, *from, with*. The *dispensing power* (of kings) first occurs temp Charles I.

disperse F *dispenser*, L. *dispergere*, *-spers-*, to scatter (*spargere*) apart

dispiteous For *archaic despiteous*, from *aspire* (q v), revived by 19 cent poets

display OF *despleier* (*déployer*). See *deploy*. No connection with *play*

disport [*archaic*] OF *desporter*, to carry away, cf sense-development of *distract*, *divert* Ong trans, to amuse, intrans sense springing from reflex (cf. *abscond*) Now mostly replaced by *aphet sport* (q v)

dispose. F *disposer* (see *pose*) Etym to put apart, hence arrange, etc *Disposition*, temperament, is from *astrol* use of the word (14 cent) for position of planet as determining influence

dispute F, L *disputare*, to compute; discuss; in *Vulg* to argue, contend in words

disquisition L *disquisitiō-n-*, from *disquirere*, *-quisit-*, to investigate, from *quaerere*, to seek

- disruption L *disruptio* n from *disrumpere*
rump to break apart Esp split in Estab-
 lished Church of Scotland (1813)
- dissect L *dissicare* *scil* to cut up Cf
anatomy
- disseisin [lee] OF *dessaisine* See *seisin*
- dissel boom [5 ifr] Waggon pole Du
 shaft beam (see *boom*?) First element is
 cogn with Ger *dauchsel* AS *ð* ON *thistl*
 waggon pole
- dissemble For earlier *dissimile* *dissimil* F
dissimiler L *dissimulare* After cogn
assemble *resemble* See similar *simulate*
 He *dissembleth* [f ulz *dissim* 1 bat] hym to here
 (Wyc 2 Sam x 27)
- disseminate From L *disseminare* to scatter
 seed *semen*
- dissent L *dissentire* to differ in feeling
 Hence *dissent* in spec mod sense from
 17 cent First VLD ref. is to Oliver
 Cromwell as "di senter from the disci-
 pline of the Church of England"
- dissertation L *dissertatio* n from *disserere*
 to discuss from *serere* *serit* to join com-
 pose
- dissever OF *desseverer* Late L *disseparare*
 in which prefix is intens
- dissident From pres part of L *dissidēre* to
 sit (*sedere*) apart
- dissimulation [ling] Tendency of like sounds
 to change or disappear when occurring
 contiguously e.g. *phil* *river* *oriel* *figleman*
pro [q v] Cf *assimilation* Affects esp
r-r *l-l* *n-n*
- dissimulate From L *dissimula* e See *dis-*
semble
- dissipate I *dissipare* to scatter from OL
sipare to throw For sense of *dissipated*
 cf *dissolute*
- dissociate From L *dissociare* from *socius*
 companion Cf *associate*
- dissolute Lat dissolved separated (vi)
 hence unrestrained Intermed ate sense is
lax Dissolution (of Parliament monas-
 teries also of soul from body) is from 16
 cent
- Si the sendith in sl p and a d solut soul [f i
 ina di soluta] hal he gre (Wyc P or xix 25)
- dissolve L *dissolvere* to loosen See *solve*
- dissonant F from pres part of L *dissonare*
 to sound diversely
- dissuade L *dissuadere* from *suadere* to ad-
 vise See *suas* o 1
- dissyllable See *dissyllable*
- distaff AS *distef* first element cogn with
 LG *disse* bunch of flax as in *dizen* be

- dizen* (q v) Often as emblem of female
 authority or the spindle side in gen a
 logy formerly opposed to the spear side
 Cf similar use of F *quenouille*
q *knowl* di tall als the *f* *min* *n* *lin* in
 success on (C 15)
- distan [archaic] OF *destendre* (*dētindre*)
 L *dis* and *tingere* to colour Now u u
 replaced by *aphet stain*
 May coward hame d stain his ame (Bur)
- distant F from pres part of I *distare* to
 stand apart For fig sense cf *stand off sh*
 Tis distance l d each tm nt t th lew
 (Campbell Phas f ii p 17)
- distemper From OF *destempré* *trempe*
 MedL *dis temperatus* disturbed immod-
 erate from L *temperare* to mix temper
 Orig of disturbing the tempers or four
 humours recognized by medie al physi-
 cians Hence as noun disease now esp
 of dogs *Distemper* to dilute mix paint
 with mixture is etym the same word OF
destempr (*dētemper*) See *temper*
- distend L *distendere* to stretch apart.
- distich L G *diortix* neut of *diortyx*
 from & two *ortyx* line Cf *acrostich*
- distil Orig intrans L *distillare* to trickle
 down See *still*?
- distingué F pp of *distinguer* (vi)
- distinguish Earlier *distingue* (Chauc & Wyc)
 F *distinguer* L *distinguere* lit to prick
 off cogn with G *strecken* to prick For
 incorr ish also in *extinguish* cf *astonish*
admonish
- distort From L *distorque* *ere* *tort* to twist
 apart
- distract From L *distrahere* -4 act to pull
 apart For fig sense cf *dert* and for
distracted mad cf *distracted*
- distrain OF *destraindre* *desteign* L *dis-*
tingere to draw asunder but in Late L
 as intens of *stringere* to stretch First in
 lew use (13 cent) to constrain to a course
 of action etc by seizure of goods Now
 usu to *distrain* upo 1
- distrail F absent muddled pp of *distraire*
 to distract draw away L *distrāhe* e
 Occurs in ME in sense of *distract* *ht* but
 in current us is a borrowing from ModL
- distraught [poet] Barbarous spelling of
 above perh due to obs *staight* pp of
stretch Or it may be for the latin ed
distract The three forms *dist* *act* *d* *strait*
 (*distract*) *distray* *ht* were u ed indifferently
 in ME

distress OF *destrée* (*détresse*), from *destrēcer*, VL **districhiare*, from *districtus*, p p of *distingere*, to pull asunder, etc Cf etym of *dress* Orig pressure, esp in leg sense, as *distrain* (q v) *Shess* (q v) is often its aphet form

distribute. From L *distribuere*, -*tribut-* See *tribute*

district F, orig control, then region over which control extends, MedL *districtus*, from *distingere*, in sense of binding, controlling (see *distain*) Orig sense survives in F

district a district, the liberties, or precincts of a place, the territories, or circuit of country, within which a lord, or his officers may judge, compel, or call in question, the inhabitants (Cotg)

disturb ME *destoub*, OF *destorber*, L *disturbare*, intens of *turbare*, from *turba*, mob Now respelt after L

disyllable Prefix is G *di-*, twice Hence *disyllable* is etym incorr See *syllable*

ditch AS *dīc*, of which *dīke* (q v) is the northern development To *die in the last ditch* is as old as Burnet (1715). With *dull as ditchwater* (mod), cf *light* (i e easy) as *ditchwater* (15 cent), and earlier *digne* (arrogant) as *ditchwater* (cf stinking with pride)

She was as *digne* as water in a ditch

(Chauc A 3964)

dither To quake Dial, but now in pretty gen use Earlier *diddler*, thinned form of *dodder*²

Several minutes of sheer dithering funk

(Daily Chron Jan 12, 1918)

dithyramb L, G *διδύραμπος*, choric hymn, orig in honour of Dionysus, Bacchus

dittany From OF *ditan*, *dítain*, L *dictamnus*, from G *δίκταμον*, from *Dicte*, mountain in Crete, where it grew Cf It *dittamo* Mod Europ forms are numerous and much corrupted as in the case of most herbs (*agrimony*, *marjoram*, *valerian*, etc)

ditto It, for *detto*, said, L *dictus*, as in the *said* (before mentioned) *month* Use has been much extended in E Hence *suit of dittos*, i e all alike (18 cent) Also *dittography*, accidental repetition by copyist, *dittology*, double interpretation

ditty OF *dité*, *dité*, composition, poem, L *dictatus*, p p of *dictare*, frequent of *dicere*, to say

Ci s'ensieut [Here follows] le ditte de la flour de la margherite (Troissart)

Thun Moyses soong this dtee [Vulg carmen] to the Lord (Wyc Ex vi 1)

ditty-bag, -box [naut] ? Sailors' corrupt of Austral *dilly-bag* (q v.), ? or from obs *dutty*, a coarse brown calico (Purch), ident with Hind *dhōī*, loin-cloth The latter is more likely (cf *dinnage* for *dunnage*)

The notes were missing from a ditty-box in the mess (Et Stand April 25, 1919)

diuretic L, G *διουρητικός*, from *διουρεῖν*, to urinate See *urine* Occurs c 1400

diurnal L *diurnalis*, from *dies*, day In 17 cent often for *journal*

In every mercurius, coranto, gazet or diurnal, I met with camizados, pallizados squadrons, curasiers, etc (Pref to Blount's *Glossographia*, 1656)

diva Distinguished female singer It, goddess, from L (cf *divine*)

divagation L *divagatio-n-*; from L *divagari*, to wander off

divan Turk *divān*, Pers *dīvān*, *divān*, whence also It *divano*, Sp Port F. *divan* Orig bundle of written sheets, collection of poems, e g the *Divān*: *Hāfiz*, collection of documents, register, office of accounts, custom-house, council chamber, cushioned seat, smoking-room, cigar-shop, a curious chain of meanings From Arab form come It *dogana*, F *douane*, custom-house

The capitaine was received in a coach and caryed before the dawne (Purch)

divaricate To diverge From L *divaricare* See *prevaricate*

dive Combines sense of AS *dūfan* (strong intrans) with forms of its causal *dýfan* (weak trans), cogn with *dip* (q v) The *diving-bell* is mentioned by Evelyn (1661)

diverge From *di-*, apart, and L *vergere*, to turn

divers, diverse Ident words now differentiated in form and sense F *divers*, L *diversus*, turned different ways, from *divertere* The difference is expressed in F by position, e g *en divers endroits*, "dans des endroits divers"

divert F *divertir*, from L *divertere*, to turn in different directions For fig sense cf *distract*, *disport*

dives L, rich, used in *Vulg* (Luke, xvi), hence often taken as name of rich man in parable Cf *lazar*

Lazar and Dives lyveden diversly

(Chauc. D 1877)

divest Earlier *devest*, OF *desvestir* (*dévêlir*), VL **desvestire* for *devestire*, to undress, from *vestis*, garment.

divide L *dividere* to force asunder with second element prob cogn with *vidua* widow Cf *dividend* I *dividende* L *dividendum* to be divided

divine L *divinus* belonging to the gods from *divus* *divus* Farther *divine* from F popular form as in *de-in* soothsayer *diviner* to guess orig to interpret predict have supernatural knowledge In ME *divine* means both sorcerer and priest The *divine* right (of kings) came into spec use under Stuarts See Cowel's article on *king* which led to the public burning of his *Interpreter* by decree of Parliament Regularly contrasted with *human* and thus used tellingly by Milton in *human form divine* (after Gen 1:1)

division F L *divisio* n from *divide* *divis* to divide *Division of labour* dates from Adam Smith (1776)

divorce F L *divortu* s from *divertere* archaic for *de-tere* to turn away Cf L *divorsum* back for *divorsus* n

divot [Sr] Sod Fsp in *fail and divo* (16 cent) where *fail* means a thick divot It is characteristic of the sudden spread of golf that the only sense in which the word is familiar to most Englishmen is not given (1897) in the OED Origin unknown I lights of pasture—fu l—f i d d t

(Harcley b l)

divulge Orig simply to publish L *divulgare* to spread among the people *ul* is Cf F *divulgue*

divvy [slan] For *divine* Late 19 cent *divine* [mil slan] Mess tin Urdu *di sli* vessel Pers dim of *dā* cauldron pot

Dixie Happy land of Amer negroes Orig estate on Manhattan Island belonging to one *Dixie* (Bartlett)

dizen [poet] See *bedizen* *dizastaff*

dizzy AS *dyvis* foolish used of the foolish virgins (Matt xxv) WGer cf LG *diz* OHG *tusig* also Du *dizelen* to be giddy Prob like *giddy* (qv) ult possessed by a god from Aryan root *dhues* cogn with G *θεός*

Dizzy Nickname of Benjamin Disraeli Earl of Beaconsfield (†1881) Cf *Pan*

djereed See *jereed*

djinn See *genie* *jinn*

do Verb AS *don* WGer cf Du *doen* Ger *tu* not found in ON & Goth Past *did* is a reduplicated form AS *dyde* cf Ger *tat* (OHG *tata*) Du *deed* (ODu *dode*) and G *erben* a from *erben* of which

root syllable is cogn with *do* The use of this verb to form the periphrastic conjugation (*do you know? I do not know*) or to aoid repetition has no gen parallel in allied langs though F *faire* occurs to me extent in the latter capacity The periphrastic construction dates from ME and is now normal in the negative and interrogative constructions exc with *be* *have* and a few other monosyllabic verbs e.g. *doe not I* In *well to do* how do you do? the verb has become intransitive fare With mod to do so destroy cf archaic to fero To do oneself well is US after G *er sich glücklich t n*

do [hus] Arbitrary substitute for earlier *ut* See *genat*

doab [geog] Tongue of land bet two rivers esp between Ganges and Jumna Pers *doab* two waters ult cogn with Tugnam (Hants) between Aon and Stour

doat See *dot*

dobbin Nickname for horse (Meth of Len 112) Dim of *Dob* rided on Rob for Robert (cf Dick) See *hobby* Cf *obinna* pie etc

docile F L *docilis* from *doce* to teach

dock¹ Plant AS *docea* cf obs Du *docke* Ger *docken* blite ob Du *atlokke* vater dock (AS *ðadocce*) also Gael *d gha* Hence *burdock*

dock² Solid part of tail Cf Modl el *dockr* stumpy tail IG *dokke* bundle C *r docke* bundle plug F rh from *dox* the root of which is suggestive of a rat's tail Hence verb to dock to shorten cut off

A free flight the high lowly ground With dock between two feet the dock drew d (Sylv H ad craft)

dock³ For ships First recorded by VFD in Gavin Douglas (1513) who uses *to render* L *sul's* furrow (i) made in the sand by a vessel when beached But it occurs passim in *Nau Acts* (1495-9) in which also are many details with regard to the royal dock of Portsmouth the first dock in the mod sense commenced by Hen VII in 1475 According to the editor of *Nau Acts* the word was applied as early as 1434 to the bed made on the mud by the vessel when drawn up as far as possible at high tide which was fenced round while repairs were in progress Ths agrees with (Avon Douglas use of the word and points to identity with IG *doke* channel runnel ?cf Norw *dokka*

hollow, dial E *dohc*, furrow *Dock* was known to the Hanse merchants as an E word as early as 1436 (v 1) and has been borrowed by most Europ langs

Inimicam findete rostris
Hanc terram, sulcumque sibi prenat ipsa carina
(Aen v 295)

Gegeven deme manne, de dat schip in de docke lade, 6d (Hanserecense, 1436)

We caused an anchor to be laid right astern as her dock [i.e. the furrow the grounded vessel had made on the mud-bank] directed us

(Phineas Pett, 1613)

dock⁴ For criminals Orig rogues' slang (cf *jug*) Used by Ben Jonson (*Alchemist*, v 4) Then unrecorded till revived by Dickens Flem *dok*, *docke*, hutch, pen Perh spec use of *dock*³

docket Memorandum, summary, customs certificate Earlier (15 cent) *doggette*, obs It *doghetta*, bendlet in heraldry (Torr), dim of *doga*, cask-stave The form has been influenced by *cocket* (q v) with which it is commonly associated Cf hist of *label*, *schedule*, etc

doctor L from *docēre*, to teach Applied esp to various great schoolmen, e.g. *doctor angelicus* (Aquinas), *mirabilis* (Ockham), *mirabilis* (Bacon), *subtilis* (Duns Scotus) In spec sense of *doctor of medicine* already in ME With fig sense, to *doctor* (wines, statements, etc), cf to *cook* (accounts, etc) *Doctors' Commons* was orig the common table of the Association of Doctors of Civil Law in London (incorporated 1768, dissolved 1858) in buildings (demolished 1867) in which five courts were held In literary allusions usu with ref to wills or marriage licenses

Seynt Austyn, the firste doctour of Englishe men
(Trev ii 43)

Who shall decide, when doctors disagree?
(Pope, *Moral Essays*, iii 1)

doctrine F, L *doctrina*, from *doctor* (q v) *Doctrinaire*, F, was coined c 1815 and first applied by extremists to supporters of an ideal "doctrine" of compromise in pol matters, now to impractical extremists

The dictatorship of a small and extreme oligarchy of doctrinaire socialists and syndicalists

(Obs June 15, 1919)

document F, L *documentum*, proof, example, from *docēre*, to teach. Mod use, as in *human document*, due to F naturalistic school (the Goncourts, Zola, etc), goes back to etym sense

dodder¹ Plant ME also *doder*, cf Du, Dan *dodder*, Ger *doller* Not found in AS, but prob cogn with *dodder*², from shaking *dodder*² To quake, quaver Also dial *dader*, *dadder*, *daddle*, *doddle*. Cf. Norw dial *duddra*

doddered [*poet*] Usu. with *oak* After Dryden, rendering Virgil's *veteres*, *jam fracta cacumina*, *fagos* For *doddard*, formed, on *pollard*, from obs *dod*, to poll

Onys in the year he was doddid, for the heere hevyde hym (Wyc 2 Sam xiv. 26).

He passes now the doddered oak (*Rotheby*, vi 3)

dodecagon G, from *δώδεκα*, twelve, *γωνία*, angle

dodge From 16 cent, in sense of shuffle, play fast and loose, lit and fig App cogn with Ger *ducken*, to dodge, duck, earlier also *docken* (Hans Sachs) Current sense of noun, esp with *artful*, is due to Dickens **dodo** Extinct bird (Mauritius), clumsy and of poor flight Port *doudo*, stupid Cf *dottlerel*, which is prob related

A Portuguese name it is, and has reference to her simpleness (Sir T Herbert, 1638)

Dodonaeon Of *Dodona* (Epirus), where was oracle of Zeus in oak-grove

doe ME *doo*, AS *dā*, perh cogn with L *dama*, whence Ger *damlirsch*, *doe* *Doe-skin*, cloth, is coined on *buckskin*, first used of leather and then of material for breeches

Doe, John See *John*

doff "In all its senses obsolete, and rarely used except by rustics" (Johns) Contr of *do off*, cf *don* and rarer *dub* (see *dub up*)

Hc hum of dy de isern-byrman [coat of mail]
(Beowulf)

dog Late and rare AS *dogga* (usual word is *hound*), adopted in several Europ. langs in sense of E dog, mastiff This spec. sense survives in *dogged*. Origin unknown With *fire-dog* cf F. *chenet*, prob at first in shape of dog A *dog-cart* had orig a box under the seat for sportsmen's dogs For *dog-days*, *dog-star*, see *canicular* Dog's ear, in books, is 17 cent *Dogwatch*, short watch (naut), may spring from earlier *dog-sleep*, short and fitful It is also explained by naut humorists as for *cur-tailed* (two hours instead of four), or from its wakeful character (v 1) Often *dog*-implies inferiority, e.g. *dog-cheap*, *-latin*, *-violet*, so also to go to the dogs and Ger *auf den hund kommen* But *dog-rose* renders MedL *rosa canina*, for

C *κρυποδον* perh because supposed to be efficacious against bite of mad dog

But at 1 ur o'clock t. a ship wakes p. No self respecting na i man sleeps during th dog watch (Taff 67)

Dogberrydom From Dogberry foolish constable in *Much Ado about Nothing* Cf *Humbledom*

doge T Venetian L *dux* du leader duke

dogger North Sea (e p Du) fishing boat though not now in Du use Hence the *Do ger Bank* Prob related to *d'g* cf *cat* obs. name of a vessel in several langs and of very old date Name prob arose in E (14 cent.) and was adopted in Icel Du & F (*dōg* s)

d'g he canis molossus, ca is magnus. Gal dogu 4 s d gzo (h1)

do, *ha-ho* cymbal m pot (3)

doggerel First in Chauc applied by the host of the Tabard to the *Tale of Sir Thopas* Prob from L *doga* cask stave Cf 17 cent *dud con verso* (see *dud, con*) Ger *skobresim* stave rime or *knüttel ers* cudgel verse Du *Alupfwebers* (for earlier *knüttel ers* cudgel) E *pa tistaff verse* (see *fish staff*) and metr sen e of Prov *bastonnet* little stick also *rhōp li* (verse) from C *poralaw* cudgel

"Now swich a rym th do el I biter he! This may wel be rym d'gerel, quod h (B 2114)

doggo to lie ? Like a cunning dog
dog gone [US] App a fantastic perversion of god-damned

H s as tre herous s a d'ggon Iadi n (Ridgw II Culler)

dogma C *δῶγμα* opinion from *do* v to seem Usu treated as G with pl *dogmata* in 1 -15 cents

doly Orig name of material introduced for summer wear (17 cent) From *Dolly* who kept a shop in the Strand The name is of F origin from *Ouvilly* (Calvados)

Coarse Doley napkins, fringed at each end (Swift)

dolt [archaic] Chiefly in *not* (worth) a d it Du *dult* earlier *dovt* eighth part of stiver O *th* cut piece from *lactis* to cut. Cf Ger *d i f* from Du E *Alte* ste in northern place-names is ident

dotted [Sc] Crazy Prob for *doet* See *d* is dolce far niente It sweet do nothing

doldrums Slang *d rum* dullard *doli uns* dumps Hence naut. state of being becalmed From *dull* after *lunrum*

dole¹ Share esp in charitable distribution (e.g. at funerals) and in to *do e oit* 15 d i parallel form to *dall* deal Also in *happy man be his d le* i.e. lot a very common Tudor phrase

Happy man h ppy dol so sa 3cke nd hol (H ywood 155)

dole² [foet] Sorrow Esp in *doleful* O *dall* tonic stem of OI *dolour d iel* to grieve L *colere* The more correct *tule* survives in Sc and is used by some modern poets ModF *d uil* Late L *dol um* grief is not quite the same word

dolerite [mis] F *dolerite* coined from G *δολος* deceptive because of difficulty of determining its constituent

dolichocephalic [etkn] Longheaded From G *δολιχος* long Cf *b acti ephali*

doll Short for *Dolly* Cf S *d oty* a doll and synonym F *mignonnette* d ubl dum of *Ma ie* In earlier use it was stock name for a mistress or pet and a child's doll was called a *baby* Cf also *dol* in various mech application esp (in dial) the three legged beater for treating clothes in a *dolly tub* also called a *peggy* or *maiden* *doll* a wooden block t m le p modes pon also child's baby (Dial Cant. Cree)

dollar Earl er (16 cent) also *daler* LG & archaic Du *daler* (*daler*) Ger *tue* for *Johannstaler* coin minted at silver mine of *Joa kinstal* (Bohemia) from 1570 onward Cf Ger *heller* from *Schwarz sch Hal* *Alm ghty do ar* was coined by Washington Irving (c 1836)

His gre t go-d Lmghty is tle to m ke him receive the best fri nd (E Vern y 639)

dollop Orig in CAN 1 a thick-growing tuft or clump (Tu-ser) Cf Norw dial *dolp* lump

dolly warden Pattern style of dress From *Dolly Warren* (Barnibv Ru s) F r her christen name see *doll* Her paternal ancestors prob came from *Yerdum*

dolman Hussar jacket F Pol *dolman* Turk *dolman*

dolman Turk-h g ne long at, or ppe garment collarless a d lousd with long button d wue to the girdle-st 14Ctg)

dolmen Cromloch Explained as Bret. *dol* table *men* stone But prob a misapplication in Latour d Auvergne (18 cent) of Corn *k l neu* hole of stone Cf *menh*

dolomite [geol] Named (1794) from *Dolomieu* F geologi t

dolour OF *dolour* {*douleur*}, L *dolor-em*,
501101.

dolphin NE also *delfyn*, *daulphin*, etc., OF *dalfin* (*dauphin*), VL **dalfinus*, for *delphinus*, from G *δελφίς*, *δελφίν*. Though not app. recorded in AS, it was a common personal name in 11 cent.

dolt From 16 cent From *dull*, perh contr
of *dullard*

dom Port, lord, *L. dominus* Title of royalty,
high ecclesiastics, nobles, cf *Sp don* As
title of Benedictines and Carthusians short-
ened from *L. dominus*

-dom AS *-dōm*, cogn with to *do* and *deem*, cf Ger *-tum*. Often used to form playful modl compds and nonce-words, e.g. *bumbledom* *topsy-turvydom*, *devil-may-care-dor* (j Galsworthy)

domain *F* domaine, L *dominium* OF also *demaïne* (see *demesne*)

Domdaniel Magic submarine hall From F
continuation (1788-93) of *Arabian Nights*,
whence adopted by Southey in *Thauba*

dome F *dôme*, It *duomo*, cathedral, L
dome (Det), G *domos* F & L senses are
due rather to G *δομα* rendered house top
by Fynd

domesday 'list'; ME spelling of *doomsday*,
preserved in *Domesday Book* (1086)

Hic liber de indigenis Danesder nuncupatur, id est dies julien per metonymiam.

(Diario de Secario, 1875)

domestic *L. domesticus* of the house and home, common

domicile *P. L. domicelium*, from *donus*,
home. Hence *domiciliary* *adj.*, *F. used*
domicilium, where *residence* has its *F. sense*
of *residence*.

dominate From *L. domus* ani, from *domus*,
master, from *domus* home

dommer. And then, I don't see,
 from L. down, to 'load it' over first
 in South (last) Feb. Last, in 1) CI
 see the first of the first

democratical "Anti-Britain" to the Lord of
the Land Day Medd. Josephine C.
F. French & Son, of London, La.

Dominican West India Improvement Order of St
Dominic - Roman Catholic Mission (1822).
11/1/1822

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domestic. In addition, foreign exchange, the dollar, and the dollar are the main factors in the economy.

by priests, and in some way connected with *L. dominus*. The game of *dominoes* comes from the phrase *faire domino*, to put the last piece and win. Cf. *faire capot* (also a hooded cloak) at piquet, but the exact metaphor is not clear.

Utantur caputio vulgariter ung domino (Duc.).

don¹ Title Sp, L *dominus*, orig. title of high rank, but now general Cf evolution in use of *sir* and *F. monsieur* Univ. sense, orig. contemptuous, is from 17 cent

don² Verb For *do on* Cf *doff*

donate From *L. donare*, to give.

doña, dona Sp & Port, L. *domina* Hence
slang *dona(h)*, sweetheart.

Donatist Christian sect in NAfr (1 cent)

From *Donatus*, leading member

donga Ravine (SAfr) Native word

dongola race Paddling in punts (from c
1890). ² Arbitrary perversion of *gondola*,
² or from *Dongola* on the Nile.

donjon [hist] See *dungeon*

Don Juan Libertine (The legend is of Sp.
origin Cf *Lovelace* (from *Clarissa Harlowe*).
used in F for a lady-killer. Cf also
Lothario.

donkey. Slang or dial word of late appearance, as shown by quot below ? Cf. *dunrock*, sparrow from *dun*, brown (cf. *Dan Bunnell*, i.e. Sir Brown, applied to the ass in Chauc.) But possibly from name *Duncan* or *Domine*, cf. *neidy* *diety*, and dial *cuddy*, used in same sense. Slang *donkey's ears*, a long time, is allusive to the length of donkey's ears.

These excursions in neighborhood of London, 1772, being made in carriages, on her dark & wth donkeys (said), the latter again, being sent away, for the ladies' use (Hilkey's Memoir, p. 27).

donna It. L. donna Cf. doris

Donnybrook Fair Bacchanalia and ratumors
held at Donnybrook near Dublin till 1855.

donor OI, *donneur* (donneur) I don't know
from *donner*, to give

donzella It form of donzel (q.v.).

dooske Hand d58, later, 500000 # 22,
ranging cradle later, Also earlier # 22,
for 1, (Porch)

I am one of the friends who have been
the object of your interest, and I hope to see you
in person some day. I am very glad to hear
of your success in the work of the church.
I am also glad to hear of your success in the
work of the school.

down. AS they came with her I was
lone & I felt like I was alone. I was
I was with her then but I was not

Douay bible E version of *Vulg* made at College of Douai (1584-1609).

double F, L *duplus*, from *duo* and root of *plere*, to fill Fig, e.g. in *double-dealing*, opposed to *simple*. *Double or quit* is in Sidney's *Arcadia* With *double-dyed* cf *engained habit* *Double entendre* is in ModF *double entente*

doublet F, prob from *doublet* in sense of lining The F word is obs in sense of garment, but is used of double words of ident origin, e.g. *carliff*, *captive*, *dish*, *dish*, *papa*, *pope*, *pursue*, *prosecute*, etc

doubloon [hist] Orig double pistole F. *doublon*, Sp *doblón*

doubt ME *dout*, F *douter*, L *dubitare*, ult from *duo*, two, as *dubious* (q v), cf G *doúazeu*, to doubt, from *doúo*, in two ways For restored -b- cf *debt* In OF & archaic E also to fear (see *doughty*), as in Bruce's "I doubt I've slain Comyn," "and in dial, e.g. "I doubt (= I don't doubt) he's lost the train"

I do doubt that the Duke of Buckingham will be so flushed that he will not stop at any thing

(Pepys, Mar 4, 1669)

douce [Sc] F *doux*, L *dulcis* Cf *dour* Hence *douceur*, naturalized in ME, but in later senses of pleasant speech, gratuity, now treated as foreign

douceur Gratuity F, lit sweetness (v.s)

douche F, It *doccia*, water-pipe, jet, Late L **ductia* for *ducho*, from *ducere*, *duct-*, to lead (cf *conduct*)

dough AS *dāg* Com Teut, cf Du *deeg*, Ger *teig*, ON *deig*, Goth *daigs* Ground-idea kneading (see *lady*), cogn with G *teíxos*, wall Cf *duff* *Doughboy*, US infantry soldier, is said to be a nickname from the shape of the buttons orig worn by the regular army suggesting the kind of biscuit called a *doughboy* in US and in 17 cent E

doughty AS *dyhtig*, altered to *dohhtig* by influence of *dohhte*, past of cogn *dugan*, to be fit, to avail, cf Ger *tuchtig*, doughty, *taugen*, to be fit Pronunc is abnormal and app affected by F *douté*, in its OF sense of redoubtable, dread, as epithet In 1371 the citizens of Berwick address Edward III as "nostre tres puissant et tres douté sire" See *doubt*

Le plus fort et le plus douté homme qui onques fust ne jamais sera (*Livre du Chevalier de la Tour*)

Doukhorobor. New sect Russ *dukhobor*, from *dukh*, spirit, *borot'sya* (reflex), to fight

doum, dom Palm Arab *daum*, *dūm*

dour [Sc] Opposite of *douce* F *dur* or L *durus*, but the vowel is exceptional

douse, dowse To strike (e.g. a *douse on the chops*), beat down, plunge in water, etc Of LG origin, cf. archaic Du *doesen*, "pulsare cum impetu et fragore" (Kil) With to *douse the glim* (naut) cf earlier to *douse topsails* In the former expression there is association with dial. *dout*, do out, with which cf *don*, *doff*

dove Com Teut, though not recorded in AS (see *culver*), cf Dū. *duf*, Ger *taube*, ON *dufa*, Goth *dūbo*; prob cogn with *dive*, from dipping flight (see *cushat*) With *dove-tail* cf F *queue d'aronde*, swallow's tail, similarly used

If you have writ your annals true, 'tis there That like an eagle in a dove cote, I Fluttered your Volsians in Coroh (*Cor* v 5)

dow See *dhow*

dowager OF *douagere*, from *douage*, dower (q v)

dowdy Orig a shabby woman, from ME *dowd* Origin unknown ? Cogn with *dud*¹

Dido, a dowdy, Cleopatra, a gipsy (*Rom* & *Jul* ii 4)

dowel Headless peg for connecting pieces of wood or stone ? F *douille*, socket, L *ductile*, ? or related to synon Norw *Dan dyvel*, *dybel*, Ger *döbel*, app from same root as *dub*, to strike

The spokes and dowels [ar felys, *Vulg* modiol] of the wheels (Wyc i *Kings*, vii 33)

An importer of wooden-work, dowels, etc, appealed for exemption (*Lloyd's Weekly News*, Jan 21, 1917)

dower, dowry F *douaire*, Late L *dolarium*, from L *dos*, *dot-*, dower, gift. Dowry represents AF. *douaire*, cf *history*, *glory*

dowlas [archaic] Coarse linen (i *Hen* IV, iii 3), from *Daoulas* (Finistère) Cf *lockram* down¹ Hill, esp. chalk-hills of south, hence

roadstead facing the North Downs AS *dūn*, cf Du *dun*, F *dune*, sand-hill Of Celt origin and found in very old place-names, e.g. *Dumbarton*, hill-fortress of the Britons, *Autun*, L *Augusti dunum*, etc, ult cogn with *town* Hence adv & prep *down*, for earlier *adown*, AS of *dūne*, off the hill Thus *downhill* means etym hill-hill To *down tools* is a good example of the E power of forming verbs from preps, cf to *out* (an opponent), to *up* (and speak), etc

The waiters immediately declared a strike and downed aprons (*Daily Chron* Mar 3, 1920)

down¹ [*prep & adv*] See **down**¹ With **down** east cf. *dejected* For fig sense of **downright** (13 cent) cf *upright straight-forward out and out*

down² Of birds ON *dunn* whence also Ger *daune* Downy artful is associated with this in *downy bird* but is from adv *down* in slang sense of being down on (a situation) practically the same as being up to (snuff)

dowse¹ See *douse*

dowse² To divine presence of water or minerals *Deusing rod* is in Locke (1691) Said to have been introduced into Devon and Cornwall by Ger miners temp Eliza beth and app connected in some way with Ger *deute* to declare interpret also dial *dauten*

doxology Γ *doxologie* MedL G δόξα *doxa* from δόξα glory

doxy [*archaic slang*] Beggars wench Prob from archaic Du *docks* doll OHG *tocha* of unknown origin See *doll*

doxy² Opinion Playful for *orthodoxy* etc Cf -ology *ism*

Orthod *y* is my d *ay* and h t *rodoxy* is *y u* doxy (J Q *ney* Adam. 17 8)

doyen Senior (ambassador professor etc) Γ form of *dean*¹ (q v)

doyley See *doily*

doze Orig trans to stupefy (17 cent) Cf Dan *döse* to make dull Sw dial *dusa* to sleep Ger *dusel* doze LC *dōs* sleepiness ? ult cogn with AS *dūds* stupid The E word came from Scand

dozen OF *dozine* (*doisaine*) from *doize* twelve VL *dodece* for *duodecim* with suffix from I -ena as in *centena* etc

drab¹ Colour Orig cloth then colour of undyed cloth earlier *drap-coloured drab colour* Γ *drap* cloth Late L *drappus* of unknown origin See *trappings* Sense of colourless persists in mod fig use

drab² Slut. Perh the same word as *drab*¹ Cf Sp Port *trapo* rag and Ger *lump* rogue orig rag Defoe (*Mem Cav* ch iv) uses *rag* in sense of wench following camp But analogy of *trapes* (q v) suggests possible connection with LG *daben* Ger *traben* to trot

drabble To trail esp in water or dirt. Hence sail called *drabler* LG *d abbein* to paddle in water

drachm Coin weight dram (solid or fluid) Γ *drachme* earlier *dra me* L G δραχμή orig handful from δρασκεσθαι to grasp

Draconic From *Draco* archon of Athens (621 BC) severe lawgiver

draff Dregs esp of malt ON *draf* offal cogn with Du *draf* Ger *traber* (orig pl) cf AS *drifan* to make turbid Ger *träbe* turbid

draft Var of *draught* (q v) from which it is now differentiated in some spec senses

drag North m dial form of *drae* (q v) AS *dragan* or cogn ON *draga* In sen e of vehicle *dra* is a doublet of *dray* and was orig applied to a wheelless cart hauled by hand a sledge In the *drag hunt* a red herring (see *herring*) is gen used Frequent *draggle* has been affected in sense by *drabble* as in *d a gle* *lost*

dragoman Γ MedL *dragumannu* Late G δραγουμανος OArab *targuman* from *tar gan a* to interpret cf Chaldee *tar g n* (see *targum*) Numerous early forms and ars in E and other langs e.g obs Γ *tuch man* Γ *truchement* *dro man* OF *dru e ment* (12 cent) Brought early from Byzantium by Crusaders

dragon F L *dracōn* G δρακων *drakon* To *sau dragon's teeth* alludes to armed soldiers who sprang from dragon's teeth sown by Cadmus

dragonnade [*hist*] Γ intimidation of Protestants temp Louis XIV by quartering dragoons on them Cf to *dra con* which is allusive to bullying of Sc Covenanters by the military

Les dragons ont été d tés bo m si aires
J sq lcl les préds rs qu'on on p é
sealer at rendront lo vrage parfait
(Mme d Sé l'ne O t 25 683)

dragoon Γ *dragon* from end of 16 cent for mounted infantry earlier called *carabins* or *arquebustiers a cheval* In early 18 cent soldiers are classed as horse foot or dragoons F *d agon* orig kind of musket cf *falconet culverin* etc

d agoo mu k teers in united wh serve some-
times a foot and some times a horseback
(M i Dict 17084)

drain AS *drāhman* to strain a liquid cogn with *dry* Not found by VL ED b. tween AS and 16 cent but it occurs in surnames e.g *John alle Drene* (Som rset 13 cent) *Simon Draneland* (Cambridge-shire 1213)

drake¹ [*archaic*] Dragon AS *draca* dragon from L (see *d a on*) Survives in *f s d aho* and as anglers name for species of ephemera used in fly fishing W Ger cf.

Du *draak*, Ger *drache*. Perh an early Church-word

drake² Bird First in 13 cent Cf Sw *anddrake*, Ger dial *draak*, for OHG *an-trahho* (*enterich*), from *anut*, duck, with doubtful second element, perh ident with ON *-reht*, ruler, as in *landreht*, king, cf Ger *gänserich*, gander

dram Popular form of *drachm* (q v) Sense of liquid measure, as in *dram of poison* (*Rom & Jul* v 1), is later

drama Late L, G *δράμα*, action, from *δρᾶν*, to do, act Cf theat sense of *act* Hence *dramalurge*, F, G *δραματογράφος*, from *ἔργειν*, to work, *dramatis personae*, L, characters of the play

drape Orig to weave cloth (see *drab*¹) Current sense first in Tennyson Cf *draper*, orig cloth weaver, F *drapier*

drastic G *δραστικός*, active, from *δρᾶν*, to act Cf *drama*

drat Earlier 'od rot, disguising *God rot*, cf *zounds* For change of vowel cf *Gad! slap my vitals!*

"What are they fear'd on? fools! 'od rot 'em!"

Were the last words of Higginbottom

(*Rejected Addresses*)

draught From *draw* in all senses, with specialized spelling *draft* in some For very wide range of meanings cf. those of F *trait*, from *traire*, or Ger *zug*, from *ziehen*, to draw, one of the two words which Mark Twain regarded as constituting the real Ger lang The game of *draughts* (F *dames*, whence Sc *dams*) is from ME sense of move

Atte ches with me she gyn to pleye,

With hir false draughtes dyvers

She stal on me and took my fers [bishop]

(*Chaucer Blanche the Duchess*, 651)

Dravidian [*ling*] Group of ancient agglutinative langs in Southern India (Tamil, Telugu, Canarese, Malayalam) Name given by Bishop Caldwell (†1891) from Sanskrit *Drāvīda*, a geog term, perh etym ident. with *Tamil*

draw AS *dragan* Com Teut, cf OSax *dragan*, to carry, Ger *tragen*, to carry, ON *draga*, to draw, drag, Goth *gadragan*, to carry Ground-idea, to pull, covers all senses (cf *draught*, *draft*), a line being "drawn" by "drawing" a pencil across paper Cf endless meanings of F *trier*, to draw (whence *trior*, a drawer) To *draw (out)* a person is a metaphor from "drawing the badger" In *hanged*, *drawn*,

and *quartered*, *draw* has the sense of disembowel A *drawn* game is prob for *with-drawn*, the stakes being "withdrawn" in absence of decision; cf *drawing-room* for earlier *withdrawing-room* *Drawers*, garment, is described as thieves' slang in 16 cent With *drauback* (com) cf *backwardation*.

My lord saluted me kindly and took me into the withdrawing room (Pepys, Dec. 21, 1663)

It was not so much for myself as for that vulgar child—

And I said, "A pint of double X, and please to draw it mild" (*Ingoldsby*)

drawcansir [*archaic*] Braggart, swashbuckler Character in Villiers' *Rehearsal* (1672), parodying *Almanzor*, Arab, the victorious, in Dryden's *Conquest of Granada* Cf *Bombastes*

drawer, drawing-room See *draw*

drawl Du *dialen*, cogn with *draw* Orig to lag, loiter, cf. F *traîner*, to lag, *voir traînante*, drawingl voice

draelen cunctari, morari, cessare, tardare, trahere moram, neetere moram (kil)

tra ner sa parole to speak draylingly, draw-latch like (Cotg)

dray Orig without wheels Cogn with *diag*, *draw* (q v) Cf Sw *drög*, sledge, dray

dread First as verb ME *dreden*, aphet for *adreden*, AS *ādvrēdan*, which was formed by wrong separation of synon *ond-vēdan*, of which second element is cogn with ON *hrēda*, to be frightened, cf OHG *miralan* Thus the *d-* is artificial *Dreadnought* was used from c 1800 of thick material or garment (also *fearnought*) It is also an old naval ship-name, revived (1906) for all-big-gun battle-ship, first of its type The *Dread-naught* was a Queen's ship in 1596 (Purch) For adoption as name of type cf *monitor* (q v)

dream Com Teut, cf Du *droom*, Ger *traum*, ON *draum* Must have existed as **drēam* in AS, but the fact that there was another *drīcam*, joy, music, seems to have led to its disuse, in favour of *sweftu*, until ME period

Y seig a sweven [later var. dream]

(W3c Gen xli 22)

dreary AS *dreorig*, dreary, bloody, from *drēor*, gore, shed blood, from *drēosan*, to drip. Cf cogn and synon Ger *traurig* *Drear* (Milt) is a back-formation The orig figure was prob not from gore, but from "drooping" idea

dredge¹ To remove mud First in *drag-boat* (15 cent) Cf Du *drag* earlier *dragge* harpago vericulum (Kil) cogn with *dra*

dredge² To sprinkle with flour earlier with spice etc From obs *dragge* sweetmeat VL *dragie* F *dragie* ult like obs It *triggea* from G *triggyuara* (neut pl) sweet meats Also used like F *dragde* the coarse grains called bolymong (Cot.) of a mixture of cereals

Th Food Controller h made a dredge corn order (Mer F d No 21 917)

dree [archaic] To endure perform in to *dree one's weid* AS *dēgan* cf ON *dēga* to perform Goth *drugan* to serve as soldier also AS *dryhtin* lord the Lord OHG *trihin* Surviving in Sc and north and revived as literary word by Scott

Were it n t bet tones fo to dye
Than ere n ore in languor thus to drye?

(Ch u Trist 41)

A young g tieman who h d spent h s bat n e too f rely t Oxford, and wa now drev g h s ird in the backwood (B han No-ma s-danf)

drag ON *drag* usu in pl *dreibund* [hist] Ger three bond alliance between Germany Austria Italy (1893) also called the *trip* s (It)

drench Orig to make to drink as still in vet practice AS *drencan* causal of *drinck* cf Ger *fränken* from *trinken* Common in ME in sense of *d own* (q v) e.g. the *d enching of Pharaoh*

And thei camen a d filliden both lit bothe, o th tith lw ren l oost d enchid (Wyc L k 7)

Dresden china Manufactured at Meissen (Saxony) and named from capital Hence *D eslen shepherd s*

dress F *dresser* VL *drechare* to make straight (cf t *dress the ants*) hence make ready put in order cf It *d(ri)stare* O-p *deresa* All mod senses spring naturally from primitive e.g. a *d essing* (down) is a setting to n hts cf *hair dresser* *sea her-dre ser* As noun costume first in Shaks Food was orig dressed on the *dresser*

For t tressoure feet in to the way of pees (Wyc L k 4 7)

dribble Frequent cl obs d d com with *d ip d op* Hence *d ible* small in tal ment etc

Lyk drunkard that dribbes (Sk Iron)

drift From *drive* (1 v) 1 g what one is driving" at In f i h g d *stirp* (with a

net all wed to drive with the tide) is contrasted w th *trahin*

Tilly his drift wa to b ve k pt th k g s arm d Sa ons s d (Hyde ham Pointe 16 4 16)

drill Tool Du *dril* cogn with L *tro* l (q v) cf *nostril* Also D *dr en* t pierce Hence (1, cent) E *drill* Ge *trillen* to exercise soldiers usu explained as from the idea of moving them round but more prob from that of vexing torment ing (cf *bore*) See examples bel w Du *drilen* also means to drill (soldiers) t fool deride

d llen t drill thrill (Lu 1 w)

sch bi ht mit dem k l t t cl th t m ery t g t m s b)

be d rle drill ex pl t poor cou try peopl b)

drill² Furrow in which seed is sown From obs *d rill* rivulet rill cf obs *dr ill* t flow trickle earl r *trill* used of w nding course Corn Ger dial forms su rest it connection with *drill*¹ from idea of sinuous course percolation

drill³ [m l] See *drill*¹

drill⁴ Fairer Earlier d l i a corrupt of Ger *d rill* k OHG *d rick* adaptation of L *trihix trich* three thread from *trichum* thread Cf *trill* *samit* *dim ty*

drink AS *d r in in* Com Teut cf Du *drinck* n Ger *trinken* ON *drékka* Goth *d righan* The noun AS *a inc* would normally have g en southern *dr ch* (cf *a ench*) but has been influenced by the verb State of *drink* is in Shaks (11 b in 6) W th adj use of p p d *unk* earlier *drunken* as still wh n used attrib (a *drunken man* fro e etc) cf Ger *b trunk n* *trunken* In each case the pas ve participle has acquired semi-act e meaning (cf *ode e*) *Dr xhard* (16 cent.) is perh Du d *onkaa* f

drop Scard form of AS *drifan* wh nee dial *dreep* cf Norw Dan *droppe* Cogn with *drop* bat expressing a L biter movement of Ger *t rufen*

drive V *drifan* Com Teut cf Lu *driven* Ger *treiben* ON *d rifa* Goth *d r b in* All senses, trans and intrans spring from ground idea of active movement Latest development is cen in to *dr e a rears g trade* (kn d bargain) On a past *drate* still in fl and abs r l sed by Hood Noun *d oer* when a *driver* is Vb *dr f* See also *drif*

To a letter ad d r r m and l r

They dr d the w k in fl r n d a m

drivel Earlier *drevel*, AS *dreftian*, to slobber, hence to behave like child or idiot Ult cogn, but not ident, with *dribble*

drizzle Frequent of obs *drese*, AS *drēosan*, to fall in drops See *dreary*

drogher [naut] Du *drooger*, lit drier, earlier *droghes*, ship that caught and dried herring and mackerel Now only of Wind coasting cargo-boat Prob taken there by French, as Jal has *navire drogueur* (1525) much earlier than first E record (18 cent)

drogue [naut] Drag attached to harpoon or boat For *drug*, dial form of *drag*

droit [leg] F, right, law, L *directus*, straight, right Cf *fort*

Lord Phillimore said that droits of the Crown went to the Navv, and droits of the Admiralty to the Exchequer (*Westm Gaz Dec 17, 1918*)

droll F *drôle*, earlier (16 cent) *drolle*, amusing rascal Perh MHG *trölle*, clown, ult ON *tröll*, legendary giant

drome For *aerodrome* (see *hippodrome*)

They commandeered an aeroplane at an adjacent drome (*John Bull*, Aug 31, 1918)

dromedary F *dromadaire*, Late L *dromedarius* (sc *camelus*), from G *δρομάς*, *δρομαδ-*, runner, from *δραμῆν*, to run

dromas a kinde of camelles with two bunches on the backe, marvellous swift, and may abyde three dayes journeying without drinke (Coop)

dromond [hist] OF *dromon*(t), swift ship, Late L, Byzantine G *δρόμων*, from *δρόμος*, racing (see *dromedary*) Very common in OF epic and hence in ME romance Obs from 1600, revived by Scott

drone Male of honey-bee, hence, idler AS *drān*, with LG cognates, whence Ger *dröhne*, replacing HG *trene* (still in Saxony and Austria) Orig imit, cf Laconian *θρῶναξ*, a drone As verb, and in *dione* of bagpipe, from buzz of insect

droop ON *drūpa*, cogn with *drop*

drop AS *dropa* and verb *dropian* Cf Du *drop*, Ger *tropfen*, ON *dropi*, cogn with *drip* Orig globule of liquid falling, then applied to other substances The very wide extension of senses is curious, nor is there any gen F or Ger equivalent to the verb

Lo! Jentiles as a drope of a boket [*Vulg quasi stilla situlae*], and is moment of a balance ben holder (*Wyc Is xl 15*)

dropsy Aphet for ME *ydropsie*, OF *idropsie* (*hydropsie*), from G *ὑδρωψ*, dropsy, from *ἵδωρ*, water Wyc (*Lihe*, xiv 2) has *ydropsie*, later var *dropesie*

droshky Russ *drozhki*, dim. of *drogi*, wagon, pl of *droga*, shaft Hence also Ger *droschke*, cab, through Pol

dross AS *drōs*, *drōsna*, cf Du *droesem*; Ger, *drusen*, dregs, husks Ult cogn with *dreg*, drought AS *drūgoth*, dryness, from root of *drýge*, dry In ME also of thirst

drove, **drover**. See *drive* Persistence of *drover* for earlier *driver* is due to desire to differentiate from coachman, etc

drown AS *druncman*, to be drunk, to get drowned, from pp of *drincan*; cf Ger *etrinken* (intrans), *ertränken* (trans), to drown See *drink*, *drench* With vulgar *drownd* cf educated *astound*, *sound*! In early use also of ships (v 1)

xx li to Peter Paule [an Italian diver] towards recovering of thordynance of the Mary Rose, drowned at Portsmouth

(*Privy Council Acts*, 1549)

drowsy From verb *drowse*, to be sleepy, sluggish Cf AS. *drūstian*, to become sluggish, orig to fall, decline (see *dreary*). But, as there is no record between AS and 16 cent, it is likely that the E word was borrowed from cogn. obs Du *droosen*, "dormitare, dormiscere" (Kil)

drub Earliest records (17 cent) are from Eastern travellers and refer to bastinado Turk *durb*, from Arab *daraba*, to beat

drudge App connected with AS *drēogan*, to perform, endure (see *dree*), but first found in 15 cent

drug, **drugget** That these words belong together is shown by the fact that F. *c'est du droguet* (earlier also *c'est une drogue*) corresponds to E a *drug* in the market (formerly *drug* alone) *Drug*, F *drogue*, found in most Europ langs, is prob from Du *droog*, dry (cf. origin of *cunt* and *dried*), and *drugget*, F *droguet* (16 cent), may have been applied to material manufactured without moisture, or perh playful allusion to *droogh-doech*, *droogh-klead*, dish-clout (v 1 and cf *torchon*) Earliest record in *NED* for *drug* is AF *drogges de spice* (1327), app dried spices Another theory is that F *drogue* represents Arab *ṭryāq*, from G., as *treacle* (q v), and a third connects it with Arab *ḍurāwa*, chaff, refuse *droogh* torridus, rindus, sicus, exsuccus (Fil). *droogh-doech* sudarium, linteum (ib) *droogh-klead* linteum quo vasa terguntur (ib) *droogh-scheret* [to dry-shear] tondere pannum, tondere pannum siccum panni villos laneos bene siccos tondere (ib) *droogherye*, *drooghe ware*, *droogh kruyd* pharmacia.

aromata sul o drog qd arisa e i cant a Phar
mae ma lent corpus exilcant & e t gu t
I mento erò di runt nihil (id)

Druid Earliest (16 cent) always in pl *L d u i n a e druides* {Caes} Cf OIr *drui* Gael *draoi* the source of *L* word Also Welsh *derwyddon* soothsayers from *deru* true cogn with *E true*

drum *L* rom 16 cent replacing in mil sense earlier *taber naher* Rather earlier is obs *drumslade* corrupt of *Du l o n n i s l a g* or *Cer trommelslag* drum beat Cf MHG *tumbe trumme* trumpet drum Of imit origin In 18 cent a tea fight etc not unaptly styled a drum from the noise and emptiness of the entertainment (Smollett) In a *trum head court n a r i a l* the drum is used as extempore tabl for court *Drum pre* (nrol) is for Ger *trommelfeuer* *Dri m m e r* commercial traveller (chiefly US) contains a reminiscence of the cheap-jack a drum as means of attracting customers cf to *dum up* recruits

Drumhead light Limeb^hht Invented (c 1821) by Capt *Drummond*

drunk drunken See *drink*

drupe [bot] Stone fruit *L drupa* (sc of *ia*) *G ἀρνίνα* over ripe olive

Druse Tribe and sect in region of Lebanon Arab *Durā* (pl) from founder *Ismail al-darazi* ie the tailor (11 cent) with whose name of *Drace* the tailor bird in the *Jungle Book*

druse [min] Cer *dru* cf Czech *drusa* But app of Ger *ori* in and ident with *dr se* gland tumour

dry AS *dryge* cf Du *droog* Ger *trocken* also ON *dran* dry stump *Dry humour* is etym a contraction in terms (see *his on*) *Dry w e s* is s-called from effect on palate *Dry* in sense of teet tal is US *Dry light* untinged by prejudice (Bacon) is derived from a doubtful passage in Heraclitus *Dry goods* orig dealt with by *dry* (not liquid) *meats* is now US for drapery etc. A *drysalter* dealt n drugs dyes etc. A *dry* pickles preserved meats etc To *dry up* (slang) from the figure of a babbling fountain is US

W could sareth t Mr I h l i p J mea B Bey wo id
dry up (A cherbocker 31 g 1836)

dryad *I G Δρ & Δρυαο-* from *δρ δρ* tree oak

Dryadust Fi tious antiquary to whom some of Scott's novels are dedicated

duad For *diad* C δ us δ us influenced by *L dio* Cf *monal*

dual *L dualis* from *duo* tw > Esp as gram term and (hist) in the *Dual M narchy* Austro Hungary

duan Gael song canto Introduced in Macpherson's *Ossian* (1765)

dub Late AS *dubban* to dub (a knight) cf *I adober* It *adlobbare* ON *dubba* The chronological relation of these words has not been cleared up but *adober* still means to strike tap in Walloon Fr b the origin is a Teut radical imit of a light blow (cf *dab db* and *dib* to poke thrust) Later senses of *dub* i flow those of *I adober* to trim put in order etc Hence *dubbing* (i b in) for preparing leather See also *adobe*

dubious *L dubiosus* from *dub* im doubt from *d o t i o* cf Ger *z i f e l* doubt from *zwei* two also AS *tuzo* doubt cogn with *two*

dub up [slang] To pay fork out Archai *d b dup* to open from *do up* Cf *d ff don*

ducat *F* It *ducato* orig struck (1140) by Roger II of Sicily ruler of the *ducato* lucy of Apulia Later associated with Venice and the *doges*

duchesse *F duchesse* Late *L duci* z (v i)

duchy *F d u c h e L lucatus* from *lu d c* See *aub*

duck Bird AS *duce* dive from *d can* to duck *d i e* cf Du *duiken* Ger *tauchen* Com Teut name represented by AS *ene i* (see *drak*) As term of end arment in Shal's (*D e a n v r*) *Dicks and drakes* as game and fig is 16 cent *L a n duck* defaulter is 18 cent With *duckling* double dim cf *gasing* The ugly *duckling* which turned out to be a swan is from Hans Andersen For *Dombry du k* see *bummalo* and cf Welsh *rabbit*

Do y u k n w h t a bull and b u r d i a y
duck ? (H rac W l p i)

duck Verb See *duck*

duck Lab c Du *doek* linen cogn with Ger *tuch* cloth Also in Scanl langs Ori gin unknown

duct *L d u c t u s* from *ducere* duct to lead Cf *d u c t u s* *L ductilis*

dud Garment Usu pl and no v slang in MF rough cloak etc Origin un known

dud [s arg] Failure esp (mil) shell that

does not burst, from US sense of sham article, etc ? Du *dood*, dead

The Boches fire a lot of duds now

(*Lloyd's Weekly News*, April 29, 1917)

dude US slang c 1883 ? Ger dial *dude*, fool, cf hist of *fop*

dudeen [*Ir*] Short clay pipe Ir dim of *dud*, pipe Cf *caubeen*, *colleen*, etc

dudgeon¹ [*archaic*] Kind of wood used for knife-handles, etc Hence haft of dagger (*Macb* II 1) Usu contemptuous, the wooden handle being contrasted with metal, ivory, etc Cf *dudgeon verse* (16 cent) for doggerel (q v) Nashe uses *dudgeon* repeatedly as contemptuous adj Earliest is AF *digeon*, but prevailing ME form is *dogeon* Prob from MedL *doga*, cask-stave (see *dochet*) Jamieson quotes *dugeon*, app in sense of cask-staves, for 1551, and connects it with Du *dung*, ident with *doga* *daguë* à *roëlles* a scottish dagger, or dudgeon haft dagger (Cotg)

dudgeon² Resentment In 16 cent always to take in *dudgeon*, also found as *endugne* Prob from It *aduggiare*, to overshadow, from *uggia*, shadow, of doubtful origin Cf to take *umbrage*

aduggiare obscurcir par son ombre; donner ombre, donner de l'ennui ou de la jalousie, estre en haïne, ou estre odieux (Duez)

aduggioso ombrageux, jaloux, & odieux (ib)

due ME *dewe*, OF *deu* (*dā*), owed, VL **debitum* for *debitum*, from *debēre*, to owe Mod sense, as in the train is *due*, is evolved from *due time*, proper time (Chauc) To give the devil his *due* is in Shaks (1 *Hen IV*, 1 2)

duel F, It *duello*, L *duellum*, archaic form of *bellum*, from *duo*, two

duenna Sp *dueña*, mistress, governess, L *domina*

duet Earlier *duetto*, It, dim of *duo*, two.

duff Var of *dough* (q v)

duffadar Urdu, Pers *dafadār*, cavalry non-commissioned officer

duffel Fabric. From *Duffel* (Brabant)

And let it be of duffil gray (Wordsworth, *Alice Fell*).

duffer Sc *doufart*, from *douf*, deaf, stupid In some senses affected by *d'uff*, to fake up, cheat, etc, thieves' slang of unknown origin

dug [*archaic*] From 16 cent Origin obscure. ? Ult cogn with Sw *dägga*, Dan *dægge*, to suckle

dugong Cetaceous mammal. Mal *dūyung*.

which is *dugung* in Philippines Adopted by Buffon as *dugon* (1765)

dug-out US for canoe hollowed from tree-trunk, underground dwelling Since 1914 for retired officer rejoining army

duke F, *duc*, L *dux*, *duc-*, leader For sense of spec rank cf Ger. *herzog*, "army leader," of which the Rom derivatives of *dux* are usu transls This accounts also for the (semi-learned) form, which, if the word had passed through the normal OF process, would have been *dois*, *doiv* (cf *croir* from *cruc-em*) The first E titular *duke* was the Black Prince, created Duke of Cornwall (1337), but the word was in much earlier use in gen sense In slang sense of fist, e g *put up your dukes*, it may be a different word The *Dukeries* (Notts) is for *Dukery* (1829)

A duk shal gon out that shal governe my peple of Yrael (Wyc *Malt* II, 6)

dulcet Respelt, on It *dolcetto*, for ME

doucet, F, dim of *doux*, sweet, L *dulcis*

dulcimer OF *doulcemer*, usu *doucemel*, for L *dulce melos*, sweet tune Orig a stanged instrument and wrongly used (*Dan* III, 5, etc) for bagpipe

Dulcinea Don Quixote's idealized mistress Cf *Egeria*, *Beatrice*, etc

dull AS *dol*, foolish, cf Du *dol*, Ger. *loll*, mad See *dwell*

dulse Edible seaweed Ir & Gael. *dulseag* ? For *duille usge*, water leaf Cf *whisky*

duma Russ, orig thought, idea, from *dumat'*, to think, reflect Occurs in ORuss compds, e g *bojarshaya-duma*, council of boyars, i e nobles, *gorodskaya-duma*, town-council, from *gorod*, town (cf *Novogorod*, *Belgrade*, etc) The hist *Duma*, first summoned 1906, suppressed 1917, is short for *gosudárstvennaya-duma*, imperial council Some authorities hold *duma* to be cogn with *doom*

dumb AS *dumb* Com Teut, cf Du *dom*, Ger *dumm* (OJIG *tump*), stupid (cf E *dummy*, *dolt*), ON *dumbr*, Goth. *dumbs*, dumb. Ult cogn with *deaf*, with which it is occ synon in Teut, and perh. with G τυφλός, blind The orig *'dumb-bell* was a rope apparatus, also used to teach bell ringers *Dumbfound* appears to be formed by analogy with *confound*

dum-dum [*mil*] From *Dumdum*, *mil* cantonment near Calcutta, formerly headquarters of Bengal artillery Hind. *dum-dama*, mound

dummy In various senses from *dumb*
Dummy *whist* is as old as Swift

dump¹ Use the *dump*s Cf *Du dump* haze
 etc Ger *dumpf* oppressive gloomy cogn
 with *damp*

For With ringing needs must I w ill

As on in dol fild mps

To when his legs w re smitten II

He fought pon the stumps (*Cheney Chase* c 1600)

dump ME *domp* to fall heavily (cf *thun* p)

In mod use (chiefly US) to thro down

hence *dump* refuse heap and verb to

dump unload commodities on another

nation (neol) He re belongs prob also

du ip used of various small or *dummy*

objects (cf *dab* of paint *pal* of butter)

Dumpling orig from Norfolk is a double

dim

The Anti Dumping Bill is in print and the second

read g w ill probably be taken n xt week

(O.E. D v 3 1919)

dumpling See *dump*²

du¹ Colour AS *duun* from Celt cf Gael

Ir *don* Welsh *dwn*

du² To demand payment First in Bacon

(c 1626) who quotes from a plain old

man at Buxton that soll besoms Origin

unknown Quot 1 from a letter (c 1488)

dealing app with extort onate demands in

connection with subsidies, suggests that it

may have been a stock name of the *John*

Dix *Richard Roe Tommy Atkins* type

² cf *durbies*

I moste pr y yea for th re xrens of Jew to h ly

hym for yo r ten tes and turn or I John Dyn

will wver cowl th m (*P son Let* ill 33)

To d n, word lat ly t ken p by f n d

signes to demand rnestly or pres a man to

pay for commod ties t ken up on trust, or other

d bt (Elo 1)

dunce Earli er *dunson* From *John Duns*

Scotus (tc 1308) the Doctor Subtilis whose

disciples were regarded by the Renaissance

humanists and reformers as opponents of

the new learning and enlightenment He

is supposed to have been born at *Dun* in

Berwickshire

The old b kyng curre, Dunces disw ples d i ke

d fle alled Scot ts, th ch dre d d knes

(Fvud)

dunderhead Cf *So duncered* stupefied But

hist of *ll muerbus* (1 v) suggests possible

association with *bl inde*

Dundreary whiskers Long flowing side-

whiskers (Proccad 14) weepers as worn by

Lo d Du early in Tom Taylor's *Oi*

American Cons ns (1858)

dune F *Du duin* earlier *dune* See *d* c 1

Dunelm Signature of Bishop of Durham

MedL *Di nelmensis* from *Direlm* or *Dan*

holm earlier forms of Durham

dung AS *dug* cf Ger *dun* Sw *dynga*

Norw *dj ja* *dun* heap Thought to be

cogn with ON *dyngja* underground

dwelling ² on vint r hair of the old

Teutans covered with dung for heating

purposes

dungaree Fabric Hind *dungri* coarse

calico

dungeon donjon F *dunjon* Late L *d*

minio-n Orig central tower keep of

castle vaults under which were used

prisons In OI also *danyon* (cf *d* i ger)

² whence the *Dane John* at Canterbury

(see *Dane*)

dunuwassal [hist] Highland gentleman f

secondary rank Gael *d* i ne man u sal

noble In *Bonn s* *Di ndee*

dunlin Bird From *dun*¹

Dunmow futech Peward for harmonious

married life Established (144) at *Dun*

mo-e (Ess) by Robert Fitzwalter

dunnage [na t] Matting bru hwood etc

used in packing cargo Fig sailor's kit

Earlier also *dinna* s the uncertainty of

the vowel making conjectures u less

ccc t dumd bordanum pro all tta koe et

deumari d te na i (11)

xx j hegg h ys he vs f sed l ved low

f John M ill r aver for doe ge u der the ordace

ladyn in h re (be) 1 Lyn

(N Acts 195-9)

duncock [diz] Hedge-sparrow From *dun*

with *dun* suffix -ock Cf dial *rudfock*

red breast

dunstable [archaic] Plain straightforward

etc. Orig allusion to road to *Dunstable*

(Edgware Road) part of Watling Street

famous f r straight an l even character

Th t s the pl in *dunstable* f the m tier Mla

(Care Hs low 1)

duo It iust L *duo* two Cf *t o*

duodecimo For L in *duodecim* (folded) in

twelve cf *qua to folio* etc

duodenum [anat] Intestine So called by

medieval anatomists because twelve (*Ja*

denu) inches long

duologue From L *duo* two after *mono*

logue

duomo It cathedral See *me*

dupe F ident with *dupe* dial form of

h ppe the *hoopoe* L *upua* regarded a

stupid bird. First in thieves argot (142¹)

OIHG *g ruelan* to be torpid Sense development of *lar* is somewhat similar

Wba n thel turned ag n th hld dwelt in J ru l m (Wye L & H 43)

dwindle From earlier (now Sc) *daine* AS *dunfan* to waste away cf Du *verdwijnen* to vani h ON *duna* First in Shaks (*Ille* 11 m 3)

dwt Hybrid abbrev *d* for L *denarius* *ut* for weight Cf *dwt* and see L s d

dyad Correct form of *duad* (q v)

dyarchy Double government From G *duo* two Cf *monachy* Earlier is *diachy* from G *di* twice

dye AS *dæg* (noun) *dægian* (verb) of unknown origin Mod spelling *dye* (*dye* in Johns) is for convenience With fig uses e.g. *double dyed villain of the blackest* (*deceitful*) *dye* cf *engrained*

dyke See *dike*

dynamic F *dynamique* perh coined by Leibnitz G *δυναμικός* from *δυναμς* power

dynamite Coined (1867) by Alfred Nobel Sw inventor (v s)

dynamo Shortened (1882) from *dynamo electric machine* (Siemens 1867)

dynasty F *dynastie* Late L G *δυναστεία* lordship from *δυναστης* prince from *δυνασ* to be powerful (v s)

dysentery OF L G *δυσεντερία* from *δυσ* *enteros* s ck in the bowels from *δ* s pejorative and *τερ* pa bowel Cf *enteric*

dyspepsia L G *δυσπεψία* indigestion from *πεντρος* cooked digested (v s)

e- L for *ex* out of

each AS *ælc* for *ægelic* ever like See *ay* and cf Ger *jedlich* MHG *s gelîch* of similar formation The *l* lost in E as in *which* survives in Sc *ilk* (cf Du *ik*) Earlier equivalent to *every* (q v)

Fbr us cl pen ech w ter a see (W y)

eager F *gre* sour L *acer* *acr* sharp keen cogn with *acid* Cf *is eg r* Frois sart u es a *rechevalier* for keen warrior It is a slip of *g d egr* (*il m l l*)

eagle F *aigle* L *aquila* orig black eagle from *aquilus* dark whence also *aquil* the north wind (darkening the sky) Replaced AS *eorn* whence poet *erno* (q v)

eagre Tidal wave esp on Humber Severn (see John Hall far ch iv) Recorded as MedL *h gra* c 1125 and then not till

c 1600 AS *þ gor* flood tide suits the sense but the *g* would have given *y* ON *þi gur* water bor r has been suggested (cf *auger*) If th is right *bore* m y belong to *bore*

ean See *yeen*

ear¹ Organ of hearing, AS *ea* e W Aryan cf Du *oor* Ger *oh* ON *ora* Goth *aus* L *auris* G o e OIr *ó* To set by the ears is from fighting of animals (cf F *un chien hargn* *ur a* *toijours l oreill déchirée*) To *ear* *ma h* was orig used of sheep and cattle but fig sense dates from 16 c nt Within (out of) *er shot* is formed on *pistol shot* etc

It took s jou [] in my h de
For all yed ut at [th t] oo e
That in that ther h d d le [w t ash]

(Rm FR 55)

ear² Of corn AS *ear* Com Teut cf Du *ar* Ger *ähre* (orig pl) ON *ar* Goth *ah* From an Aryan root *ah* pointed as in L *acus* needle

ear³ To plough Obs but occurs several times in *It* and Shaks AS *erisa* W Aryan cf ODu *e is* OHG *erran* ON *eris* Goth *a j m* L *arar* G *dpo v* Ir *ai n* Com 17th *ik* and L *arum* The o e l k w e d th ing uses th t th ground (I xv 4)

earring [nauf] Small rope fast ning corner of sail to yard Prob for *ear ring* its earlier spelling Cotg *gr es it s v co her* lit necklace

earl AS *eo l* nobleman warrior later spec sense under Cnut being due to association with cogn *jarl* (q v) After Conquest adopted as equivalent to *count*¹ See also *alle man*

early AS *æ* *lice* (adv) See *e e* and *like ly* Norw *Din aarle* has also become an adj The trans tion is via such phrases as *early riser*

earn AS *earnian* cf OIHG *a non* to earn Ger *e nle* harvest

earnest¹ Serious AS *eorno t* earnestness fierceness cf obs Du *ernst* OIHG *e nust* (ornst) The adj is evolved from the noun which survives only in *ne rnest*

earnest² Pledge orig small payment to ratify bargain ME *ernes* alt red by natural association with *e est*¹ the two words being often quibbled on (v s) *Eries* is a corrupt of *a les e les* still in dial use a dim formation from F *arkes* L *arra* an earnest penny earnest

money" (Coop), cogn with G *ἀρραβών*, of Heb origin

Now your jest is earnest
Upon what bargain do you give it me?

(Com of Errors, II 2)

argentum Dei God's penny, earnest money In Lincolnshire called "erles," or "arles" (Blount, *Law Dict*)

earth AS *eorthe* Com Teut, cf Du *aarde*, Ger *erde*, ON *jörth*, Goth *airtha*, & ult cogn with L *arvum* *What on earth? what earthly use?* are app so mod that they may be euph substitutions for stronger expressions Cf *what in the world?* To *run to earth* is from fox-hunting

After a cross Channel flight one notes a marked difference between the French and British earth-scapes (*In Airman's Outings*)

earwig AS *earwiga*, ear beetle, from the widespread belief that it creeps into the ear Cf synon Ger *ohrwurm*, F *peuce-reille*, "the worme, or insect called an earwig" (Cotg)

ease F *aïse*, back-formation from *aisance*, comfortable circumstances, in OF convenience of situation, L *adjacentia*, neut. pl of *adjacens*, lying near A trace of the origin survives in *casement*, used in Sc of conveniences about a house, such as sheds, farm-buildings, etc, and corresponding to MedL *adjacentiae* in same sense, cf also *chapel of ease*.

easel Du *ezel*, ass, Ger *esel*, L *asinus* For change of consonant cf *kettle* For other Du art-words cf *landscape*, *sketch*, *lay-figure* For sense cf F *chevalet*, easel, lit little horse

east AS *ēaste* (noun), as adj *ēast-*, only in compds, e g *ēast-seaxe*, East Saxons, Essex Aryan, cf Du *oost*, Ger *osten*, ON *austri*, L *aurora* (for **ausōsa*), Sanskrit *ushas*, dawn. Adopted, with the other cardinal points, as naut term by the Rom langs, e g F *est* Near (*far*) *East*, *Eastern question* are late 19 cent

Easter AS *Ēastre*, usu in pl *Ēaston* (cf Ger *Ostern*), heathen festival at the vernal equinox in April (q v) in honour of Teut goddess of dawn (see *east*) As this coincided more or less with the Christian Paschal festival, the name was adopted as its WGer transl after the conversion Forms of *pascha* are found in LG and in Goth *pāska* Wyc always uses *Pasche*, Tynd *Easter* *Easter-eggs*, a mod revival from Ger (cf *Christmas-tree*), were in ME *pace-eggs*, still in dial

Easterling [hist] Native of Eastern Germany, Baltic coast, a region known collectively as *Eastland*, also erron used by early antiquaries for *sterling* (q v) From obs adj *easter*, after Du *ooster*, *oosteling* easy. See *ease* *Easy-going* was orig used of horses

eat AS *etan* Aryan; cf Du *eten*, Ger *essen*, ON *eta*, Goth *itan*, L *edere*, G *ēd-*, Welsh *ysu*, to devour, OIr *ithe*, devouring, Sanskrit *ādun*, eating See *fiel*¹, *tooth* To *eat one's terms* (*dinners*) is colloq for to keep terms at one of the Inns of Court

eaves AS *efes*, cf ON *ups*, dial Ger *obsen*, church porch, prob cogn with *over* Orig sing (cf *alms*) Hence *eavesdrop*, for earlier *eavesdrīp*, AS *yfesdrype*, space round house liable to receive roof-water, hence used of listening at doors or windows

Juratores dicunt quod Henricus Rowley est communis cyvis-dropper et vagator in noctibus (Nottingl am Bor Rec. 1487)

ebb AS *ebba*, cf Du *eb*, *ebbe*, Ger *ebbe* (from LG), prob cogn with Goth. *ibuks*, backward Fig esp in *low(est) ebb*.

Ebenezer Nonconformist chapel Heb *eben ha ēzer*, the stone of help (1 Sam vii 12). Cf *Bethel*

Eblis. Arab *iblis*, chief of spirits expelled from Paradise See Beckford's *Vathek* - *ebon*, *ebony* L *hebenus*, *ebenus*, G *ēberos*, prob from Heb. *hobnīm* (Ezek xxvii 15), cf F *ébène*, Ger *ebenholz* The formation of the E words is not clear Hence *ebonite*, trade-name for vulcanite

Ebor Signature of archbp of York, Late L *Eboracum*, AS *Eoforwic*
ebriety F *ébruité*, L *ebrietas*, from *ebrius*, drunk

ebullition L *ebullitio-n-*, from *ebullire*, to boil out Now usu fig

écarté F, pp of *écarter*, to discard, put aside, because player may discard certain cards, VL **equartare*, to divide into four. Though associated with *card*, it is not etym connected with it See *discard*
Ecce Homo Picture of Christ wearing crown of thorns L, behold the man (John, vii 5)

eccentric Orig *math*, opposed to *concentric* From G *ἐκκεντρος*, out of centre See *centre* For sense-hist cf *delirium*

ecclesiastic. F *ecclésiastique*, L, G *ἐκκλησιαστικός*, from *ἐκκλησία*, church, orig assembly of Athenians, from *ἐκκαλέω*, to call out The LXX used *ἐκκλησιαστής* to

render Heb *qohelah* one who addresses an assembly (Solomon) The *Ecclesiastical* *Cor mission* dates from 1836

echelon [*mil*] F *échelon* rung of ladder dim of *échelle* ladder OF *esch* *le* L *scala* This is the usual explanation but there is an archaic F *echelle* body of troops OF *eschiele* *eschie* *e* OHG *scār* (*schir*) band cogn with *share*

eclinus Sea urchin L G *ἐχινος* hedge hog Cogn with AS *ī* I Ger *igel* hedge hog

echo L G *ἠχώ* personified as nymph from *ἠχῆ* sound

éclair F flash from *éclaircir* to light up (*v*) app from the lightness of the confectionary Cf *col-au-tent*

éclaircissement F from *éclaircir* to clear up OF *esclarci* from L *clarus* clear representing *VL* *exlarescere* Very common in 18 cent L

éclat F from *éclater* to burst out perh from a *VL* *exclappature* from the imit clasp

eclectic G *ἐκλεκτικός* selective from *λέγω* to pick out

eclipse F *éclipse* I *ἐκλειψις* from *λαττω* to fail In Chaucer and *Piers Ploum* Hence *eclipse* apparent orbit of sun so called because eclipses can only occur when moon is near this line That is ke of [Gurr k] d ath which has eclipsed the galaxy of ton. (J hns)

eclogue L G *ἐκλογή* from *λέγω* to select Spenser's spelling *aeclōgē* (*Shep herd's Calendar*) is due to a mistaken etym from *αἴ* *ly-* goat as though *g* at herd's song

ecod See *egid*

economy L G *οικονομία* house management oldest sense in L from *οἶκος* house *ν* *μεν* to manage rendered in Church L by *dispensa* *o* *Polit cal economy* (18 cent) translates F *écon mie pol i t q e*

écreu F unbleached OF *escru* from L *ex* and *crandus* raw

ecstasy ME *extase* OF *extasis* (*extase*) Med L C *εκστασις* from *ἐκ* out of *ιστανα* to put esp in *ἐκστασις φρενών* to drive out of wit Cf to be beside oneself

The we en f l lid with wondrous and extasis (Wy *Ad* iii)

ecto From G *ἐκτος* outside

ecumenical See *ecumenical*

eterna G *ἐterna* from *ἐκ* out *τε* to be

edacious From L *edax* *edac* voracious A favourite word of Carlyle

Edda Ancient Iceland poems Younger or prose *Edda* compiled (c 1230) partly by Snorre Sturluson Elder or poetic *Ldda* (c 1200) *Edd* is the name of the great grandmother in one of the ON poems but can hardly be the ori in of the word which appears to be connected with ON *íðr* mind poetry

eddish [*dial*] Aftergrowth of grass stubble Also *erri h a rish* AS *edisc* park pasture For variation of consonant cf *pa k paddock* Cf synonym *dial ed ea* AS *ed roau* and so *eddi*

eddy ME *edy* cf ON *ítha* whirlpool Prob cogn with obs prefix *et* again backwards (cf OHG *ī* ON *ith* *íoth* *d*) and ult with I *sterum*

edelweiss Ger noble white

Eden Heb *eden* pleasure deli ht

edentata [b of] Order of mammals without front teeth From L *edenta* *e* to remove teeth

edge AS *ec* Com Teut cf Du *eg* Ge *cke* corner ON *egg* cogn with L *a ies* G *ēx* *s* point Oldest sense edge of sword *Not to put too fine an edge (point) on it* to express oneself bluntly With *to set teeth on edge* cf Ol *aac er* (now replaced by *a acer*) VL *d a s* see *eg* *Ed* (*d*) tools is *edge* nt fig *edge* in *to edge in* (*off at it*) it is sometimes for *head* *e* (*q v*)

agacer to edge *urg pro ck ger x ras perat* also *to set the teeth on edge* (Cotg)

edible Late L *edibilis* from *der* to eat edict Restored spelling of ME *el t* F *édit* L *edictum* from *edicere* to proclaim Cf *verd* *et*

edifice F *édifice* L *aedificium* from *aedes* building (cf *aedile*) Cf *if* F *édifier* L *aedificare* to build For fig sense cf *struct*

edition F *édition* L *ditio* *n* from *der* to give out from *er* and *dire* *Ed it* a back formation from *edior*

educate From L *educare* cogn with *ducere* to lead out hence *educer* *duct* *on* *te*

edulcorate From Late L *edulcorare* from *dis* *cor* sweetness

-ee Prop from F *pp* ending *-é* L *-atu* as in *debankee refugee pas committed* (*j v*) Hence extended to *baggage devotee di lee* etc. Cf *nee* *Pectusque* *marquet* etc.

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effigie*, abl. of *effigies*, from *effingere*, from
ex and *ingere*, to form

Mine eye doth his effigies witness
Most truly linn'd and living in your face
(As You Like It, II, 1)

The pompous funerall of the Duke of Richmond,
who was carried in effigie in an open charriot thro
London (Evelyn)

effloresce L *efflorescere*, from *ex* and *flores-
cere*, incept of *florere*, to bloom, from *flos*,
flor-, flower

effluent From pres part of L *effluere*, from
ex and *fluere*, to flow.

effluvium Late L, from *effluere* (vs)

Earlier used, like F *effluve*, of any kind of
radiation, now only of smells, the pl
effluvia being sometimes ignorantly used
as sing. For similar blunder cf *animal
cule*

The putrid effluviae (!) in prisons (NED, 1826)

effort F, back-formation from *efforcer*, from
forcer See *force*

effrontery F *effronterie*, from *effronté*, lit
without brow (for blushing), from L *ex*
and *frons*, *front-* Cf *unblushing*

effulgent See *fulgent*

effusion L *effusio-n-*, from *effundere*, from
ex and *fundere*, *fus-*, to pour out Hence
effusive, "gushing"

efreet Var of *afreet* (q v).

eft Also dial *efet*, *evet* Older form of *new
(q v)*

eftsoons [poet] Obs *eft*, compar of *aft*, and
soon, with *-s* added by analogy with other
adverbs formed from genitive

egad Prob for *ah God* Jonas Chuzzlewit's
var is *ecod*

Egeria Nymph who dictated the laws of
Rome to King Numa

Il y a peu d'espoir qu'un jour un Numa français
rencontre une autre nymphe Égène qui lui dicte
des lois sages (Anatole France)

egg¹ Noun ON *egg*, replacing in ME cogn.
native *ey*, AS *æg* WArman; cf Du. Ger.
ei, L *ovum*, G *éier*, Ir *og* Egg-nog con-
tains EAngl *nog*, strong beer, of unknown
origin

Bacoun and somtyme an ey or tweye
(Chauc. B 4035)

egg² Verb Usu with *on* ON *eggja*, re-
placing cogn native *edge* (q v), in same
sense

Cassius did edge him on the more, for a private
quarrell he had conceived against Caesar
(North's Plutarch)

eglantine F *églantine*, flower of the *églantier*,
wild-rose tree, OF *aglantier*, VL **acu-
lentarius*, thorny, from *aculeus*, prickle,
from *acus*, needle Tennyson uses archaic
eglatere

ego L, I (q v) Introduced in 18 cent. to
connote the "conscious, thinking subject"
Hence *egoism*, *egoist*, orig philos terms,
from F, and the incorr *egotism*, *egotist* (by
analogy with such words as *nepotism*,
dramatist), to express selfishness Cf Ger
Ichsucht lit I disease, F *le culle du moi*
See also *altruism*

Man is too thoroughly an egoist not to be also an
egotist (O Henry)

egregious From L *egregius* from *ex* out of *greg* flock Not orig disparaging

An *egregious* [I f *egregius*, A f cunning] art ficer in wood (Do 35 Bbl *Er* xvii, 2)

egress L *egressus* from *egredi* to go out from *ex* and *grator* I step

egret Lesser white heron F *ai vette* dun from OHG *heig* heron See *avrete* heron

Egyptian In various Bibl allusions *egbonda* & *darkness* (Iv x 22) *spoiling*, (xii 36) *flesh pot* (xvi 3) also *corn* in Egypt (Gen xli 1) See also *gipsy* *dismal*

eh MF *ey* cf F *eh* Ger *es* Natural exclamation

eider-down ON *æthar-dunn* in which first element is gen of *æthr* eider-duck Hence by wrong separation *eider* and *eider-duck* cf Sw *ejd edun* Norw *ederdun* & hence F *éd edun* See do 77

eidolon Spectre G *δαλον* See *idol*

eight AS *eahta* Aryan cf Du Ge *acht* ON *átta* Goth *ahhts* L *octo* (*octo*) OIr *ocht* Sanskrit *asktau* Orig a dual Piece of *eight* (Treasi & Islvi d) translates Sp *pieza de ocho* (c. reals) *Eight days* week became common in the Great War owing to lit transl of *huit jours* in F despatches

eikon See *icon*

eireneicon Offer of peace Nent. of C f *epyn* os from *epyn* peace

isteddof Cathering of Welsh bards From Wel *heist d* to sit

either Orig adj each of two both AS *æðthe* for *ægh æther* from a *ge hæther* for which see 253 *uether* Cf MUG *jeuæet* OHG *eo g uedar* now replaced by *gedueter*

On the side one a d Jesu in the mid t (John 3)

ejaculate From L *ejaculare* to shoot forth from *jaculum* javelin, *latere* to be to throw Orig in lit sense esp med

eject Fr m L *ece ejet* from *ex* and *jacere* to throw Cf to *eject* out Hen'e noun *eject* coined (18 9) by Cliford to express ideas and sensations which cannot be classed as *subjects* or *objects*

eke To augment. I u with out. Has replaced (under influence of obs nouns *eke* addition) ME *eke* AS *fama* Com Teut. cf O'ax *okian* OHG *uillan* ON *auka* Goth *aukan* cogn with L *auxilio* G *auffahren* to increase Tle dv *eke* AS *þuc*

(cf Du *ook* Ger *a h*) vas perli 77, an imperative add

Del te ot in wo th wo to sech
As don thise foolcs th t hi sorwes ech
W th sorw (Chaucer *Troile* 4)

elaborate From L *elaborare* to work out from *ex* and *laborare*

elaeo From G *elaion* oil

élan F false sing from *elan* from *elancer* to launch out See *elan* 4

eland S Afr antelope Du *elk* Ger *elend* (now *elen* 177) O'athuanian *elen* cogn with G *ella* fawn Wel h *elan* hind fawn and ult with *ek* The *elk* is still found in La t Prussia Earlier L forms from Ger or from F *elin* are *ellan* *elend* applied to the *elk* proper Som of its folk lore attributes are due to mistaken association with Ger *elend* wretched

ela rtai wild bea t 4 (C 17)

elend th lk 177 faret II m La 1 1 k
strong s 17, heet eekt d 5 sp-how ed w 1
bea t (18)

elapse From L *elaps* *elaps* from *ex* and *laps* to glide

elastic Late G *elasticus* from *ela* *eu* to *rupel* With no in ense cf F *gomme* *elastique* india rubber

elate Orig adj exalted From L *effere* *elatus* from *ex* and *ferre* to bear

elbow AS *elnhoga* for *hi h see* II and *l x* The ompl is t m Teut. cf Du *elchodon* Ger *ellenbogen* ON *elk* 1 With *elbon-roen* cf F *fan he coude* from *oude* elbow *Out at the* is in Shaks (*Meas f r Meas* 11)

Elchi Eltchoe Eltchi k] T rk i Ai am bassador from *li* tribe Applied to Turk esp to Sir Stratford Canning Lord Stratford de Red J fce (1830)

eld (saw) O'jare AS *el* from *old* old cf OHG *alt* Replaced by *g*

elder eldest Mercian compar and superl. *old* (177) The *old* I *supr* ad *numls* 1 in comparison *Isu* replaced by *old* *owet* *exc* in per senses The compar was also used in AS & ME (*compar*) cf Ger *altern* In eccl sense *owet* 3 a lit rendering of C *πρωτος* *epos* see *fr* 1 *liter fr est*)

Th *er* called the *elders* of him th i had re ved h sight (Conrad *Joh* 1 7)

elder Tree With intrusive *d* for earlier *e* AS *eldest* *eldest* O'ler form *er* vives in place names e g *h ede* *Elst* *slaw* etc. For *el* in cl unrelated *elder*

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effigie, abl of *effigies*, from *effingere*, from
ex and *ingere*, to form

Mine eye doth his effigies witness

Most truly him'd and living in your face

(*As You Like It*, II 7)

The pompous funerall of the Duke of Richmond,

who was carried in effigie in an open charriot thro

London (Evelyn)

effloresce L *efflorescere*, from *ex* and *flores-*

cere, incept of *florere*, to bloom, from *flos*,

flor-, flower

effluent From pres part of L *effluere*, from

ex and *fluere*, to flow

effluvium Late L, from *effluere* (vs)

Earlier used, like F *effluve*, of any kind of
radiation, now only of smells, the pl
effluvia being sometimes ignorantly used
as sing For similar blunder, cf. *animal-*
cule

The putrid effluviae (!) in prisons (NED 1826)

effort F, back-formation from *efforcer*, from
forcer See *force*

effrontery. F *effronterie*, from *effronté*, lit
without brow (for blushing), from L *ex*
and *frons*, *front-* Cf *unblushing*

effulgent See *fulgent*

effusion L *effusio-n-*, from *effundere*, from
ex and *fundere*, *fus-*, to pour out Hence
effusive, "gushing"

efreet Var of *afreet* (qv).

eft Also dial *eset*, *evet* Older form of *newt*
(qv)

eftsoons [*poet*]. Obs *eft*, compar of *ast*, and
soon, with *-s* added by analogy with other
adverbs formed from genitive

egad Prob for *ah* God Jonas Chuzzlewit's
var is *ecod*

Egeria Nymph who dictated the laws of
Rome to King Numa

Il y a peu d'espoir qu'un jour un Numa français
rencontre une autre nymphe Égérie qui lui dicte
des lois sages (Anatole France)

egg¹ Noun ON *egg*, replacing in ME cogn
native *cy*, AS *æg* WArman, cf. Du Ger.
ei, L. *ovum*, G *ᾠόν*, Ir *og* Egg-nog con-
tains EAngl *nog*, strong beer, of unknown
origin.

Bacoun and somtyme an ey or tweye

(Chauc. B 4035)

egg² Verb Usu with *on* ON *eggja*, re-
placing cogn native *edge* (qv), in same
sense

Cassius did edge him on the more, for a private
quarrell he had conceived against Caesar

(North's Plutarch)

eglantine F *eglantine*, flower of the *églantier*,
wild-rose tree, OF *auglantier*, VL **acu-*
lentarius, thorny, from *aculeus*, 'prickle',
from *acus*, needle Tennyson uses archaic
eglatere

ego L, I (qv) Introduced in 18 cent to
connote the "conscious, thinking subject"
Hence *egoism*, *egoist*, orig philos terms,
from F, and the incorr *egotism*, *egotist* (by
analogy with such words as *nepotism*,
dramatist), to express selfishness Cf Ger
ichsucht lit I disease, F *le culte du moi*
See also *altruism*

Man is too thoroughly an egoist not to be also an
egotist (O Henry)

egregious From *L. e regius* from *ex* out of *g. ex greg* flock Not orig disparaging

An egreg u [*V lg* gr gius *AV* e nning] tificer in wood (Dou y B bl Ex xx iii 23)

egress *L. egressus* from *egredi* to go out from *ex* and *gradior* I step

egret Lesser white heron *F. aigrette* dim from OILG *heigr* heron See *aigrette* heron

Egyptian In various Bibl allusions e.g. *bond of darkness* (Ex x 22) *spoils* (xii 36) *fi sh pots* (xvi 3) also *corn in Egypt* (Gen xlii 1) See also *gipsy* *dismal*

eh *MF* ey cf *F. ek* Ger *ei* Natural exclamation

eider-down ON *æthir dunn* in which first element is gen of *æthir* eider-duck Hence by wrong separation *eider* and *eider duck* cf Sw *ejderdun* Norw *ejderdun* whence *L. ed elon* See *doun*

eidolon Spectre *G. εἰδωλον* See *idol*

eight AS *eahla* Aryan cf *D. Ger acht* ON *itta* Goth *ahitu* *L. octo* *G. ὀκτώ* OIr *ocht* Sanskrit *ashṭa* Orig a dual *Picco of e ght* (*Treasure Island*) translates Sp *pieza de ocho* (sc reals) *Fight d ys* week became common in the Great War owing to lit transl of *huit jours* in *F* despatches

eikon See *icon*

eirenicon Offer of peace Neut of *G. εἰρη* is from *ειρη* peace

eisteddfod (athening of Welsh bards From *W. ish eistedd* to sit

either Orig adj each of two both AS *æther* for *ð hwaether* from *æ ge hwaether* for which *ee av v* *whether* Cf *MHG jergeweder* OHG *e g uedar* now replaced by *j dueder*

O lth id or anljys untemdt (Joh xix 3)

ejaculate Fr m *L. ejaculari* to shoot forth fr m *jaculum* javelin from *jacer* to throw Orig in lit sense e p med

eject From *L. eicere* *eject* from *e* and *jacere* to throw Cf to *chuck o t* Hence noun *eject* coined (1878) by C. Ford to express ideas and sensations which cannot be classified as *subjects* or *objects*

eke To augment *Isu* with *out* Has replacement (under influence of obs noun *eke* addition) *MF eche* AS *ēan*, Com Teut cf OSax *ēan* OILG *ouhān* ON *aikz* Goth *auhan* cogn with *L. augē* *e* *care* to increase *Tie ady eke* AS *ēac*

(cf *Du oon Ger aich*) was perhaps an imperative add

D. hlt t in wo thy wo to such
A don th so fool's that h s w eech
W th sorw (Ch o F i i 74)

elaborate From *L. laborare* to work out from *ex* and *laborare*

elaeo From *G. ελαιον* oil

élan *F. ful e* sing from *élans* from *élancer* to launch out. See *laurel*

eland S Afr antelope *Du elk* Ger *elend* (now *elentier*) OLithuan *elk m c gn* with *G. ἔλας* *faen* Welsh *elawn* *hind* *fawn* and ult with *elk* The elk is still found in East Prussia Earlier *F* forms from Ger or from *F. élan* are *ellaw* *ellnd* applied to the elk proper Some of its folk lore attributes are due to mistaken association with Ger *elend* wretched

la rtain wld b st dls d (Cotgr)

U w th lk most f arefill n la b lk
strong a ft h rt eckt and larpion f wll
beast (ib)

elapse From *L. elabi* *elaps* from *ex* and *labi* to glide

elastic Late *C. ελαστικός* from *ελα* *v* to propel With noun use cf *F. gomme* *élastique* india rubber

elate Orig, adj exalted Fr m *L. efferre* *el* *t* from *ex* and *ferre* to *car*

elbow AS *elbega* for which we *ell* and *low* The compd is Com Teut cf *Du elleboog* Ger *ellenbogen* ON *elnbogi* With *elbow-room* cf *F. franchises* *coulde* from *roule* *lbow* Out at *ell* *u s* in Shaks (*Meas* for *W* at li 1)

Elchi **Elchee** **Elchu** [*hist*] Turk *ilcht* ambassador from *il* tribe Applied by Turks *e p* to Sir Stratford Canning Lord Stratford de Redcliffe (1830)

eld [*poet*] Ollage AS *eld* from *east* old cf OHG *alh* Replaced by *o*

elder ¹ eldest Mercian compd and superl of *old* (q v) The only survival of *umla t* in c mparison *Isu* replaced by *lðr* *oldest* *ex* in spec enes The compar was also used in AS & *MF* for parent (cf Ger *eltern*) In *eccl* sense *elde* is a lit rendering of *C. παρὶς* *πρεσβ* (see *free byler priest*)

They alled 15 elders of him th t h i receaved his sight (Co end. Joh i 15)

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v) ON *alfr* See also *oaf* Now equiva-
lent to fairy but orig rather used of
hostile powers Very common as element
in names e.g. Alfred Albern Alberon
(Oberon) etc Ger *elf* from L dates from
Wieland's transl (1764) of *Midsummer*
Nights Dream *Elfin* first in Spenser's
elfin kn *ht* is perh due to ME genitive in
elene land (cf hist of *faery*) *Elf locks* are
tangles caused by fairies esp Queen Mab
cf synon Norw Dan *myrlok* vith first
element as in *nightmare* See al o *erl kn*.

Th t h t very M b

Th t pl is the manes of h rses in th night
A d bakes th elf locks n fo l i t h hairs
Which on e untangled mu h m storta e bodes
(Rom C Jul 4)

Lik an Alp (?) a fright l feel g of powe lessness
h s been lying upon us f r th ee and a half years
(Vinedits as tr nsl ted by D l Ch on.
Jan. 23 9 8)

Elgin marbles From Parthenon at Athens
Brought to England (1812) by Earl of
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elicit From L *elicere* *elicit* from *ex* and
lacere to entice

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Hence *elision* Cf *collide*

eligible Late L *eligibilis* from *eligere* See
elect

eliminate From L *elimina* e to put out of
doors from *ex* and *limen* *limen* threshold
elision See *el de*

élite F from *él* v L *eligere* to pick out.

elixir MedL Arab *al shir* from Late G
ἐξήριον drying powder for wounds from
ἐξήρος dry Used in ME both of philo-
sopher's stone and elixir of life

Th ptilosophes stooc

Elixir clept, w serk n l t echon
(Ch G 862)

elk AS *eolh* cf Ger *elch* ON *elgr* ult cogn
with *eland* L *alces* (Caesar) is from Teut
Form of word is to be a. cned to AF treat-
ment of final h our lan_o of ven being
accepted entirely F

ell AS *eln* Corn Teut cf Du *el* Ger *ello*
(OHG *lina*) ON *eln* Goth *aleina* From
Teut comes MedL *alna* whence F *aune*
ell Orig length of fore arm (cf *sub l*
foot etc) and cogn with L *ulna* See
elbow Now only in fig allusions to the
in h and the *ell*

ell pse. Back formation from *ellipses* pl of
ellipsis I om which it is now sometimes dif-
ferentiated L G *ἑλλειψις* from *ἑλλειν*

to come short from λ π v to leave
In comic sections the inclination of the
cutting plane to the base comes short of
as in the case of the hyperbola it exceeds
the inclination of the side of the cone
(VED)

ell psis See *ellipsis*

elm AS *elm* cf ON *almr* OHG *eln* MHG
elma (as in *Ilmenau*) n w replaced by
ulm e L *ulmus* whence also Du *olm* OF
olme (*orme*) But *eln* and *ulm* are ult
cogn

Elmo In *Saint Elmo's fire* composit It.
fuoco di santelmo or Sp *fuego de santelmo*
cf Ger *Helenenfeuer* The saint whether
Elmo or *Helen* is prob as apocryphal as
Ithus and the phrase go s back to G
lamy torch

elocution L *elocutio* n from *loq* to
speak out Ong used of literary style in
gen

éloge F praise esp academy speech L
elogium G *elogy* v in sense of elegia
inscription on tomb

Elohist Author of those parts of the Hexa-
teuch which are characterized by the use
of *Elohim* (Heb pl) gods instead of
Yahveh Jehovah

elo(g)n [leg] To remove F *loi ner* from
é L *ex* and *loin* distant L *lon* e cf
purloin *Elongate* from Late L *elonga* e
had formerly the same sense

elo g t to m f t t d t o f long
(Blo nt)

elope AF *aloper* app from ME & dial
lope *loup* (q v) to run ON *hlaupa* cogn
with *leap* and vith Du *loopen* Ger *lauf* n
to run Cf *nie loper* (q v) Neither vord
is found in E till c 1600 and influence
of Du *loopen* seems likely in both Cf also
obs *outlope* (Florio's *Montaign*) from Du
u sloop

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eloqui to speak out

else AS *eltes* (adv) otherwise geniti e of
lost Teut adj cogn with L *al* s cf AS
ekland foreign country and Ger *elend*
in very orig banishment also Ger *Elsass*
(Alsace) seat of strangers

Eltchee See *Eltchi*

elucidate From Late L *elucida* e to clear up
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L. *ἔμβολος* from *ἐββα* to throw in

emberpoint. F from *en bon point* in good condition

I ump and (as the French b it) en bon point
(Ewell)

emboss OF *emb-ster* See boss¹ For obs
em-ast to take refuge in a thicket see
em-astad

embouchure *flaver* mouth mouth of wind
instrument F *flav* *m* and *l* make
mouth L *l* *m* *a* cheek

embowel In archaic sense of *d. embowel*
(*Alt. s. W. d. 1-3*) from OE *embwelan* with
change of prefix. See *bowel* and cf. *eris*
eris.

embrace F embrasser from en and brasse
in OF the two arms, F fem sang from L,
neut pl bending of lit sm a case

Li coss ad pœr Tiorri entre sa beare (R d 3930)

embrace I *brak* to shake confuse for
and her frey ent of *and* See *brun*
ask

embrasure F from *embrace* to skive or chamfret off the jambes of a door or window (Cot.) Also *trane* Prob from *trane* arm with idea of opening out to receive.

embrocation from ζ $\mu\beta\sigma\alpha\gamma$ lotion from $\mu\beta\sigma\alpha\gamma\alpha\alpha$ from $\delta\alpha$ in $\beta\sigma\alpha$ to wet

embroider See border and cf OF *embroier*
embroid On ~ to confuse entangle T em

from x . See Exer. 17 in §1.

embryo MedL G μ -protein next of pres
part from δ and β -protein to swell The
linear in embryo suggests a MedL con
dition

embusqué (*k-s ang*) In sense of one avoiding the front this is a neol from *Γ s embusquer* to lie in wait. See *ambush* and cf obs. *emboss* to take refuge in a thicket.

The best hand pen engine
So much endorsed (Ch. ur. Blanche 3)

emend *La emendare* to free from fault, or corresponding Of *emend* See *amend* *mnd* Hence *emendation* now only of textual corrections

emerald F *émeraude* OF *esmeralda* L
G *smaragdus* Sanskrit *asmā* tree
maraka a emerald ModI f m prod d e
to Sp Port *smaralla* Emerald I le was

prob first used by Drennan in song E 14
(1794)

emerge L. *emergere* from *ex* and *mergere* to dip. An *emergent* is something that bubbles up. Now only of urgency, a sense not proper (Johns) with prep *in* or *on*. Also in *emergent* *man* called on to assist in fire actions (c. 1960).

Emergencies such as that in Austria was not wait for the emergence of a League of Nations.

(Sir W. Glad. Dec 5 1879.)

emeritus L. f. earlier *emerit* *emerit* from
L. *emerit* to earn one's discharge lit. to
earn out.

emerged a clear Popular front (i. e. Saw e)
of America. It is a

emery T date: OF emerald (cf sp emerald)
It. smerigliato Late L smeris w' m. myrr
and m from C on the same

emetic L. G. 2000 or from μ to vomit

émeute F VL emeida pp feza f e
 mairêre (morê e) to star

This and *emigrant* are 18 cent word
Émigré F nobl leaving France at h volu
tion was admitted by Academy in 1708

eminent. F from vi from pres part of L
emin e to project co, n with m nars to
threaten \ t l o i and gal conferred
(s a) l l rban \ III

emir Arab awl commander in title of
descendants of Mohammed in Iraq, the
Prophet's colour See *amir al-imam*

The foremost of the ba is seen

A may be hung rd of green (Crews)

ermit L. *emitter* from and *where* to
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coat

enumet [d ad] , Sen ant

emol.ent. From pres. part of *L. emere* :
to soften from *mo* = *s* soft

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the mill r s profit, from em to
gn 1 out Cf exist the mill

emotion L. *emo, ho-m* from *em-ove* to stir
emperor F. *empereur* L. *impe* a *v-um* from

imperator to command from *impero*, for a
to set in order. On title conferred by
vote of Roman army on successful general
later by Senat on Julius and Augustus
Caesar and hence adopted by their
successors etc. Tiberius and Claudius.
Conferred by the Pope on Charles Vigne on
the revival of the Western Empire (1000)
it remained title of head of Holy Roman

- elver** Young eel For *eel-fare*, passage of young eels up a river
- Elysium** L, G Ἠλύσιον (sc πεδίων, plain), abode of happy dead Homer places it on the W border of the earth, Pindar and Hesiod in the "Islands of the Blest"
- elytron** [biol] Wing case G ἔλυτρον, sheath, from ἐλύνω, to roll round.
- elzevir** Prop *elzevier*, name of famous family of Du printers (1592-1680) Cf *aldine*
- 'em** Unstressed form of ME *hem*, AS *him*, dat pl of pers pron, 3rd pers, which supplanted acc *hīe*, and was itself early superseded by *them* (q v) No longer literary, but regularly used by the late Dr Furnivall
- em-** F, assimilation of *en-* to following labial Cf L *im-*, *in-*
- emaciate** From L *emaciare*, from *macies*, leanness
- emanate** From L *emanare*, from *er* and *manare*, to flow Hence *emanation* (theol), relation of Son and Holy Ghost to Father
- emancipate** From L *emancipare*, to release from the power of the *paterfamilias*, from *ex* and *maniceps*, *mancip-*, one who acquires property, from *manu capere*, to take by hand Hence *emancipationist*, used of supporter of Catholic Emancipation Bill (1829), and later of opponents of slavery.
- emasculate** From L *emasculare*, to castrate, from *ex* and *masculus*, male
- embalm** Altered spelling of MC *embaume* (Chauc), from *baume*, balm
- embargo** Sp, from *embargar*, to impede, restrain (esp ship or goods from leaving port), VL **imbarricare* Cf *bar*, *embarrass*
- embark** F *embarquer*, cf It *imbarcare*, Sp *embarcar*, see *bark*² Orig trans, to put on board Fig sense, e.g. to *embark on an enterprise*, appears early, cf to *launch a scheme*, *float a company*, etc
- embarrass** F *embarrasser*, It *imbarazzare* or Sp *embazarar*, to put within "bars"
- embassy** Earlier also *ambassy* See *ambassador*
- embattled** See *battlement* Confused also with archaic *embattle*, to prepare for battle, OF *embatailler*
- embay** [naul]. To detain within a bay² (q v)
- embellish** F *embellir*, *embelliss-*, from *en*, and *bel* (beau), L *bellus* Cf, for formation, F *enrichir*
- ember** Usu pl ME *emer*, *aymer*, with intrusive *-b-*, AS *æmurge*, *æmerye*, cf OHG *eimuria*, ON *eimyrja* First element is

- cogn with ON *emur*, steam, vapour, and second with Norw *mbrje*, mass of glowing ashes, cf Norw *ildmbrje*, embers, of which first element is cogn with *ann-eal* (q.v.)
- ember-day** Usu pl AS *ymbren-dæg*, *ymbren-dæg*, from *ymb-ryne*, revolution, from *ymb* around, from prep *ymb* (cf Ger *um*), *ryn* running, cf ON *imbrudagar* (from AS whence Norw *imbriedage*, last week of Advent. Fixed by Council of Placent (1095) for Wed Fri Sat following First Sunday in Lent, Whitsunday, Holy Cross Day (Sep 14), St Lucia's Day (Dec 13). But synon Ger *quatermben*, MedL *quatuor tempora*, suggests possible influence of *foliety m* in E word also, and, as a fast, has prob been associated with *ember*¹
- embry day* angarium, vel dies 4^{or} temporum (Prompl Paris)
- ember-geese** Also *imber* Norw *imbre*, probably because usu appearing on the coast during the Advent ember-days (v s), cf. its G name *Adventsvogel*
- embezzle** AF *enbesiler*, to damage, was steal, from OF *besillier*, from *besil*, treatment *Bezzle* was formerly used same sense In 16-18 cents often associated in form and sense with *imbecile* as used for weaken, impair OF *besil* is unknown origin. It may be ident with *bezel* (q v), with idea of slicing pieces off cf F *écornier* (knock the corners off) *fortune* (ses *revenus*)
- He hath embeazld his estate (Burton)
- embezzle* this word seems corrupted by an ignorant pronunciation from *imbecil* (Johns)
- emblem** F *emblème*, L, G ἐμβλημα, *emblem* work, from ἐμβάλλειν, to throw in B fig sense is oldest in E
- emblem* is properly any fine work cunningly in wood or other substance, as we see in chessboards and tables, notwithstanding it is commonly taken for a sweet moral symbol, consisting in picture and words, by which some weighty matter is declared (Blount)
- emblement** [leg]. Profit of sown land O *emblaement*, from *emblaer* (*emblaer*), sow with corn, blé, MedL *bladum* The latter is perh L *ablatus*, what is carried off, cf Ger *getreide*, corn, MHG *getrege*, what is carried (*tragen*) But it may be Celt (cf Welsh *blawd*, flour)
- embody** Hybrid, from F *en* and E *body* coined (16 cent) to render L *incorporare* Cf *embolden*, replacing earlier *enhardy*, *enhardir*

enchorial Inigenous From G *ἐγκύριος* from *ἐν* an i χώρα country Formerly used for *demic* (qv) after *ἐγκύρια γράμματα* (on I osetta stone)

enclave Territory surrounded by foreign territory Common in mod use in ref to Afr coast colonies Γ from *enclaver* to hut in Late L *enclavare* from *clavis* key

e close a mut ve or falock g any entry into or within other thing a ly g on within a o t e; also a march, bound, or limit of t rnt cy or i ncl et on a precinct or liberty (Cotg)

enclitic [gram] L G *ἐνcliticus* from *ἐν* and *κλί* to lean because an *enclitic* word leans its accent on the preceding word See *enclitic*

enclose Γ *enclore* *enclos* VL *incluere* for *incluere* See *close*

encomium L C *ἐγκύμιον* (sc. *προς*) eulogy (of victor in Bacchic festival) from *ἐν* and *κύμιος* sweltry See *enimic*

encore Γ ? L *ἐνκόρη* ad *horam* cf It. *ancora* Its E use is typical of our treatment of foreign words I & It both use *bis* Me Froth enod out aneor " (Addison)

encounter Archaic I *en ontrier* Late I *in ontrare* from *in* and *contra* cf It *in ontrare* Sp *en ontra*

encrinus [geol] Γossil "stone lily" Coined (179) by Harenberg from C *ἐν* and *κρινος* lily

encroach OF *encrocher* to hook in from *croc* hook See *crook* Now usu with *on* but trans in ME Or possibl from the much commoner F *a cacher* with prefix change as in *inveit* e It seems to have been esp used of fencing in land not necessarily to the prejudice of others *Encroachment* and *imprope ent* occur differently in this sense in *Survey of Ma or of Penwortham* (150)

Tk mighty men accroach ever upon the poor myghtow i les p a s accroach t to 3ynurs s r leus povres vol to (Pal g)

encumber See *embrace* With *withoi t en cumbran e* (children) cf earlier use in ref to younger sons who from the point of view of the heir were *encombrances* on the estate

encyclical From Late L *encyclicus* for *encycl* G *ἐγκύκλιος* from *ἐν* an i κύκλ cf *ci cular* (letter) Now only of Papal epistles

encyclopaedia Late L pseudo-G *ἐγκυκλοπαίδεια*, for *ἐγκύκλιος παιδεία* all round

education See *encycl cal peda gogue* Esp the Γ *Encycl pedia* edited by Diderot (1751-63)

ent AS *ente* Com Teut Cf Du *enle* Ger *ent* ON *ender ende* *coth ande* cogn with Sanskrit *anta* edge L *ante* bel re Cadura With sense of small piece as still in odd *and end* *nav-end* cf E use of *bout* end eg *bout de p elle* piece of string With to make *ents* *n et* cf F *joindre les deux bouts* (ie *lan*) At a loo e end is nat of an unattached rope To keep one s end i p is from en ket

endeavour From Γ *pura e se n tie en devoir* to set to work make it one s duty *Devoir* is L *debere* to owe

I sh ll p t me in d r t ful lly o r nt nt (Pl mpton Let 437-8)

I h e end a ro red i Rab j m us en d'vour mu] to moderat his t r nical chof r (Urquh t *Rabul us*)

endemic From G *ἐν* in *δημος* people Cf *epidemic*

endive F Late L *nydia* from L *tybus* *anubus* cf It Sp *enlucia* Prob of East ern origin

endo G *ēdōw* within

endorse Altered from earlier *ent se* Γ *e d sser* from *en* and *dos* back VL *dossum* for *dum*

I let n me ou ry tre I will endorse (Spe ser *Col u Cloud*)

endow OF *endouer* from *en* and *douer* L *dare* to from *do* *dot* dower Later senses influenced by *endue* (qv)

endue Γ *end e* L *indue* in wh h sense of cover invest is due to influence of L *indure* to clothe cf G *ēdēv* to put on Quite confused with *entou*

dotow n t indued with a ye gif es that h no dowert (Coop)

W th all my world goods I thee endow (3 arraz *Sere* cf)

I d e him plenteously with h enly g its (Prayer f r the *King's M* 151)

endure F *e d rer* L *idure* from *durus* hard See *d e*

enema [med] Injecti n G *repa* from *ἐν* wa to send in L u mispronounced

enemy Γ *enenē* L *inimicus* from *n* *neō* and *amicu* friend Has supplanted exc poet native for *How gres the enemy?* is first recorded in Du knes

Wee commonly sa of a p oigall man that bre i no m ns toe b t his owne (John King 234)

Empire till its dissolution (1806) This is the only meaning of "the Emperor" in medieval hist., though the title has often been used vaguely of monarchs ruling large and distant territories (China, India, Peru, etc.) In 1876 Queen Victoria was proclaimed *Empress of India*. Cf *empery* (poet), now replaced by *empire* (q.v.)

emphasis L, G *ἐμφασις*, from *ἐμφαίνειν*, from *ἐν* and *φαίνειν*, to show

empire F, L *imperium* (see *empero*) In E since 13 cent in sense of imperial dignity or territory

The word carried the implication of reactionary oppression in Russia, of government by massacre in Turkey, of the vast pretensions and corruptions of the fallen empire of Napoleon, and the military rule of that which was rising in Germany (J. R. Green, on assumption of title *Empress of India* by Queen Victoria, 1876)

This great commonwealth of nations known as the British Empire

(D. Lloyd George, in H. of C., July 3, 1919)

empiric L, G *ἐμπειρικός*, experienced, from *ἐν* and *πειρά*, trial, experiment Prop physician working from experience, as opposed to dogmatist, hence, quack

emplacement F, site, from *en* and *placer*, to put

employ F *employer*, L *implicare*, from *in* and *phicare*, to fold, bend; cf It *impiegare*, Sp *emplear* "The senses are derived from the Late L sense of *implicare*, 'to bend or direct upon something', the classical senses 'enfold, involve' are represented by *imply*" (NED) *Employé*, F, clerk, esp in government, is 19 cent

emporium Prop a mart L, G *ἐμπορίον*, from *ἐμπορος*, merchant, lit farer in, *ἐν*, cf *πορεύεσθαι*, to travel

Paris, London, small cottages in Caesars time, now most noble emporiums (Burton)

empress OF *emperesse* (replaced by *imperialtrix*) Recorded in E earlier than *emperor* (q.v.)

empressment F, eagerness, from *s'empresser*, to hasten, be eager See *press*¹.

emprise [archaic] OF *emprise*, p.p fem. of *emprendre*, VL **imprendere*, from *in* and *prehendere*, cf *enterprise*, *impresario* Now only poet, esp in high (bold) *emprise*

emption Obs exc in compds (*preemption*) L *emptio-n-*, from *emere*, *empt-*, to buy, orig to take (cf sense-hist of *purchase*)

empty AS *æmetlig*, from *æmetla*, leisure, opposite of *gemōt*, meeting, discussion (see *moot*). The *æ-* is neg Cf *vacant*

empyrean. Earlier is adj *empyrean*, used with *heaven* From G, *ἐμ-υρος*, fiery, from *ἐν* and *πῦρ*, fire By early writers confused with *imperial*, e.g. *heaven imperyall* (Caxton)

empyreum Having burnt taste. From G *ἐμ-υρεῖν*, to set on fire (v.s.)

emu. Prob from Port *ema*, crane, ostrich, applied to exotic birds of ostrich-like appearance. Origin unknown

The bird [perisowary] called emu or emue (Purch.)
ema a sort of ostrich first found in the island-called Moluccas, and particularly in that of Banda (Neytal)

emulate From L *æmulari*, to rival

emulsion From L *emulgere*, *emuls-*, from *en* and *mulgere*, to milk.

emunctory From L *emungere*, *emunct-*, to blow the nose

en- F *en*, L *in*, m. See also *in-* *En-* also represents cogn G. *en* and is substituted for AS *in* in *enlighten*, *enliven*, cf *embody*, *embolden*

enact To put into form of an act Theat sense is oldest in E

I did enact Julius Caesar (*Hamlet* iii 2)

enallage [gram] -Substitution of one form for another G *ἐναλλαγή*, from *ἐναλλάσσειν*, to change The use of *Elohim* as sing is an example (see *Elohist*)

enamel Orig. verb From *en-*, *in*, and obs *amel*, enamel, F. *émail*, OF *esmail*, OLG *small* (Ger *schmelz*), whence also It Sp *smalto* Cognr with *smell*. For formation cf *enamour*. For E *a-* replacing OF *es-* cf *abash*

ammell for gold smylthes esmael (Palsg.)

enamour F *enamourer*, from *en* and *amour* Usu in p.p Cf Sp *enamorar*, It *innamorare*, whence *innamorata* (q.v.)

encaustic F *encaustique*, L, G *ἐγκαυστικός*, from *ἐγκαίειν*, from *ἐν* and *καίειν*, to burn See *ink*

enceinte [foit] F, p.p fem of *enceindre*, to gird round, L *inungere*. Cf *preincinct* *Enceinte*, pregnant, is L *incincta*, to which Isidore (6 cent) gives late sense of ungirt, but precise meaning is doubtful Cf It *incinta*, Sp *encinta*

enchant F. *enchanter*, L *incantare*, from *cantare*, to sing Cf hist of charm, spell

enchase F. *enchâsser*, to enshrine, now usu replaced by *chase*² (q.v.)

enchiridion Handbook G *ἐγχειρίδιον*, from *ἐν* and *χείρ*, hand, with dim suffix

enlarge See *large* With fig to *enlarge upon* cf *amplify* With archaic sense of releasing setting at large cf *F d'arr*
M E. N Bu ton end ged th m [roe deer] between
Chas gford a d Loughton
(Daddy Chron F b 6 18)

enlighten From *l* *h* Cf *embolden enliven*
 For current fig sense cf *F d'clairer*
 To break open a window which will enlighten the room mightily (*Per* 3, Aug 27 1666)

enlist To put on a list cf *list* Prob from Du *inlysten* f r earlier *list* in same sense
 It belongs to the period of Du mil. words
(fi lough roster etc.)

king Charles the Second listed himself there in the Honorable Artillery Company when he was Prince of Wales
(Chamberlayne By sent State [Ensign d 169])

enmity AF *enimi* cf *F inimicitie* VL **inimicitias* lat See *enemy*

enned Set of nine. G *énne* cf *ad-* from *du a n ne* Cf *chil d triad* etc

ennui See *annoy* F sense was orig much stronger

S d m *mère en pl us vous pl* ex l s en u
 (F)

enormous From earlier *enorm* F *énorme* L *enormis* from *ex* and *norma* rule pattern For current sense cf *monstrous prodigious tremendous* Itym sense persists more clearly in *enormity*

enough AS *genog* whence *enor genôth* whence *enough* Com Teut cf Du *genoe* Ger *genü* ON *gen* Goth *ginohs* Ong adj from AS *gendak* it suffices cogn with L *narcissus* to obtain Cf Ger *vergnügen* to content please

enounce F *annoncer* L *enunciare* from *ex* and *nunciare* to proclaim See *nuncio*

enow [are/aie] See *enough* In Sc phrases (*f ends enow*) it is u a survival of the AS pl adj

enrage From *rage* (qv) Hardly from F *enrager* which is intrans only

enroll F *enrôler* from *role* l t roll (qv)
 Cf *enlist*

ensample [archa cl] For earlier *assamble* OF *esemble* (*exemplis*) with prefix *chan e* in *encroachment ensur* *insure* See *example sample*

ensconce Orig to place in a *source* (qv) small fortification

ensemble F together L *in simul*

ensign F *en. gue* L *insignis* a neut pl of *insignis* conspersion from *signum* sign of It s. *signa* Orig signal watchword

then badge banner (esp na flag) and officer carrying the banner now obs in E but still in US & F na *ens* (*enset ne des vases*) In both main senses ruptured in Tud r F into *ancient* eg *incent Pistol*

ensilage F from *ensuer* (neol) adapted from Sp *ensilar* to put into a sil (qv)
ensue From OF *ensu* pp of *ensuivre* Late L *insequi* for *insequi* to follow up Orig trans *ensue* is archa

Seek peace and ens All p r s j d
 (Ps x 4 PB)

ensure AF *en sure* altered from F *a sur* Now differentiated in sense from *assure* (qv) See also *assure*

entablature [arch] Through F from It *entablatura* from *entabulatura* from *tabula* board tablet The older F term is *entablement* (1 cent)

entail To determine success on so that no possessor may bequeath at pleasure F *entaille* to cut into (cf MedL *entailia* and see *tailor*) hence also obs *entail* carving now replaced by *entailment* Sense development is not clear For meaning eg to *entail serious consequences* is from idea of inseparable connection

entellus EInd monkey Named (179) by Dufresne from *Entellus* (*Aen* 437 sqq) Cf *rites*

entente cordiale F friendly understanding a relation mid way between a *rapprochement* and an alliance No imply *entente* as in the *Entente Cordiale* The phrase is much older in F in gen sense and has been current in F at various times in the 19 cent

enon *confiant* témoignages d bon vouloir q changeot entre eux les b d d deu États loc too quid d d l'adresse de la Chambre des Dep t's de 340 (Lutré)

enter F *entrer* L *intrare* from *in* and **tra* e (f *penet* ac) cf It *intrare* Sp *entrar* In F only intrans *enter dans* whence *outremer* *int* Practically all senses of *enter* cf *entire* (qv) were formerly expressed by the earlier *entry* See *tra*

enteric Cf *entericus* from *enteron* intestine inward

enterprise F pp fem of *entreprendre* from *entre* L *inter* and *pre* d e L *profundus* for *prehendere* to take seize L *inter* is ult cogn with F *unter* cf *undertake* lit. equivalent of *entreprendre* Also used as verb hence adj *enteric* in

energumen Demoniac G *ἐνεργούμενος*, pass part of *ἐνεργεῖν*, to work upon (v 1)

energy F *énergie*, Late L, G *ἐνέργεια*, from *ἐν* and *ἐργον*, work Earliest in rhet sense, from Aristotle In phys first used (1807) by Young

enervate From L *enervare*, to deprive of sinew, *nervus*, replacing earlier *enerve*, F *énervé*

enfant terrible F, terrible child See *infant*
enfeoff AF *enfeoffer*, OF *enfieffer*, to endow with a fief (q v)

Enfield Rifle From small-arms works at *Enfield*, Middlesex

enfilade [mil] Orig noun, in F *prendre d'enfilade*, from *enfiler*, to arrange on a thread, *fil* (see *file*²) Earlier used of a series of apartments, vista of trees

enforce OF *enforcier*, to strengthen (cf *reinforce*) Current sense due to phrase to *put in force*, into active operation

engage F *engager*, from *gage*, pledge Hence adj *engaging*, from idea of winning to one's side Mil sense springs from that of "committing" troops to combat *Engaged*, for native *betrothed*, is 19 cent and not found in F See *gage*¹, *wage*

engender F *engendrer*, L *ingenerare*, from *genus*, *gener-*, race

engine F *engin*, L *ingenium*, wit, skill, cf *It ingegno*, Sp *ingenio* In ME wit, skill, craft, etc, as well as any mech device (see *gin*¹) In 19 cent chiefly for *steam-engine* Hence *engineer*, for ME *enginow*, OF *engineor*, esp maker of mil engines

Right as a man hath sapiences three,
Memorie, engyn, and intellect also

(Chauc G 338).

England, English AS *Engla-land*, *Englisc* Earliest sense of *England* is territory of Angles, as distinct from Saxons, but *English* is used without distinction The above are the only E words in which *en* has become *in* without ult change of spelling (*ink*, *sting*, etc) A *Little Englander* prefers a little England to an empire *Old English* is now often used for *Anglo-Saxon* (up to c 1150), cf *Middle English* (c 1150-1500) *Plain English* is the opposite of *double Dutch* The *King's English* is in Shaks (*Merry Wives*, 1 4) To *English*, translate, is used by Wyc

Heales [here's] a stammerer taken clipping the
Kings English, and the constable hath brought
him to you to be examin'd (*Look about you*, 1600)

englut F *engloutir* See *glut*

engrailed [hei] Indented with curved notches F *engrêlé*, lit pitted with hail, *grêle*, OF *gresle*, from verb *gresler*, ? OHG *grisulon*, to drizzle.

Armes de France a une bordeure de gueules, en greslee (14 cent).

engrain In *engrained*, *ogue*, *habit*, etc, orig dyed in grain (cf *double-dyed*), 1c in cochineal (q v), and, by extension, fast-dyed

All in a robe of darkest grain (*Penseroso*)

engrave Archaic F *engraver* In mod sense from 17 cent See *grave*²

engross¹ To copy AF *engrosser* (cf *MedL ingrossare*), to write large, from F *grosse*, large letter, fem of *gros* (see *gross*)

engross² To monopolize From F *en gros*, in the bulk, wholesale, as compared with *en détail*, retail, hence *engrosser* (hist), monopolist, profiteer, whence mod sense of absorb See *grocer*

enhance AF *enhauncer*, altered from OF *enhausser* (replaced by *exhausser*), from *hausser*, to raise, VL **altiare* The *h-* of F *haut*, high, is due to contamination with OHG *hōh* (*hoch*) The *-n-* may be accounted for by influence of *avancer* or of Prov *enansar*, to bring forward, VL **in-altiare*, but an intrusive nasal is not uncommon in AF and we find also the simple *hauncer* for *hausser*

Si sayly sus, haunça l'espec, si lery fery qe la teste
volz en my la place (*Foulques FitzWarin*)

He that shal meeke hym self shal ben enhaunsid
(Wyc *Matt* xiii 12)

subductarius that wheer with any thing is haunsed
up (Coop)

enharmonic Lit in harmony (q v)

enigma L, G *αἴνigma*, from *αἴνισσεν*, to speak obscurely, from *αἶνός*, apologue

enjambement [met] Continuation of sense of metrical line into next line F, from *enjambe*, to stride over, from *jambe*, leg (see *gammon*²)

Les stances avec grâce apprirent à tomber,
Et le vers sur le vers n'osa plus enjambrer
(Boileau, *Art Poét* 1 137)

enjoin F *enjoindre*, L *injungere*, to join on Orig to impose (penalty, etc)

Penance that the prest enjoyneth
(Piers Plowm B xii 12)

enjoy OF *enjoir*, from *joir* (*jour*), VL **gaudere* for *gaudere* See *joy* Mod meanings represent rather F *joir* (*de*) and *se réjoir*

Day From G *δρακτος* from *εραυνω* to
intercalate from *ει* on *αγειν* to bring
eparch (h st) Governor bishop G *εραρχος*
ruler over

epaulement [mil] Γ *épaulement* from
épaule shoulder (v 1)

epaulette (te) *f* *épaulette* dim of *épaule*
shoulder OF *espole* Late I *spatula* used
for *scapula* shoulder blade of lt *spalla*
shoulder See *spatula* *espoler*

epenthesis [ling] Insertion of sound e.g.
b of *l nombre* L. *numerus* C τὰς αἰ
from *ἐν* upon *l* in *τιθῶ* to place

eperge From 18 cent app at first to hold
pickles Prob from F *ēpa gner* to spare
(q v) but connection is not obvious It
may be from character of ornamentation
as *ēpa gne* 1 used of a varnish intended to
spare those parts of an ornament which
are not to be gilt

epexegesis Additional explanation C see
epi and *exegesis*

ephah Dry measure ident with bath¹ Heb
from Egypt

ephebe Greek of 18 to 20 G ἑφηβος from
ἐφ upon ἡβη early manhood

ephemera G neut pl ἡμέρα (sc ζω)
from ἐν upon ἡμέρα day Often now
taken as fem sing (sc musca)

ephod Heb *ἔφαδ* from *ἄφαι* to put on
ephor Spartan magistrate G *φορος* over

seer from π and ρ_{π} to see
epi C δx on besides Also ϵp $\epsilon p h$

epic L. G dr os from *eros* w rd, narra-
tive poem Cf *l dp pie* adj only noun
sense being expressed by *epopée* C *ero*
noun making of erics

epicedium Funerlode L. C. τῆς τοῦ
from ἄνδρος care mourning

epicene. Of common gender or sex. L. G.
fructuosus from not common

epicure From *ΕΠΙΚΟΥΡΟΣ* G. Epicurus
Athenian philosopher (c. 300 B.C.) whose
doctrine was the opposite of stoicism
Refrainful sense is due to the stoics.

These last 3 friends are the very epitome of the officers of the 6888 Central Postal Directory.

Who can but pity the eternal Epurua, who
 cannot conceal his place in his
 felicity in pure a transient light and his
 therefore left a furious and broken?

(S) T. Brown

epicycle [así on] Small circle having centre on circumference of larger circle. L. C. from *epi* and *kyklos* circle. In Chauc. *epidemur*. *Epídēmon* from *epidēmos* Late

L. epidemia from G (π) and *δ* (μ) people
Cf. epidemia

epidermis G *ἐπίδερμις* from *δέρμα* skin
epigastrium [ina] G *ἐπὶ γαστήρ* from
upper stomach

epigenesis [biol] Theory that germ is brought into existence by successive accretions. From *epi* and *genesis* (11)

epiglottis [ana] G ἐπιγλωττι from γλωττ
tongue

epigone Usu in pl less distinguished successors of great generation In common use in Ger G 2-ya or those born after esp sons of the Seven again † Th bes

epigram $\Phi \acute{\epsilon}\rho\tau\alpha\iota$ L G $\epsilon\pi\gamma\rho\alpha\mu\mu\iota$
from $\epsilon\pi\gamma\rho\alpha\phi\epsilon\nu$ to write upon. $\Phi\acute{\epsilon}\rho\tau\alpha\iota$
used indifferently, with $\epsilon\chi\iota$ $\alpha\phi\eta$ G $\epsilon\pi\gamma\rho\alpha\phi\eta$

epilepsy Γ ἐpilepsie L. C ἐπιληψία from
ἐπιλαμβάνει to take hold of Began to
replace (16 cent) earlier falling sick etc
epidemic ΕΙΛ. G ἐπίδημος peroration of

speech Earliest E sense speech or poem recited by actor at end of performance
Cf. *prologue*

epiphany F *epiphania* L Late G in
 phany, manifestation from *phaen* to
 show OE & ME also used derivatives of
phos (see *lustrum*)

epiphyte [bot] Plant growing on another
from C fern plant

episcopal See *bishop*

episode G *tragedy* coming in besides
from *tr* on *it* into *o*os way Orig
part of C tragedy int rpolated bet een
two choric songs

epistemology Theory of knowledge From
C. *knowing* knowledge

epistle OF epistle (epL e) L. G. *ἐπιστολή*
from *ἐπιστά* 'to know' from *στέλλω* 'to send'
The apoph. *ē* 'still' is common in MF

epistrophe (Act), Repetition of same word
at end of successive phrases. G. I.
στροφή from *στρέφω* to turn

epistyle [arch] Architrave G ἐπιστύλιον
from στῆλος pillar

ep taph Γ *Epitaph* L G *Epitaphion* from
taphos t mb

epithalamium L. G. ~~epithalamus~~ Lom
 stillaper bride-chamber First in Spenser
 epithet L. G. ~~epithet~~ from ~~epithet~~ an. to
 put on.

epitome L. (derogatory from derivative to cut into)

epoch La e L C drops stoppage station
from decrease to 1 id up Now use period

entertain F *entretenir* Cf *attain*, *maintain*, etc Orig to maintain, support, take into service For gen. senses cf Ger *unterhalten* Mod use of *entertainment*, "dramatick performance, the lower comedy" (Johns), is 18 cent

I will entertain Bardolph, he shall draw, he shall tap (*Merry Wives*, i 3)

enthrall See *thrall*

enthusiasm Late L. G *ἑθουσιασμός*, ult from *ἑθεος*, possessed by a god, *θεός*, cf *dizzy*, *giddy* The back-formation *enthuse* is US

enthymeme [log] L. G *ἐνθύμημα*, from *ἐνθυμέσθαι*, to infer Used by Aristotle as an argument on grounds of probability, and in mod logic of a syllogism with one premiss suppressed

entice OF *enticier*, to provoke, VL **intitare*, from *tutio*, firebrand Cf obs *altice*, F *altiser*, to poke the fire The aphetic, now used at cricket and croquet, is older than *entice* (13 cent)

entire F *entier*, L *integer*, *integr-*, with accent shifted (*intég-*) in VL; lit untouched, from root *tag* of *langere*, cf It. *intero*, Sp *entero* As a drink, *entire*, replacing what had previously been a mixture ("three threads") of ale, beer, and twopenny, is recorded for 1715

entity Scholastic L *entitas*, from *ens*, *ent-*, Late L pres part of *esse*, coined on *absens*, *praesens* Cf *nonentity*

entomology F *entomologie*, from G *ἐντομολογία*, insect, from *ἐντέμνειν*, to cut into Cf *insect* (q v)

entourage F, from *entourer*, to surround, from *en* and *tour* (q v)

entozoon [biol] Parasitic animal within another Mod coinage from *ento-*, G *ἐντός*, within, and *ζῷον*, animal

entrail(s) F *entraille(s)*, Late L *intralia*, neut pl, inwards, from *intra* Both F & E, now only pl, were orig used as collect sing OF had also *entraigne*, Late L, *intrama* (cf. Sp *entrañas*)

entrain¹ To involve F *entraîner*, to draw along with See *train*

entrain² [mil] Coined, on *embark*, from *train* Cf *embus*

entreat OF *entraiter*, from *traiter*, to treat (q v) The sense-development is to handle, deal with (cf Bibl use), enter into negotiations (cf to be in *treaty* for), make a request. Mod sense, to implore, is thus a long way from orig meaning See *treat*.

entrechat [dancing] F, earlier *entrechas*, *entrichasse*, later spelling being due to supposed connection with It *intrecciato*, intricate App. from *chasser* (cf *chassé-croisé*)

entrechasse a *crosse* caper (Cotg)

entrée F, p p fem. of *entrer*, to enter Applied to dish which is introductory to the roast

entremets. F, lit between courses, i.e. between roast and dessert. See *mess* ME had *entremess*, from correct OF *entremes*

entrench Coined from *trench* (q v) to express sense of F *retrancher*

entrepôt F., from *entreposer*, to deposit provisionally. Cf *depot*.

entrepreneur F., lit undertaker, contractor Cf *impresario*

entresol F, apartment between ground floor and first floor Altered on *sol*, ground, from earlier *entresole*, from OF *sole*, beam, flooring, L *solum*

enucleate From L *enucleare*, to remove the kernel, *nucleus* Until recently in fig sense only

enumerate From L *enumerare*, to number off See *number*.

enunciate See *enounce*

envelop F *envelopper* See *develop*

environ F, orig adv. & prep., from *en* and OF *viron*, circuit, from *virer* (see *veer*) *Environment* in scient. sense (Spencer, etc) appears to be an E. formation unconnected with OF *environnement*

envisage F *envisager*. See *visage*

envoy¹ "Sending" of a poem, now usu. concluding stanza of a ballade (as in Chauc) F *envoi*, verbal noun from *envoyer* (v 1)

envoy a message, or sending, also, the envoy, or conclusion of a ballet or sonnet, in a short stanza by it self, and serving, oftentimes, as a dedication of the whole (Cotg)

envoy² Emissary Altered (late 17 cent) from *envoyee*, F *envoyé*, one sent, from *en* and *voie*, way, L. *via* Cf *defile*², *signal*², (treasure) *hove*, etc

envy F *envie*, L *invidia*, from *invidēre*, lit to look upon (grudgingly); cf It *invidia*, Sp *envidia*

eocene [geol] Lowest division of tertiary strata From G *ἥως* dawn, *καινός*, new Cf *eolithic*, of earliest Stone Age

epact Excess (in days) of solar over lunar year, age (in days) of moon on New Year's

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erne (a *chauc*) AS *earn* eagle cogn with Du *arend* (Ger *an* ON *örn* with *ara* and prob with C *avis* bird. It has helped to form several Teut. names, e.g. Arnold Arth r.

erode F *éroder* L *erode* = from *rude* = *ros* + gnaw.

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erratic erratum erroneous error. See *e r*. The occ. use of *error* in lit. sen. e. (from 16 cent.) is a latinism.

Th d ms lsb adl nge through th wood (Tennyson G. ch. 8. Lynce).

ersatz (neol.) Ger replacement from *er* *setzen* from *setzen* to set place. There will be (in G. many) m. ch. rsatz d. mor. v. t. Amie (D. by Chron. Sep. 23. 1915).

Erse (lin.) Early Sc. *erischo* AS *Irisc* or ON *Írskr* Irish. Orig. (14 cent.) equivalent to Gaelic.

All th. Erichrv. (A. gy.) and the III. (B. bo.) erst (poet.) AS *æst* superl. of *ær* (see *e e*) cf Du *eerst* Ger *erst* first. Placed in gen. case by *fi st*.

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erudite L *erudit* s. p. p. of *er t're* from *ex* and *rudis* rough untrained.
eruption L *eruptio* n. from *erumpere* from *rumpere* *rupt* to break.

D. sea ed n. turn offent mea b. aks to th. 11. trang. rupt m. (1 H. 11. 1).

eryngo Cand'd root of sea holly (Merry Hites v. 5). It or Sp *eringio* L. G. *iprygo* dun of *iprygos* name of the plant.

erys pelas G. *ἐρύπελας* cogn with *ἐρύπερος* red. *πῆλα* skin Cf *γίλην* skin in inflammation G. *ἐρύπημα*.

escalade I. *εἶ* a. *εἶ* from *εἶ* to climb scale of It *scalata*. See *scale*. Cf *escalator* (US).

scalata a kalad gn. to any to meo. 11. Fl. 1. An escal. to in d. partu. 1. stor. (O. Henry).

escallonia Shrub. From *Esca* on Sp. di. coverer.

scallop Occ. for ea. l. er. scallop (q.v.).

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eschatology Scen. e. of f. ur. last things. 12. death judgment heaven hell. From G. *ἐσχάτος* last.

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but orig point of time, as in *epoch-making* This is for earlier *epoch-forming*, app adapted by Coleridge from Ger

epode L, G ἐπὶ ὁδός, after-song See *ode*
 eponymous G ἐπώνυμος, giving name to, from Aeolic ὄνυμα, name, G ὄνομα

epopee, epos See *epic*

Epsom salts Said to have been first obtained in 1675 from spring at *Epsom* (Surrey)

epulary. Of banquets From L *epularis*, from *epulum*, feast

equable L *aequabilis*, from *aequare*, to make level

equal L *aequalis*, from *aequus*, level, just
 Egal, F *égal*, also existed up to c 1600

Deth maketh egal and evene the heygheste to the loweste (Chauc *Boeth* 15, 575)

equanimity F *équanimité*, L *aequanimitas*, from *aequus* and *animus*

equate From L *aequare*, to make equal
 Hence *equation*, *equator*, Late L (*circulus*) *aequator dies et noctis* Both are in Chauc, but the Elizabethan sailors usu. say *equinoctial* (line) The *personal equation* was orig astron, with ref to degree of accuracy of individual observer

equerry F *écurie*, stable, associated in E with *écuyer*, querry, orig esquire, squire
Écurie, OF *escuierie*, may be from OF *escuyer* (cf formation of *scullery*), but some authorities connect it with OHG *scūra* (*scheuer*), barn, whence MedL *scuria*, stable The mod *equerry* is due to association with L *equus*, horse, the usual early forms being *querry*, *querry*, for AF *esquire de querie*, OF *escuyer d'escurie*, "a querry, in a princes stable, the gentleman of a lords horse" (Cotg)

equestrian From L *equestris*, from *eques*, horseman, knight, from *equus*, horse
Équestrienne, female circus-rider, is app intended for F

equi- F *équ-*, L *aequ-*, from *aequus*, equal

equilibrium L *aequilibrium*, from *libra*, scales

equine L *equinus*, from *equus*, horse, or borrowed from much earlier F *équin*

equinox F *équinoxe*, L *aequinoctium*, from *nox*, *noct-*, night In Chauc

equip F *équiper*, ONF *eskipper*, for *eschipper*, from ON *skip*, or AS *scip*, ship Orig naut, cf ON *skipa*, to arrange, "make ship-shape," MedL *eschipare*, to man a ship, and F *équipage*, ship's crew Some

senses perh partly influenced by some mental association with *equus*.

equipollent F *équipollent*, Late L *aequipollens*, *pollent-*, from *pollere*, to be powerful
 equitation L *equitatio-n-*, from *eques*, *equit*, horseman, from *equus*, horse

equity. F *équité*, L *aequitas*, from *aequus*, in sense of fair

equivalent F *équivalent*, from pres part of Late L *aequivalere*, to be of equal value
 equivocation Late L *aequivocatio-n-*, from Late *aequivocare*, to call alike

era Earlier (17 cent) also *aera*, L, orig pl of *aes*, brass, in sense of counters for calculation The word arose in Spain, hence *aera Hispanica*, on which *Christian era* was coined during Renaissance.

eradicate From L *eradicare*, from *radix*, *radic-*, root

The third affirmeth the roots of mandrakes do make a noise or give a shriek upon eradication (Sir T Browne).

erase From L *eradicare*, from *radere*, *ras-*, to scrape

Erastian [*theol*] Opponent of Calvinist tyranny. From *Erastus*, G ἐραστός, lovely, "hellenization" of *Liebler*, Heidelberg physician (16 cent)

ere. AS *ær*, adj adv prep conj 'Orig a compar, cf Du *aer*, Ger *ehet*, *ehet*, ON. *ær*, Goth *air*, early, *airis*, earlier, a by-form or, from ON, survives in Bibl or ever
 See also *early*, *erst*

The lions brake all their bones in pieres or ever they came at the bottom of the den (Dan vi 24)

Erebus G Ἔρεβος, place of darkness between earth and Hades

erect. L *erectus*, from *erigere*, from *regere*, *rect-*, to direct

eremite [*poet*] Learned form of *hermit* (q v)
 Nature's patient, sleepless eremite (Keats, *Last Sonnet*)

erethism Morbid excitation F *érelhisme*, from G ἐρεθίζω, to irritate
 War causes a general erethism (Daily Chron May 9, 1919)

erg [*phys*] Also *ergon* Unit of work G ἔργον, work

ergo L, therefore

ergot Disease of corn F, cock's spur, from form of noxious fungus

Erin Early Ir *Erienn*, gen of *Eriu*, cf Gael *Eireann* Cogn with *Hibernia* and *Ireland*

Erinnyes [*myth*] Pl of G Ἐρινύς, fury
 eristic G ἐριστικός, disputatious, from *ēris-*, strife

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(Used S AI 11 cent)

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Tied mishealing rro thro ghth woad (Tennyson G th & Lynce)

ersatz [*neol*] Ger replacement from *e* s *setzen* from *setzen* to set place There will be [I Germany] n *cheratzd* occ y t a *lunire* (D by CA n Sp 23 1918)

Erse [*Ing*] Early Sc *eriscle* AS *Irise* or ON *Iriskr* Irish Orig (14 cent) equiva lent to Gaelic

Allth *Eriskary* (A gyl a dth lly (B bo)

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erysipelas C *ἐρύσιπelas* cogn with *ἐρεβρος* red *πella* skin Cf *erythema* skin inflammation G *ἐρύσιπμα*

escalade I Sp *escalada* from *esalar* to climb scale cf It *calata* See *scale* Cf *escalator* (U s)

lala ask lad g enlo ytown o w llior

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vars of *eschiver* are numerous ModF *esquiver*, to dodge, is from cogn It *schivare* or Sp *esquivar*

We went about to eschewe a tract of sand
(Peter Mundy, 1633).

eschscholtzia Plant Named (1821) by Chamisso from *Eschscholtz* (Ashwood), his colleague in Romanzoff exploration

escort F *escorte*, It *scorta*, from *scorgere*, to conduct, Late L *excorrigere*, from *corrigere*, to put in order, from *cum* and *regere*.

escritore OF (*écrivain*), L *scriptorium*, from *scribere*, *script-*, to write

Esculapian See *Aesculapian*

esculent L *esculentus*, from *esca*, food, cogn with *edere*, to eat

escutcheon Also *scutcheon*, esp in *blot on the scutcheon* ONF *escuchon* (*écusson*), dim of *escu* (*écu*), L *scutum*, shield

-ese OF *-eis*, representing both L *-ensis* and Teut *-iscus*

esker, *eskar* [geog] Mound of post-glacial gravel Ir *eiscir* (cf *Esker*, Galway)

Eskimo, *Esquimau* Said to mean eater of raw flesh in lang of Labrador Indians

esophagus See *oesophagus*

esoteric G *ἑσωτερικὸς*, from *ἑσώτερος*, compar of *ἔσω*, within Esp of doctrines of Pythagoras taught only to most intimate disciples, and, later, of *esoteric Buddhism* Cf *exoteric*

espagnolette Fastening of French window F, from *espagnol*, Spanish See *spaniel*

espalier F, It *spaliero*, from *spalla*, shoulder, support See *epaulet*

spalliera a poultron, or shoulder-piece Used also for any roses, trees, vines, flours, or rosemary set and growing up alongst and against any wall (Torr)

esparto Sp, L *spartum*, G *σπάρτον*, rope made of *σπάρτος*, name of plant

especial, special F *spécial*, OF also *especial*, L *specialis*, from *species*, kind; cf *espouse*, *spouse*, *esquire*, *squire*, etc The prefixing of *e-* to initial *sc-*, *sp-*, *st-* is regular in OF We have often double forms, usu with differentiated meaning.

esperanto Artificial universal lang, invented (c 1900) by Dr Zamenhof of Warsaw, and named ? from F *espérer*, to hope, ? or Sp *esperanza*, hope, both from L *sperare* Cf *iolapük*, *ido*

espigle F, roguish, arch According to Oudin (1642) from Till *Eulenspiegel*, hero of popular Ger. stories (mentioned 1515)

espionage F *espionnage*, from *espion*, spy, It *spione*. See *espy*, *spy*

esplanade F, Sp. *esplanada*; cf It *spianata*, from *spianare*, to level, L *explanare*, to level out. Orig in fort. For transition to sense of open space, promenade, cf *boulevard*

espouse OF. *espouser* (*épouser*), L *sponsare*, from *spondere*, *spons-*, to betroth; cf It *sposare*, Sp *esposar* For orig. sense see Matt 1 18 *Spouse* (q v.) was used as verb up to c 1600, when it was replaced by *espouse* *Espousal*, *spousal*, was formerly used in pl only, OF. *espoisailles* (*épousailles*), L *sponsalia*

esprit F, L. *spiritus*, adopted in E in spec sense of wit, also in *esprit de corps*, *esprit fort*, free-thinker

espy OF. *espier*, whence also *spy*, from which *espy* is now differentiated in meaning (see *especial*) Romanic **spiare* (cf It. *spiare*, Sp *espíar*), OHG *spehōn* (*spāhen*), cogn with L *specere*, to look.

-esque F. suffix, It *-esco*, Late L *-iscus*, OHG *-isc*, cogn with E *-ish* Often in neols and nonce-formations

Mr Harvey's "The Beast with Five Fingers" is tinged with the Poesque

(Times Lit Supp June 19, 1919)

Esquimau F. form of *Eskimo* (q v.)

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We went about to eschew a track of sand
(Peter Mund), 1633).

eschscholtzia Plant Named (1821) by Chamisso from *Eschscholtz* (Ashwood), his colleague in Romanzoff exploration

escort F *escorte*, It *scorta*, from *scorgere*, to conduct, Late L *excorrigere*, from *corrigere*, to put in order, from *cum* and *regere*.

escritoire OF (*écriture*), L *scriptorium*, from *scribere*, *script-*, to write

Esculapian See *Aesculapian*

esculent L *esculentus*, from *esca*, food, cogn. with *edere*, to eat

escutcheon Also *scutcheon*, esp in blot on the *scutcheon* ONF *escuchon* (*écusson*), dim of *escu* (*écu*), L *scutum*, shield -ese OF *-eis*, representing both L *-ensis* and Teut *-iscus*

esker, *eskar* [geog] Mound of post-glacial gravel Ir *eiscir* (cf *Esker*, Galway)

Eskimo, *Esquimau* Said to mean eater of raw flesh in lang of Labrador Indians.

esophagus See *oesophagus*

esoteric G *ἑσotericός*, from *ἑσώτερον*, compar of *ἑσω*, within Esp of doctrines of Pythagoras taught only to most intimate disciples, and, later, of *esoteric Buddhism* Cf *exoteric*

espagnolette Fastening of French window

F, from *español*, Spanish See *spaniel*
espalier F, It *spalliere*, from *spalla*, shoulder, support See *epaulet*

spalliera a poultron, or shoulder-piece Used also for any roses, trees, vines, flowers, or rosemary set and growing up alongst and against any wall (Torr)

esparto Sp, L *spartum*, G. *σπάπρον*, rope made of *σπάπρος*, name of plant

especial, special F *spécial*, OF also *especial*, L *specialis*, from *species*, kind; cf *espouse*, *spouse*, *esquire*, *squire*, etc The prefixing of *e-* to initial *sc-*, *sp-*, *st-* is regular in OF We have often double forms, usu with differentiated meaning

esperanto Artificial universal lang, invented (c 1900) by Dr Zamenhof of Warsaw, and named ? from F *espérer*, to hope, ? or Sp *esperanza*, hope, both from L *sperare* Cf *volapuk*, *ido*

espigle F, roguish, arch According to Oudin (1642) from *Till Eulenspiegel*, hero of popular Ger. stories (mentioned 1515)

espionage F *espionnage*, from *espion*, spy, It *spione* See *espy*, *spy*

esplanade F, Sp *esplanada*; cf. It. *spianata*, from *spianare*, to level, L, *explanare*, to level out. Orig in fort For transition to sense of open space, promenade, cf *boulevard*.

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esprit F, L *spiritus*, adopted in E in spec sense of wit, also in *esprit de corps*, *esprit fort*, free-thinker.

espy OF *espier*, whence also *spy*, from which *espy* is now differentiated in meaning (see *especial*) Romanic **spiare* (cf It *spiare*, Sp *espíar*), OHG *spēhōn* (*spāhen*), cogn with L *specere*, to look

-esque F suffix, It *-esco*, Late L *-iscus*, OHG *-isc*, cogn with E *-ish* Often in neols and nonce-formations

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ethnic L, G ἔθνικός, from ἔθνος, nation.

Hence *ethnology*, *ethnography*

ethology Science of ethics (q v) Revived by J S Mill

ethos G ἦθος See *ethics*

etiolate To make white and sickly, orig of plants From F *étiolei*, from Norm *étieuler*, to turn to stubble, from *étieule* (earlier *esteule*), stubble, OHG *stufpala*, early agricultural loan-word from L *stipula* See *stubble*

etiology See *aetiology*

etiquette F *étiquette* (OF *estiquette*), whence earlier E *ticket* (cf Ger *etikette*, label) Earliest F sense is label, note, etc "stuck" on a post From root of Ger *stechen*, to put, causal of *stechen*, to stick, pierce First in Lord Chesterfield (1750) Cf *that's the ticket*, i e quite correct

etiqueter to note, marke, or title a booke, bag, or bill, on the outside, the better to remember, or conceive on a sudden, the subject of it (Cotg)

etna For heating liquids From *Etna*, volcano in Sicily Cf *geyser*

Etrurian, Etruscan. Of *Etruria*, ancient country of Italy

ette F, VL *-tta*, dim suffix, prob of Celt origin Now often jocular, e g *suffragette*, *munitionette*

etui. Earlier also *etuee*. F *étui*, case, OF *estui*, from *estuer*, *estouer*, to put away, AS *stōwigan*, from *stow*, place This does not, however, suit all the app related words in the Rom langs See *tweezer*s

etymology F *étymologie*, L, G *ἐτυμολογία*, from *ἐτυμον*, neut of *ἐτυμος*, true (whence E *etymon*) Orig used of the true, literal sense of a word according to its derivation eu- G *εὖ*, well, from *εὖς*, good Opposite of *caco-* and *dys-*

eucalyptus Coined (1788) by L'Héritier from G *καλυπτός*, covered, the flower, before opening, being protected by a cap (v s)

eucharist S Amer plant G *εὐχαρίς*, pleasing, from *χάρις*, grace

eucharist OF *encariste* (*eucharistie*), Church L, G *εὐχαριστία*, thanksgiving, from *χαρίζεσθαι*, to offer willingly, from *χάρις* (v s)

eucre [US] Earlier (1846) *uier*, *yuker* Du *jocker*, player, "joker" Cf *bower*, *joker*, and, for init *eu-*, naut *euphroe*, dead-eye, from Du *juffrouw*, maiden

It was eucre the same

He did not understand (*Heathen Cliver*)

Euclid G *Εὐκλείδης*, Alexandrian mathematician (c 300 B C)

eud(a)emonism From G *εὐδαιμων*, happy, lit with a good demon (q v)

eudiometer For testing purity of air From G *εἰδιος*, from *εἰ-* and stem *Δι-* of *Ζεύς*, god of the sky

eugenics Coined, app by Galton (1883), on *ethics*, *politics*, etc, from G. *εὖ-* and root *γεν-*, to bring forth. Cf name *Eugene*, G *εὐγενής*, well-born

euhemerism Interpretation of mythology, as sprung from human history. From *Euhemerus*, G *Εὐήμερος*, Sicilian writer (c 316 B C)

eulogy G *εὐλογία*, praise Cf *eulogium*, a MedL word app due to confusion between above and L *elogium* (see *elogé*)

Eumenides The Furies G, the gracious ones, a propitiatory name, from *εὐμένης*, kind, gracious

eunuch L, G *εὐνοῦχος*, orig bed-guard, from *εὐνή*, bed, *ἔχειν*, to have, keep Hence, castrated man. Also fig

Only a moral eunuch could be neutral
(Prof Thayer, of Harvard, Jan 26, 1917)

euonymus Plant L (Pliny), G *εὐώνυμος*, of good name, lucky, perh a propitiatory name, as the flowering of the plant was supposed to presage pestilence Cf *Eumenides*

eupatrid Athenian aristocrat G *εὐπατρίδης*, of a good father, *πατήρ*

eupeptic Opposite of *dyspeptic* (q v).

euphemism G *εὐφημοσμός*, from *εὐφημίζω*, to speak fair In G. applied to words of good omen

euphonium Mus instrument Coined (19 cent) after *euphony*

euphony F *euphonie*, G *εὐφωνία*, from *εὖ*- and *φωνή*, voice, sound.

euphorbia Genus of plants L *euphorbia*, from *Euphorbus*, physician to Juba, king of Mauritania

euphrasy Plant eyebright MedL, G *εὐφράσια*, cheerfulness, from *εὐφραίνω*, to cheer, from *εὖ*- and *φρήν*, mind

euphroe See *uphrore*

Euphuism Style of Lyly's *Euphuus* (1578-80) The name, G *εὐφυνής*, of good nature, *φύνη*, growth, was suggested to Lyly by a passage in Ascham's *Scholemaster* (1570) Cf F. *gongorisme* (Gongora), *marinisme* (Marini), similarly used c 1600, and *marivaudage* (Marivaux) in 18 cent. Sir Piercie

- Shafton (*Monastery*) is a caricature of a Euphuist
- euraquilo See *et roch d m*
- Eurasian Modern name for persons of mixed European and Indian blood [*Euro*(pean) Asian] devised as being more euphemistic than *half caste* and more precise than *Ea t Indian* (Yule)
- eureka For *heureka* G *εὑρη* a perf of *εὑρίσκειν* to find exclamation attributed to Archimedes when in his bath he realized that specific gravity would enable him to test Hiero's golden crown
- euroclydon [*Bibl*] Only in *Act xxvii 14* (A1) App G *εὐρώς* east wind λ δω billow but better reading is *εὐρακλῶν* *Eu oaquilo* (Vulg.) from *Aquilo* north wind whence *euraquilo* (R1)
- Eusebian [*theol*] Of Eusebius name of several early Church fathers
- Euskarian [*e/n*] Pre Aryan From Basque *euskara* the Basque lang the Basque being regarded by some ethnologists as relic of a pre Aryan race
- Eustachian [*anat*] From *Eustachius* It anatomist (†1574)
- Euterpean From *Euterpe* muse of music G *εὐ-* and *τερπν* to please Cf *Terpsichorean*
- euthanasia Gentl and easy death G *εὐθανασία* from *θάνατος* death Earlier (17 cent) *euthanasia*
- evacuate From L *evacuare* from *vacuus* empty
- evade F *élader* L *evadere* from *vadere* to go First in orig sense to escape as also *elasion* Cf sense of F *évasion*
- evanescent F *évanescent* from pres part of L *evanescere* from *vanescere* from *vanus* vain
- evangel F *évangile* Church L *evangelium*: G *εὐαγγέλιον* good tidings from *εὐαγγέλλω* to announce Cf It Sp *evangelio* See *angel gospel* Hence *evangelist* *evangelical* the latter adopted by various Protestant sects and in l esp applied since Wesley to the Low Church party
- evanish [*poet*] OF *evanir* *e vaniss* (*évanouir*) See *vanish*
- evaporate From L *evaporare* from *vapor* vapour
- evasion See *evade*
- eve even evening *Eve* is shortened from *even* still in *evenson*, *eventide* (cf *tomorrow* for *morn*) AS *æfen* Both are in Chaucer WGer cf Du *avond* Ger *abend* ON

- aphinn* (Goth has *andanahs* before night) With *ete* day before cf Ger *Lahrtabend* Christmas eve *Sonnabend* Saturday With *even* g AS *æfnun* from *æfnan* to grow towards *evenun* cf *morn* g *Luen* also becomes *e en* esp in *Hallow e en*
- evection [*astron*] L *electio* n from *elect* r from *ex* and *vehere* *ect* to carry Cf *convection*
- even AS *æfes* *æfa* level equal (cf double senses of L *æquus*) Com Teut cf Du *eten* Ger *eben* ON *tafn* Goth *ibns* See *even* The usual mod meaning of the adv seems to have arisen (16 cent) from *ea* her sense of emphasizing identity as in Bbl style cf F *même* same self *even* and adv use of *y st*
- Who Th most ex t Cl udi
Ev he [F l *mém*] [*st ch Ad i 3*]
Truth will ut n in an affidavit (Lord B w)
- evening See *eve*
- event OF L *eventus* from *eveni* *e* from *venire* *vent* to come Cf *outcome* Coloured in sense by F *événement* eg *tallies* *nis* = *détail événement* With *event* al of *actual* *Eventuate* is US (18 cent) With *wise* after the event cf ModL *sapere post factum*
- I th phot thoo l *even* nt t d (t speak Yankee bly) (De Quincey)
- ever AS *æfre* prob related t *d* *d* ever (see *ay*) There is no corresponding compd in any Teut lang With ellipt *did you ever?* cf *well I nee* !
- everglade [LS] Marsh esp the *Everglades* (Florida) As the compd makes no sense and swamps are not glades it is prob a corrupt of some native name
- everlasting MF coinage to render *eternal*
- evert L *evertere* from *verte* *e* to turn
- every AS *æfe* *æc* (or *31*) *e* ever each Not orig distinguished in meaning from *each* [*y v*] L *univers* represents two distinct formations viz *everywhere* AS *gehwær* and *every* *ul e*
- E en h of you sh l bryng an h d e l k v g t e s
(Ch uo A 55)
- evict From L *evincere* *evict* to prove from *sincere* to conquer Orig to re over property etc spec mod sense being 19 cent
- evident From pres part of L *evidere* from *videre* to see (cf Late L *evidere* to appear) For *pass* *e* *ense* what is clearly seen cf F *conclure* *voiant* Leg *evidence* tends to displace *e* *ie* s from c 1500 To

turn *King's evidence* was formerly to *turn evidence* (Defoe)

evil AS *yfel*, cf Du *euvel*, Ger *übel*, Goth *ubils* Prob related to *up, over*, as exceeding bounds Mod form represents Kentish *evel* (cf *weevil*) In gen sense replaced by *bad* Evil eye (Wyc Mark, vii 22) is in AS.

Deliver us from the evil one (Matt vi 13, RV)

evince See *evict*, which it has replaced in sense of giving proof

evirate From L *evirare*, from *ex* and *vir*, man, cf synon *emasculate*

eviscerate From L *eviscerare*, to deprive of *viscera*, bowels

evoke F *évoquer*, L *evocare*, from *vocare*, to call

evolution L *evolutio-n-*, from *evolvere*, from *volvere, volut-*, to roll The *doctrine (theory)* of *evolution* is 19 cent, esp Herbert Spencer, but the word was used in a somewhat similar sense (*epigenesis*) by Bonnet in 1762

evulsion L *evulsio-n-*, from *evellere*, from *vellere, vuls-*, to pluck

ewe AS *ēowu*, fem of *ēow*, sheep Aryan, cf Du *oor*, Ger dial *au(lamm)*, ON *ær*, L *ovis*, G *oīs*, OIr *úí*, Sanskrit *avi*, Goth form only in compds, e.g. *awēthi*, flock

Live-lamb, sole treasure, is from 2 Sam xii ewer OF *euwier*, from *eau*, water, L *aqua* Cf F *évier*, sink, L *aquarium*, and southern *aguñere*, ewer, L *aquaria*

ex¹- L *ex*, out of, cf *e-*

ex² As in *ex-chancellor*, an extended use of such L phrases as *ex consule*, *ex magistro equitum*, (one who) from being consul, master of the knights (now holds a different position) Later such phrases were replaced by *exconsul*, *exmagister*, cf *pro-consul*, for *pro consule*

exacerbate From L *exacerbare*, from *acerbus*, from *acer*, sharp, keen

exact Adj L *exactus*, from *exigere*, to weigh, prove, from *ex* and *agere* (cf *examine*) The verb represents L *exigere, exact-*, in its lit sense of to force out

exaggerate From L *exaggerare*, to heap up, from *agger*, mound Cf *to make mountains out of mole-hills*

exalt L *exaltare*, from *altus*, high Cf *enhance*

examine F. *examiner*, L *examinare*, to weigh accurately, test, etc, from *examen, examin-*, orig "the needle or tongue in a

balance" (Coop), for **evagmen*, from *evigere* (see *exact*)

Juppiter ipse duas aequato examine lances Sustinet, et fata imponit diversa duorum (Aen. xii 725).

example Partially restored from earlier *en-sample*, *sample* (q.v.), F *exemplé*, L *exemplum*, from *eximere, exempt-*, to take out, from *ex* and *emere*, to procure, buy. Oldest E senses (Wyc) are pattern of conduct (*good example*) and instance of punishment as deterrent (cf *exemplary*).

I thought it a good occasion to make an example of him, for he is a proud, idle fellow (Pepys, Jan 29, 1669)

exarch Governor of distant province (Byzantine Empire), bishop (Eastern Church), L, G *ἐξάρχος*, from *ἐξάρχειν*, to take the lead See *arch*²

exasperate From L *exasperare*, from *asper*, rough, harsh

Excalibur OF *Escalibor*, with numerous vars, from MedL *Caliburnus* (Geoffrey of Monmouth, c 1140) There is in Ir legend a sword *Caladbolg*, app hard-belly, i.e. the devourer

ex cathedra L, from the (teacher's) chair

excavate From L *excavare*, from *cavus*, hollow

exceed F *excéder*, L *excedere*, to go beyond. For archaic adv use of *exceeding* cf archaic *surpassing*

excel F *exceller*, L *excellere*, to rise above, cogn with *celsus*, lofty Hence *excellent, excellence* For use of latter as title of eminence (*majesty, worship, etc*) Par *excellence*, replacing earlier by *excellence*, is after L *per excellentiam*, on account of pre-eminent fitness

excelsior L, compar of *excelsus*, lofty (v.s.), adopted, app under the impression that it was an adv, as motto for seal of New York (1778), and popularized by Longfellow

except First as adj, passing in ME into prep. L *exceptus*, p.p. of *excipere*, to take out, from *capere*; cf Ger. *ausgenommen*, F *excepté*, *hormis*, of which the former still commonly agrees, e.g. *ces dames exceptées*, while OF has *hors mise la reire* To take *exception*, i.e. object, is from use in Roman law of *excipere* (*adversus aliquem*), to deny that the opponent's declaration covers the case *Exception proves the rule* is abbreviated, with alteration of meaning, from

exceptio probat regulam in casibus non exceptis

Ex ept [out taken] n ll be of ech kynde a coupl (*Pers Flawm* B 1 24)

excerpt From L. *excerpere* from *carpere* *carpi* to pluck

excess F *excess* L *excessus* from *excedere* from *cedere* *cess* to go For fig senses which are earliest in L. cf *trespass*

exchange Restored from ME *eschauunge* OE *eschanger* (*echan* *er*) Late L *excambiare* See *change*

exchequer ME *escheker* *chequer* OF *eschequer* (*esquier*) chess board cf MedL *scaccarius* It *scaccario* Orig the table marked out in squares on which the revenue accounts were kept by means of counters Cf *check* *chequer* *chess*

Disce p l s Quid *scaccari* m
M g ter *Scacc* m t b l est S p e n i t u r
item *scaccarios* p r i p a n s u n t m u o p a n c h
empt n o r q u i b e t n e d n g v i r g u s d i s t i t
d t a n t u b u s a s a u s v e l p e d i s v l p a l m a e
t t s p a l l o I n s p t u s t e m a k u l s u t j x t
o r d i e a o s d q b u s a l a s d t u r
Disce p l s Q e e s t t h u j a n o m i s ?
M a g i s t e r N i l l a m b n o t a d p r a s e n s o c c u r r i t
q m q o d s t a c a s i l u s i m i l m b b e t f o r m a m
(*Dialogus d S* c c a u t e m p H e n II)

excise "A hateful tax levied on commodities and adjudged not by the common judges of property but wretches hired by those to whom excise is paid" (Joln 4)
First adopted (1643) in unit of Holland
Earlier also *accise* Archaic Du *accijs* (H xham) OF *accis* VL *accen* *us* from *accen* *are* to tax (cf *cess*) confused at various times with *excise* (cf *talla* and see quot from Spenser below) and *assise*
In early sense of tax ModDu *accisyns* is a reversion to suppose L original or is influenced by *cyns* tax interest L *census* (cf *Ger* *s n s*) Cf F *accis* e MedL *accis* *ia* *excis* *a*

All the t waxes of the Lowe-Count es doe utt
upon theisel es an e cle of al thing s t w de
th m ynten an fth w tre
(*Spenser State* f l l a n d)

excise To cut out From L *excidere* *ex* *s* *fr* *ni* *caule* *e* to cut

excise L *excisare* frequent from *ex* *re* *cut* to set in motion Coll x use of *excis* ng is 19 cent

exclaim F *exclamer* L *exclamare* See *clm*
exclude L *excludere* from *claudere* to shut
The hist *excl* *clonist* aimed at excluding the Duke of York (James II) from the succession

excommunicate From Church L *e com m u n i c a r e* to expel from communion (q v)
F *excommun* *er* is much earlier

The sh l l e c o m m i c a t (f u l g b a q y n a g u l c i a t) y o u (T v n d J o k x i 2)

The R *Ger* l d n n h y t o l l b o u t 300 m w h o e r e l o d t h e s a c c t l h a s h p e l t h a t a y C a t h o l i p o l i t e m w h i t e d i n p l i t e o n s c r i p t i o n i n f o r c e w o u l d b e e x c o m m u n i c a t e d m e d t h t t h e c u r s e f G o d w o u l d f o l l w t h m e v r y l a r t a n d h e a s k e d h i b u r e r s t o k i l l t h m a t s i g h t (*Daily CA* on Jun 28 98)

excoriate From L *excoriare* to flay (m *corium* hid

excrement excrete excretion From L *x c e r n e r e* from *cernere* *x* *t* to separate *x* *t* *ex* crescent From pres part of I *excre* *ce* *e* to grow out See *erescit*

excruciate From I *excruc* *are* from *crux* *crux* cross as instrument of torture

exculpate From L *ex* and *culpa* fault cf It *sculpate* MedL *exculpa*

excurs on L *excursio* *n* from *ex* *currere* *r* from *currere* *curs* to run Cf *excu* *su* digression *Excursion train* is recorded for 1850

excuse F *excuser* I *excusare* from *ex* and *causa* cf *a* *cuse*

exeat [unit] L *l* *t* him go out from *exire* cf *theat* *exit* *exunt* *t* *r* earlier *exeat* *evant*

execrate From L *execrar* *in* *ex* *ecrar* from *sac* *a* *e* to devote (to good or ill) from *sacer* *sac* holy Wyc has *execrable* *ex* *crati* *n* following L of *t* *h*

execution F *ex* *cut* *ion* L *cut* *n* for *ex* *ecuti* *o* *n* from *exsequi* *a* to follow out from *sequi* *secut* to follow The *exe* *u* *tion* *er* executes the sentence of the law as the *e* *cut* *r* does the provisions of a will but the words were formerly used indifferently

Dell veng o e t o e r u t e r p a l
T r i y y w u n g d r o n e (H e m l i 2)

exegesis C *ἐξήγησις* from *ἐξηγέω* *us* to interpret from *ἡγέω* *a* to lead

exemplar Re-pelt on L *exemplar* (from neut of adj *exemplaris*) for ME *l* OF *exemplare* Cf *sanct* *er*

exempt F L *exemptus* pp of *ex* *mere* to take out from *mere* to buy obtain In F title of cavalry officer *ex* *empt* from certain duties (cf *Ger* *gfreier* lance corporal Later applied to police-officer In L officer of Yeomen of the Guard *a* *ex* *on* an attempt *a* the *i* *pro* *n* *are*

- exenterate** From L *exenterare*, to disembowel From G (see *enteric*)
- exequatur** Formal permission L *ex(s)equatur*, let him perform, execute
- exequies** OF, L *ex(s)equiae*, "the trayne of a funerall pompe" (Coop), from *ex(s)equi*, to follow See *evocate* and cf *obsequies*
- exercise** F *exercice*, L *exercitum*, from *exercēre*, to keep at work, orig to let farm-beasts out to work, from *arcēre*, to shut up
- exergue** [numism] Small space left for inscription on coin or medal F, coined from G *ἐξ ἔργου*, to represent F *hors d'œuvre* (q v)
- exert** From L *exercere*, *exsert-*, to put forth, from *serere*, to knit To *exert oneself* is evolved from to *exert one's powers*, etc
- exeunt** L, they go out
- exhale** F *exhaler*, L *exhalare*, from *halare*, to breathe
- exhaust** From L *exhaustire*, from *haustire*, *haust-*, to draw, drain Cf synon F *épuiser*, from *puits*, well
- exhibit** From L *exhibēre*, *exhibit-*, from *habēre*, to have, hold *Exhibition*, scholarship, preserves obs sense, to furnish, provide, which *exhibere* had in Roman law
What maintenance he from his friends receives,
Like exhibition thou shalt have from me
(Two Gent 1 3)
- exhilarate** From L *exhilarare*, from *hilaris*, cheerful. Cf *hilarious*
- exhort** L *exhortari*, from *hortari*, to encourage, for *horit-*, from synon *hormi*, cogn with G *χαίρειν*, to rejoice, and ult with *yearn*
- exhume** F *exhumer*, MedL *exhumare*, from *humus*, ground
- exigent** From pres part of L *exigere*, from *ex* and *agere* Hence *exigency*, urgency Cf F *exigeant*, exacting, now often used in E See *exact*
- exiguous** From L *exiguus*, scanty, from *exigere*, to weigh out See *exact*
- exile** F *exil*, L *exilium*, from *ex* and root of *salire*, to leap As applied to a person app from F *exile*, influenced by L *exul*, but it may be a transferred use of the abstract, cf *message*, *prison*, which in OF & ME also mean messenger, prisoner
- exility** Slenderness L *exilitas*, from *exilis*, thin, for **exagilis*, cogn with *exiguus*
- eximious** Select From L *eximius*, from *eximere*, to take out See *exempt*
- exist** F *exister*, L *ex(s)istere*, from *sistere*, redupl form of *stare*, to stand
- exit** Sometimes L *exitus*, going forth, from *exire* (cf *adiſ*), but usu a verb See *exeat*
- ex libris** L, from the books Adopted as book-plate from Ger
- exo-** G *ἐξω*, outside
- exodus** L, G *ἐξόδος*, way out, from *ὁδός*, way Adopted by *Vulg* from G translators
- ex officio** L, in virtue of one's office
- exon** See *exempt*
- Exon** Signature of bishop of Exeter, AS. *Exanceaster*.
- exonerate** From L *exonerare*, to unburden, from *onus*, *oner-*, burden Orig in lit sense, e g of a ship For fig sense cf *discharge*
- exorbitant** From pres part of L *exorbitare*, to depart from one's orbit (q v) Cf *delirium*
Exorbitant from the milde course of law and justice (NED 1599)
- exorcize** Late L *exorcizare*, G *ἐξορκίζω*, from *ἐξ*, out, *ὄρκος*, oath Cf *conjure*
- exordium** L, from *exordiri*, from *ordiri*, to begin, orig to start weaving
- exoteric** G *ἐξωτερικός*, from *ἐξω*, without Cf *esoteric*
- exotic** L, G *ἐξωτικός*, from *ἐξω*, without
- expand** L *expandere*, from *pandere*, *pans-*, to spread
- ex parte** L, from (one) side (only).
- expatriate** From L *ex(s)patiare*, to walk about, from *spatium*, space, whence also It *spaziare*, Ger *spazieren*, to walk Still occ in orig sense For fig sense cf *dilate*
Milton, when he has expatiated in the sky, may be allowed sometimes to revisit earth (Johns),
- expatriate** Mod formation on L *patria*, country Cf earlier F *expatrier* See *repair*²
- expect** L *ex(s)pectare*, to look out for, from *spectare*, frequent of *specere*, to look
- expectorate** Euph for *spit*² (chiefly US). From L *expectorare*, to ease the mind, make a "clean breast," from *pectus*, *pector-*, breast
- expedite** From L *expedire*, *expedit-*, orig to free the foot, *pes*, *ped-*, from fetters (cf opposite *impede*) Hence *expedient*, helping on, *expediency*, now usu in bad sense, *expedition*, rapid setting forth.
- expel**, expulsion L *expellere*, from *pellere*, *puls-*, to drive

expend **expense** L *expendere* from *pendere*
pens to weigh Pecon truncated from
earlier *spend* (q v) *Expenditura* is MedL
expensitura

experience F *expérience* L *experientia*
from *experiri* *experit* from *pe* + *e* to go
through In ME also used like F *experi*
na for *experiment* With *experimen*
talist cf *empiric* *Expert* as noun is
19 cent

expiate From L *expiare* from *piare* to
purge sinne to please God by sacrifice
(Coop) from *pin*

expire F *expirer* I *ex(s)pirare* from *spi*
ra + *e* to breathe Earliest E sense is con
nected with death but the verb was orig
tran e g to *expire one* soul (life last
breath etc)

explain Earlier (16 cent) *explane* L *ex*
planare to make smooth *plau* Altered
on plain Cf *esplanade*

expletive L *expletivus* fill n_o out from *ex*
plere from *pl* + *re* *plet* to fill (see *plenty*)
Current sense of rhetorical padding is
19 cent

He a so t f pletive t th breakfast t bl
serving to stop g p (O W 11 lines)

explicate **explicit** From L *explicare* from
placare *placit* to fold For *explicit* *sa* th
cf *implicit* *Explicit* at end of medieval
books was usu taken as third person sing
here enis and sometimes replaced by
explicunt but it was orig hort for *ex*
pliat *s est liber* the book is unroll d (Duc
949)

explode L *explodere* *explos* opposite of
applaud from *plaudere* to clap (at the
theatre) Current sense (17 cent) from
that of *expul* + *ve* noise Etym sense still
in *exploded theory*

exploder to dryv out w th noy d buk or
with lapping of h des (Coop)

F It ems to me to h rath congru u to
write m ak from m *sica* espec ally as the k h
been ploded by gen ral conse t from th d i
vati es m *sica* d m m c l

(Ash Pref t D at t 75)

Congre e and F tq har sh w th h ds on us
se n years only t be plod d and p t down
last lly (Lamb O Com ly)

exploit Earlier *exploit* OF *exploit* *esploit*
L *explicitus* unfolded (see *e* *pl* *ato*) The
verb is very common in OF with gen
sense of progress achievement its earliest
meaning in ME Current sense of verb
e g to *exploit a mine* is from ModE pre

serving exactly the orig sense (cf *le*
telepe)

M It b en espi tet ul Damnes D us au t

(Kd 365)

[H progresses v r well wh in the f e d God h ips]

explore F *explorer* L *explora* + *e* from orig
sense cry shout of *plorare* to weep (cf
lesery)

Specul t y ab e pl ato hoc d flert q od pecu
l tor hostubul ul nt persep cit pl at e p t
cl n re c oscit (Fest)

exponent From f res part of L *exp* + *e*
See *expo* nd

export L *exportare* from *po* + *tra* + *e* carry

expose F *exposer* See *pose* *Exposé* F
p p explanation sho ing up + 19 cent
Exposition is sometimes used aft r F for
exhibition Som senses of *e* p run
parallel with those of *expound* (q)

ex post facto For MedL *ex post* + *facto* from
what is done afterwards

expostulate From L *expostulare* intens of
postula + *e* to demand used like F *dém* nd r
raison to seek satisfaction

expound ME also *expon* OF *esponse*
e *pandre* L *expone* + *e* to put forth The
OF verb has been replaced by *e* *poser*
See *compound* *p* *opound* For *excre* ent
d cf *soi* nd *bo* + *d* and vulgar *d* *oun*?

F *roste* ho e po yile (Tynd p ded) t hi
d scipli allo th gis (Wy M k 4)

express First as adj F *express* L *exp* + *ess*
It s juce ed out fig clearly stated from
exprimere from *premere* *pre* + *s* For sen e
development of Ger *a* *esdruch* *express* on
lit out press a *isd* *schlich* *expressly* An
exp *ess* train orig ran *expressly* to a
certain station

exprobation F *exproch* L *exp* + *oratio* + *n*
from *exprobrare* See *opprobri* m

expropriate From L *expropriare* to deprive
of one's own (see *proper*) Current sense
of organi ed theft appears to have arisen
among Ger socialists

Three m g u d n t agree that any compe sa
tion wh t sho ld be paid t th p ese t m d al
own r k p th n ral right to be q uired by th
St t (R p t f Coal Comm ion, J ne 3 19 9)

expulsion See *expi*l

expunge L *expungere* to mark for deletion
by dots from *p* *uere* to prick cf synon
F *exp* *cluer* In m c l u e pularly
a sociated with *passing* the sponge
over

expurgate From I *expu* g + *e* to make pure
See *pu* g *Expurgatory index* l t of books

of which certain passages are forbidden by Roman Church, is now usu *index expurgatorius*

exquisite L *exquisitus*, pp of *exquirere*, to seek out, from *quaerere* Cf F *recherché*
As noun, fop, from c 1800

The olde Zeno in all his exquisite tourmentes never made any lamentable crye (Elyot, *Governour*, ii 279)

excise L *excindere*, to cut out

exseques See *exequies*

exsert [biol] Var of *exert* (q v) in etym. sense Cf *insert*

exsiccate From L *ex(s)iccare*, to make dry, *siccus*

extant From pres part of L *ex(s)tare*, to stand forth

extempore L *ex tempore*, out of the time, *tempus* Cf *on the spur of the moment*. Hence *extemporize* (17 cent)

Extempore will he ditties compose
(Ralph Roister Doister)

extend L *extendere*, from *tendere*, to stretch
In ME also *estend*, OF *estendre* (*étendre*)
Senses run parallel with those of native *stretch*, e.g. *University Extensionists*, who began to attend Summer Meetings at Oxf in 1888, were sometimes known as *stretchers*.

extenuate From L *emacquare*, to make thin, *lenius* Orig to emaciate (cf F *exténuer*)
Now chiefly in *extenuating circumstances*, for which F has *circonstances atténuantes*

exterior L, compar of *exterus*, from *extra*, outside

exterminate From L *exterminare*, to drive over the boundary, *terminus* For strengthened mod sense, which appears in *Vulg*, cf *decimate* Quot below shows a curious reversion to etym sense

Are you in favour of exterminating every German out of this country?

(Heckler at Dumfries, Dec 9, 1918)

external For earlier *externe*, L *externus*, from *exterus* See *exterior*

extinguish, extinct From L *ex(s)tinguere*, *ex(s)inct-* See *distinguish*

extirpate Earlier *extirp*, from L *ex(s)tirpare*, from *stirps*, stem, trunk Cf *to root out*
After the old plants be extirped and destroyed
(Holland's *Pliny*)

extol L *extollere*, from *tollere*, to raise Cf *elate, exalt*

extort From L *extorquere*, from *torquere*, to twist Much earlier is *extortion*, prob through OF

extra L *extra*, outside, orig compar formation from *ex*

extra Usu short for *extraordinary* Cf *super*
extract From L *extrahere*, from *trahere*, *tract-*, to draw

extradition F (18 cent), L *extraditio*, from *tradere*, to hand over, from *trans* and *dare*, to give See *traitor, tradition*

extrados [arch] Upper or outer curve of arch
F, from *dos*, back, cf. *intrados, parados*

extraneous From L *extraneus*, from *extra*, outside See *strange*

extraordinary L *extraordinarius*, from *extra ordinem*, outside (the usual) order, *ordo, ordin-*

extravagant Earlier is *stravagant* From pres part of Late L *extravagari*, to wander beyond bounds, from *vagari*, cf F *extravagant* Orig in lit sense, e.g. the *extravagant and erring spirit*, i.e. the ghost (*Hamlet* i. i) *Extravaganza* is after It *stravaganza*

extravasate [med] From L *vas*, vessel; cf F *extravaser*

extreme F *extrême*, L *extremus*, superl. of *exterus* See *exterior* Rarely used in etym sense (cf *ulmost*)

extricate From L *extricare*, to disentangle, from *tricae*, perplexities Cf *intricate*

extrinsic F *extrinsèque*, from L adv *extrinsecus*, from **extrin* (cf *interim*) and *secus*, beside, cogn with *sequi*, to follow Cf *intrinsic*

extrude L *extrudere*, from *trudere*, to thrust

exuberant From pres part of L *exuberare*, from *uber*, fertile, cf *uber, udder*

exude L *ex(s)udare*, from *sudare*, to sweat

exult F *exuller*, L *ex(s)ultare*, frequent of *exsilire*, from *salire*, salt-, to leap Thus, to *exult over* (a vanquished enemy) is etym to execute a joy-dance over his prostrate body Cf *insult*

exuviae L, garments 'stripped off, from *exuere*, to divest Cf *endue*
ex voto L, introductory words of dedication, *ex voto susceptio*, according to the vow taken

eyas [archaic] Young falcon For obs *nyas*, F *faucon nyais*, VL **nidax, nidac*, from *nidus*, nest Ident with F *mais*, silly, cf It *ndiace* For loss of *n-* cf. *adder, apron, anger* The spelling of *eyas* has been chiefly determined by mistaken association with *cyry* (see *aery*)

mes, as *mais* also, a *nyas* hawk (Colt).

An *eyry* of children, little *eyases* (*Hamlet* ii. 2)

eye AS *ēage* Aryan (exc. Celt); cf. Du *oog*, Ger *auge*, ON *auga*, L *oculus* (dim).

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fag¹ Drudge, weariness Prob schoolboy perversion of *fatigue*, as in mil sense, cf *fug* Quot below suggests a similar arbitrary formation

Such as went abroad were subject, through weakness, to be suddenly surprized with a disease we called the "feages," which was neither paine nor sickness, but as it were the highest degree of weakness, depriving us of power and abilitie for the execution of any bodily exercise (Purch 111 182)

fag², fag-end Orig loose end, last part, esp of cloth Much earlier than *fag¹* Origin unknown ? Hence *fag*, cigarette (mil)

The fag-end of a leg of mutton (NED 1613)

faggot F *fagot*, It *fagotto*, ? ult from G *φάκλος*, bundle

Fahrenheit Thermometer, name of Pruss inventor (†1736) An abstract surname, "experience," like our *Peace, Wisdom, Verity*, etc

faience F, for *poterie de Faïence*, from *Faenza* (Italy) Cf *china, delf, crown Derby*, etc

fail F *failir* and *fallou*, to be lacking, both representing, with change of conjugation, L *fallere*, orig to deceive Cf It *fallere*, Ger *fehlen* (from F) Orig F sense survives in *failing this* (with which cf *during the war*), and in noun *failing*, fault, defect, for earlier *fail*, the latter now only in *without fail* (13 cent for OF *sanz faille*) *Failure* is also infin, AF *failier*, for *failir*,

as leg term, cf *misnomer, disclaimer*, etc, and, for alteration of form, *pleasure, leisure*

fain AS *fægen*, glad, cf ON *fegninn*, OIG *gi-fehan*, to rejoice For sense-development cf *glad*, eg the Prodigal Son "would fain (i.e. gladly) have filled his belly" (Luke, xv 16) App influenced also by OF *avoir fain (faini)*, to hunger, used of any eager desire

I lyste, I have a great wyll or desyre to do a thyng
 jav fayn (Palsg)

My lips will be fain when I sing unto thee
 (Ps lxxv 21, PB)

faineant [hist] Sluggard, esp as epithet of later Merovingian kings OF *faignant*, pres part of *faindre, femdre* (see *faint*), respelt as though "do nothing," (*néant*)

fains Schoolboy formula, opposite of *bags* Prob *feign*, in ME sense of shirk, excuse oneself, cf *faint*.

If I may helpe you in ought
 I shall not feyne (Rom of Rose, 2995)

faint First as adj F *feint*, p p of *femdre*, to feign (q v), in sense of to be sluggish, shirk This survives in *faint-hearted*

De tost corre pas ne se faint (*Tableau des Perdus*)
 [He is not sluggish in running at once]

fair¹ Adj AS *fæger* Com Teut, cf OSax OHG *fagar*, ON *fagr*, Goth *fagrs*, suitable, cogn with Ger *fegen*, to clean, sweep Orig beautiful (hence, from 11 cent, esp of women), without blemish, opposed to *foul*, as still in *fair means or foul, fair play and foul play* The later application to hair, etc reflects the medieval opinion that a brown complexion was *foul* Harald Harfager, also called Pulchricornus, had beautiful hair, as *fair hair* in mod sense would not be remarkable in Norway With *fairly sober* cf *pretty drunk* The spec sense which the word has acquired in *fair play*, etc is no small testimony to the national character *Fair trade* was orig contrasted with *contraband Fairway* (naut.) appears to be for *fair way*, but has been associated with *fave* (q v), cf synon ON *farvegr*, also Ger *fahrwasser*, navigable river, *fahrrad*, highway For *fair-maid* see *fumade*

They were fighting for something for which there is a good word in the English language I have not been able to discover an equivalent for it in any other tongue It is "fair-play"
 (D Lloyd George, Sep 17, 1919)

fair¹ Noun OF *feire* (foire) L. *feria* holy day (orig. rel.) cf. It. *fiere* Sp. *fiesta* A day after the fair has been prov. sinc. 16 cent.

It was thro' hout a d small onles on that were lw ys a d y behl i the f i

(Not Year N v 8 191)

fairy OF *faerie* (féerie) land or race of fays (q.v.) For transferred use cf. that of youth Spenser's *Faerie* is deliberately archaic

faith OF *feid* (pronounced *feith*) later *fei* (foi) L. *fides* cf. It. *feue* Sp. *fe* The survival of the *th* sound due to a sociation with *truth* sooth etc. is unique exc. in a few surnames e.g. *Daineth* (*Dainth*) *Fay* is also found in ME. As theol. word *faith* translates G. *veritas* *Faithful* as applied to Mohammedans translates Arab. *al-mumin* n. For *faith cure* *faith healing* (c. 1885) see *James* v. 16

fake [slang] For earlier *feake* *fea* use prob. Ger. *fegen* to sweep in fig. slang use. Much of our early thieves' lang. is Ger. or Du. and dates from the Thirty Years' War as em. d. *beutet fegen* to Beec. n. (Ebers, 1796) *t feag a hors* t m. ke him l i and arry hi t. it well (G. one)

fakir faqir Arab. *faqir* poor Cf. *derwish* *faibala* F. It. also Sp. Port. Origin unknown but prob. connected with *fold*¹. In I. usu. corrupted to *furbeled* Cf. *fal* *lal* *falcate* Sickle-stripped L. *falcatus* from *fals* *fah* s. k. l. e

falcon [hist.] ME. *fauchon* in ONF. *fauchon* for OF. *faucun* VL. *fal* *con* from *fals* *falc* sickle Cf. It. *falcone* on which F. word has been remade

falcon MI. *faucoun* *f* *con* etc. F. *faucun* Late L. *falcon* from *fals* sickle (v.s.) Cf. Du. *talk* Ger. *f* *like* Usu. explained from shape of beak or claws but perh. rather from the sword-like wings of C. *apery* vulture lit. sickle and see a *capitral* home record the word as Teut. and cogn. with Upper Ger. *fa* *h* (*fah*) *fallow* cf. Ger. *falle* *fallow* or horse etc. The fact that *Fa'eo* is a prehistoric Teut. personal name (cf. E. *Faukes*) is an argument for Teut. origin of *fal* *on*

falconet [hist.] Light gun It. *falconello* (v.s.) Cf. *musket saher*

faldral Cf. *fal* *ala* *fil* *lal*

faldstool faldstool [eccl.] Late L. *falte* *stolus* n. (cf. AS *fealde st* t OHG *fa* *l* *tuol*) *fold-stool* whence F. *fa* *teul* arm-chair

Ong. chair of bishop when away from his throne in another church

Falernian Wine From the *ager Falernus* in Campania

fall AS *feallan* Com. Teut. cf. Du. *ta* *len* Cer. *fall* n. ON. *falla* To *fall* *soul* of is naut. (see *fo* *h*) To *fall* *out* in sense of result goes back to casting of lots o. dice *The Fall* (of man) is Puritan (16 cent.) *Fall* (f the le f) now U.S. was ordinary 16 cent. E. f. r. autumn With archaic *falling sickn* ss. epilepsy cf. L. *morbus caducus*

Th. had yere s. d. ded into us parties. Spr. g. tym. son. r. f. ul. f. th. i. t. and winter (Asch. T. ophid.)

Tb. t. tras. ag. in. it. had. dy. l. f. l. = cad. c. l. (F. l. f. l. v. g. h. t.)

fallacy L. *fallacia* from *falla* *falla* from *fallere* to deceive

fallal Of same late as *fallal* of which t. may be a var.

fallible Late L. *fallibilis* from *fallere* to deceive

fallow¹ Ong. ploughed land now land uncropped for the year ME. *faleke* *f* *lure* from AS *feag* *harrow* of MHG *f* *en* to till dig But app. associated with *fallow*² from colour of upturned earth as we find AS *fealo* n. same sense

fallow² Colour esp. of deer AS *falo* *fealu* cf. Du. *raai* Cer. *fahl* *f* *lb* ON. *fjör* Ieri cogn. with L. *palidus* Cf. F. *faut* It. *fa* *bo* from Teut.

false OF. *fais* (fau) L. *falsus* deceived mistaken, p.p. of *fallere* to deceive Ong. pass. sense survives in *false* *sense* (notio) et

falsetto It. d.m. of *falso* false

falter Orig. of the limbs to give way stumble as still with *fook* *ap* *h* *u* *er* App. formed irreg. from ME. *fa* *den* to fold used in same sense perh. with ong. ide. of doubling up under stress. Form may have been influenced by *fa* *ll*

I feel my w. ts. to fail a. d. tongue to f. ll. (Spense)
O rotten props of the cras d. m. jutude,
If w. you t. l. do ble f. ult. und. th. highest
hance

Th. t. strai. es your v. es (v. s. sinews)
(Marston A. 1 & 2. *Melinda*)

When our sceanes f. lter or in a. tion halts,
You t. m. will g. crutches t. our t. ll.
(B. P. r. t. n. *Fred*)

fame Archaic F. L. *fama* report from far to speak Ong. in etym. sense of report

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faeces L, pl of *faex*, *faec-*, dregs Cf *defecate*

faerie [poet] Fairy-land, esp with ref to Spenser See *fairy*

fat¹ Drudge, weariness Prob schoolboy perversion of *fatigue*, as in mil sense, cf *fug* Quot below suggests a similar arbitrary formation

Such as went abroad were subject, through weakness, to be suddenly surprized with a disease we called the "feages," which was neither paine nor sickness, but as it were the highest degree of weakness, depriving us of power and abilitie for the execution of any bodily exercise (Purch 1618)

fat², fat-end Orig loose end, last part, esp of cloth Much earlier than *fat¹* Origin unknown ? Hence *fat*, cigarette (mil)

The fat-end of a leg of mutton (NED 1613)

faggot F *fagot*, It *fagotto*, ? ult from G *φάκλος*, bundle

Fahrenheit Thermometer, name of Pruss inventor (1736) An abstract surname, "experience," like our *Peace*, *Wisdom*, *Verity*, etc

faience F, for *poterie de Faïence*, from *Faenza* (Italy) Cf *china*, *delf*, *crown Derby*, etc

fail F *faillir* and *fallow*, to be lacking, both representing, with change of conjugation, L *fallere*, orig to deceive Cf It *fallire*, Ger *fehlen* (from F) Orig F sense survives in *failing this* (with which cf *during the war*), and in noun *failing*, fault, defect, for earlier *fail*, the latter now only in *without fail* (13 cent for OF *sanz faille*) *Failure* is also infin, AF. *failor*, for *faillir*,

as leg term, cf *misnomer*, *disclaimer*, etc., and, for alteration of form, *pleasure*, *leisure*

fain AS *fægen*, glad, cf ON *feginn*, OHG *gi-fehan*, to rejoice For sense development cf *glad*, eg the Prodigal Son "would fain (i.e. gladly) have filled his belly" (Luke, av 16) App influenced also by OF *avoir fain* (*faini*), to hunger, used of any eager desire

I hyste, I have a great wyll or desyre to do a thyng
 jav fayn (Palsg)

My lips will be fain when I sing unto thee
 (Ps lxxvi 21, PB)

faineant [hist] Sluggard, esp as epithet of later Merovingian kings OF *faignant*, pres part of *faindre*, *feindre* (see *faint*), respelt as though "do nothing" (*néant*)

fains Schoolboy formula, opposite of *bags* Prob *feign*, in ME sense of shirk, excuse oneself, cf *faint*

If I may helpe you in ought
 I shall not feyne (Rom of Rose, 2995)

faint First as adj F *feint*, pp of *feindre*, to feign (q v), in sense of to be sluggish, shirk This survives in *faint-hearted*

De tost corre pas ne se faint (*Fableau des Perdrix*)
 [He is not sluggish in running at once]

fair¹ Adj AS *fæger* Com Teut, cf OSax OHG *fagar*, ON *fagr*, Goth *fagis*, suitable, cogn with Ger *fegen*, to clean, sweep Orig beautiful (hence, from 14 cent, esp of women), without blemish, opposed to *foul*, as still in *fair means or foul*, *fair play* and *foul play* The later application to hair, etc reflects the medieval opinion that a brown complexion was *foul* Harald Harfager, also called Pulchricomus, had beautiful hair, as *fair hair* in mod sense would not be remarkable in Norway With *fairly sober* cf *pretty drunk* The spec sense which the word has acquired in *fair play*, etc is no small testimony to the national character *Fair trade* was orig contrasted with *contraband* *Fairway* (naut) appears to be for *fair way*, but has been associated with *fare* (q v), cf synon ON. *farvegr*, also Ger *fahwasser*, navigable river, *fahweg*, highway For *fair-maid* see *fumade*

They were fighting for something for which there is a good word in the English language I have not been able to discover an equivalent for it in any other tongue It is "fair-play"
 (D Lloyd George, Sep 17, 1910)

ferre to carry and with a *lv* *far* Orig sense obs etc in compds e.g. *wayfarer* *sea-faring* Hence noun *fa* + (cf. *thoroughfare* *welfare*) now *u u* payment *f r* pass age (*Jon* 4 i 3) or *e* en used for *passenger* e.g. a cabinman with a drunken fire *fa* well imper was *impr* aid to depart ing person who replied good bye

farina L. from *fa* corn cogn with AS *be e* barley Cf *F f* *ine* flour

farm I *ferme* *Meil* *fi na* fixed payment from *ferre* to fix from *fi mu* firm Earliest use (Chauc.) in connection with *fi ming* the taxes With *Far Crue* I translating I *ferm* *rgen* I tax farmer Cf *lab-farmer* (19 cent) For spec agricultural application cf *Ger p* *hler* farmer from L. *pactus* agreement Cf also I *metaz-r* VL *medicarius* one who manages land on half profit system (see *moiety*) In ordinary speech *farmer* has replaced *chur* I *husband man*

A c rt you man planted yn yard a d l it it forth to fern Wye. setid it to fern to t) } (Tynd. Luke xx 9)

faro Card game Formerly *pha aot* (H Walpole) after F *phraon* Reason for name doubtful

farouche I shy VL **f* *rolicus* from *ferov* fierce

farrago L. lit. mixed fodder from *fa* *farr* *crin*

farrier Ol *ferrier* (replaced by *ma dchal* *f an*) L. *ferra* *iust* from *ferrum* iron horse shoe

farrow Orig young pg AS *fea* *h* cf Du *din* *ra hen* Ger *tim* *ferkel* hog cogn with L. *porcus*

fast AS *faetan* Aryan cf Ger *fa* *sen* ON *faeta* C *wapher* Sanskrit *pard*

farther **farthest** VL *ferther* var of *fa ther* (1 v) gradually replacing regular *farre* from *fa* which survived till 1 cent

farthing AS *feuth* *g* from *feorth* fourth cf ON *fi rikun* In 4 l used *f r* both L. *as* and *quadrans* For suffix cf *f unv* *sh ll n*

farthingal [*archaic* Corrupt of Ol *ferth* *gall* *ar* of archue *ferthgale* (1 *stug* *id n*) Sp *verdingad* from *verdi* *o* green switch (lat *r* replaced by *whalebone* or *steel*) VL *i riducus* from *viridis* green

verd gade a f n l ngall in Spal th } re below at the frets (M sh.)

fascis L. pl of *fascis* bundle (of rods carried by the dictator)

fascia L. band fillet flat surface forming part of architecture cogn with *fascis* Cf *fascia* *f sse*

fascicle [bo] I *f* *icent* cum of *f sci* bundle

fascinate from I *f* *icare* from *fa* *mu* charm spell

fascine [d] *f* L. *fascina* *f* *rg* *t* from *fascis* bundle Often coupled with *gab n*

fash [Sc *de d al*] I *f* *acher* OF *fa* *h* *e* VL *fastidic* *e* from *fastidum* disgust

fashion F *fas* *n* L *fa* *t* *n* make from *facere* cf *It* *fa* *one* VL of *fashion*

meant orig (15 cent) *f* high rank and breeding The *e* *f* *fa* *hior* is after *Ham* *iu* *t* where *f* *hior* prob in ans face For current *en* *e* with adj and *r* stood cf *rank* *quality* *style* Orig neutral *sen* *e* in *ase* *a* *fash* *n*

1. an sk it the f on i t fa en t th th, and of th sh (Tynd L k 36)

fast Adj AS *fa* *t* firm Com Teut cf Du *vast* Ger *fa* *t* ON *fast* With *fa* *t* *ness* fortress cf Ger *f* *stung* With to *run* *fa* *t* app incongruous with to *t* *h* (stand) *fast* cf similar inten use of *ha* *d* e.g. *hold* *hard* *run* *hard* Hence *fast* of conduct now opposed to *steady* with *v* *hich* it is etym almost synon *Fast* *and* *lose* is an old cheating game with a string or strap

Just play of *fa* *t* and *lose* [p. *se-pave*] F (Flrs. *Monia* *gar* i)

power *d* *La* *ma* *tr* (sh t) *t* *play* *f* *t* and *lose* (Cott)

fast To abstain AS *faesta* Com Teut cf Du *raesten* Ger *fasten* ON *fa* *ta* *Gott* *fa* *lar* Prob cogn with *fast* with orig idea of firm control of oneself In pre Christian use but arly associated with the Church

fasten AS *faestan* from *fast* With to *fa* *le* *on* of dogs cf more expressive *f* *S* to *fee* *e* *to* and see ON parallel *s* *v* *cf* *rg*

fasti Cal ndar L. pl of *fa* *as* (*ta*) *la* *ful* (day) from *fas* *n* lit orig announce ment cogn with *fa* *to* speak

fastidious F *fa* *d* *ur* L. *fa* *losus* from *fastidum* loath. Earlier used like many adjs of *ti* *s* type (*f* *astul* *n* *us* *en* *s* etc) in both act and pass *sens*

The thing for the w b h children I oftentimes beat is to themes (f *fastidius*)

(S. T. Ely 1)

fat [Bibl] Yes I [Joel in 13] also *u* *nef* *t* Replaced by *fat* [q v]

common talk, as still in *common fame*,
house of ill fame Cf *fable*

family Orig servants of a household L
familia, from *familulus*, servant The AS
equivalent was *hūscepe* *Familiar spirit*
was earlier (15 cent) *familiar angel* (*devil*)
Familias (of the Inquisition) is an extended
use of earlier sense of confidential servant
of Pope or bishop Current sense of
family way (18 cent = *sans cérémonie*) is
19 cent

Parit enim conversatio contemptum (Apuleius)

famine F, Late L **famina*, from *fames*,
hunger

famish For earlier *fame* (cf *astonish*), aphet
from F *affamer*, to starve, VL **affamare*,
to bring to hunger, *ad famem*

famulus Sorcerer's attendant L, servant
Via Ger, in which *famulus* was used of
a poor student serving others Cf earlier
E univ sense of *servitor*

fan AS *fann*, L *vannus*, winnowing-fan,
cf F *van*, winnowing basket A *fan-light*
has the shape of a lady's fan The latter
is a 16 cent introduction

His fann ys on his handa

(AS Gospels, Luke, iii 17)

fanatic L *fanaticus*, "ravished with a pro-
pheticall spírte" (Coop), from *fanum*,
temple Sense-development has been co-
loured by spec application of F *fanatique*
to the Camisards (q v)

fancy Contr of *fantasy*, *phantasy*, F *fan-
tasie*, L, G *φαντασία*, used in Late G of
spectral apparition See *phantom* Now
differentiated from *imagination*, with which
it was orig synon Sense of the unreal
survives in *fantast*, *fantastic* Mod sense
of inclination, e g to *take one's fancy*,
pigeon-fancier, arises from that of whim
Hence the *Fancy*, pugilism, earlier applied
to any class spec interested in a pursuit,
e g books, pigeons With adj *fancy* (only
attrib) cf *choice*, *prize*

I never yet beheld that special face

Which I could fancy more than any other
(Shrew, ii 1)

In maiden meditation, fancy-free (*Dream*, ii 1)

fandangle Arbitrary formation (late 19
cent), perh suggested by *fandango*

fandango Dance Sp, of negro origin

fane L *fanum*, temple, for **fasnom*, cogn
with *feriae* (QL *fesiae*), *festus* (see *fair*?)

fanfare Flourish of trumpets F, of imit
origin With *fanfaron*, *fanfaronnade*, F,

Sp *fanfarrón*, braggart, cf to blow one's
own trumpet

They wore huge whiskers and walked with a
fanfaronading air

(Borrow, *Bible in Spain*, ch xvi)

fang AS *fang*, booty, from p p *gefangen* of
fōn, to seize A Com Teut verb, cf Du
vangen, Ger *fangen* (OHG *fāhan*), ON *fā*,
Goth *fāhan*, ult cogn. with L *pax*, *pac*,
peace, orig thing fixed Usual senses of
noun are comparatively mod, but the verb
fang, to seize, take, etc is common in ME
fan-tan Game Chin *fan l'an*, repeated di-
vision

Fan-tan, for which Chinamen were heavily fined
in London this week (*Daily Chron* June 27, 1917)

fantasia It, see *fancy*

fantast-ic, *fantasy*. See *fancy*

fantelague, *fantigue* [*colloq*] Earlier *fantique*
Perh for *frantic* (v 1) For loss of -r- cf
Fanny for *Frances*

He began to enter into such a frantike, as hee
regarded not the salute of his friends

(Greene's *Viv on*)

fanti, *fantee*, to go WAfr for to run amok
Name of country and tribe on Gold Coast

Is he likely to "go Fanti,"

Or becoming shrewd and canty?

(Punch, Feb 28, 1917)

fantoccini It, pl of *fantoccino*, dim of
fantoccio, puppet, from *fante*, boy, L *in-
fans*, *infant-*

faqir See *fakir*

far Orig adv AS *feorr* Com Teut, cf
Du *ver*, Ger *fern*, ON *fjarre*, Goth *fairra*,
cogn with G *πέρας*, Sanskrit *paras*, be-
yond Prop of forward measurement,
hence *far* and *wide*, the latter word ex-
pressing lateral extension Dial *fun* is a
natural var., ME *fer*

farad Electr unit Adopted at Electrical
Congress at Paris (1881) in memory of
Faraday, E electrician (†1867)

farce F, VL **farsa*, from *farcine*, to stuff
viands Cf *force-meat* A *farce* was orig
an impromptu interlude "stuffed in" be-
tween the parts of a more serious play
farcy Disease of horses, allied to glanders
F *farcin*, L *farcinimum*, from *farcire*, to
stuff (v s)

fardel [*archaic*] OF (*fardell*), dim of OF-
farde, burden, Sp *fardo*, Arab *fardah*,
package

fare AS *faran*, to go, travel Com Teut;
cf Du *varen*, Ger *fahren*, ON *fara*, Goth
faran, cogn with G *ρόπος*, passage, L

fat² AS *fætt*, contracted p p of *fæthan*, to make fat, cf *fatted calf*, and Ger *feist*, fat, p p of OHG *ferzen*, to fatten Ger *fett* is from LG The *fat of the land* is after Gen xlv 18, where Vulg has *medulla terrae*

Faith, Doricus, thy braine boiles, keele [cool] it, or all the fatt's in the fire

(Marston, *What you will*, Induction)

Fata Morgana Mirage in Strait of Messina It, fairy Morgana, sister of King Arthur, *Morgan le Fey* in AF poetry, located in Calabria by Norman settlers See *fay* The name *Morgan* is Welsh, sea-dweller (cf *Pelagian*)

fate L *fatum*, thing spoken, decree of the gods, from *fari*, to speak In all Rom langs Its first E use, in Chaucer's *Troilus*, may be from It *fato*

father AS *fæder* Aryan, cf Du *vader*, *vaar*, Ger *vater*, ON *fathr*, Goth *fadar* (but Goth has *usu alla*), L *pater*, G *πατήρ*, Gael Ir *athair*, Sanskrit *pitr*, all prob orig from baby-syllable *pa* With *fatherland* cf *mother-country*, but the word is often allusive to Du *vaderland* or Ger *vaterland* For eccl sense cf *abbot*, *pope*

fathom AS *fæthm*, the two arms outstretched (cf F *brasse*, fathom, L *brachia*, arms), cogn with Du *vadem*, Ger *faden*, measure of six feet, thread, and ult with G *πεταρῖναι*, to spread out (see *petal*) For fig sense of verb cf to *sound*¹

fatidic L *fatidicus*, fate-telling, from *fatum* and *dicere*

fatigue F *fatiguer*, L *fatigare*, prob cogn with L *fatiscere*, to gape, yawn, *adfatum*, enough, cf It *fatigare*, Sp *fatigar* Mil sense from 18 cent

fatuous From L *fatuus*, foolish Cf *infatuate*

faubourg F, earlier *fauvbourg*, corrupted, as though false town (MedL *falsus burgus*), from OF *forsbourg*, from *fors* (hors), outside, L *foris*, and *bourg*, borough

faucet Spigot, tap Obs in E, exc dial, but usual word for tap in US F *fauessel*, ? dim from L *faux*, *fauc-*, throat, cf *goulot*, "the pipe of a snke, or gutter" (Cotg), dim of OF *goule* (*gueule*), throat, "gullet"

faugh Earlier (16 cent) *foh*, *fah* Natural exclamation, imit of repelling unpleasant smell Cf Ger *pfui*

fauldstool See *faldstool*

fault Restored spelling of ME *faut*, F *faute*,

VL **fallita*, coming short, from *fallere*, to deceive, cf It. Sp *falla* In some phrases, e g *at fault* (hunting) = F. *en défaut*, aphet for *default* The -l- was silent up to 18 cent With *to a fault* cf *synon*, but etym opposite, to *excess* *Fault* at tennis is recorded 1526

Yet he was kind, or if severe in aught,
The love he bore to learning was in fault
(Deserted Village)

faun L *Faunus*, name of rural god or demigod, identified with Pan

fauna L *Fauna*, sister of *Faunus* (v s) Adopted (1746) by Linnaeus as companion-word to *flora* (q v)

fauteuil F, see *faldstool*

fautor [leg] Partisan OF *fautour*, L *fautor-em*, from *favere*, to favour

faux pas F, false step

Favonian L *Favonius*, from *Favonius*, the west wind, cogn with *favour*

favour F *faveur*, L *favor-em*, from *favere*, to regard with goodwill *Favourite* is OF *favorit* (*favori*), from It *favorito*, p p of *favorire*, to favour It is recorded in racing from c 1800 A *favour*, worn as a distinguishing mark, was orig conferred as a sign of favour by a prince, lady, etc With-out fear or favour is a leg formula To favour (one's father, mother) is to show (facially) an inclination towards, hence well-(ill-)favoured See also *curry*¹

fawn¹ Noun F *faon*, orig young of any animal, VL **feto-n-*, from *fetus*, offspring For spelling and sound cf *lawn*²

The lyonnesse hath the first 3 ere fyve fawnes
(Caxton, *Mirror of World*)

fawn² Verb AS *fahman*, to rejoice, be pleased fawn, parallel form of *fægman*, from *fægen*, glad (see *fain*) The AS compd *on-fægman* is used of dogs

ffawnyn, as *fowndys* applauds, blandior
(*Promptuari*)

fay F *fée*, fem, L *fata*, neut pl, the Fates, cf It *fata*, Sp *hada* Cf *Fata Morgana*, *fairy*, and see *fate*

feal [archaic] OF *jeal*, fecil, L *fidelis*, faithful Hence *fealty*

fear AS *fær*, sudden peril, cf Du. *gevaar*, Ger *gefahr*, danger, also Goth *fērja*, one who lies in wait, cogn with *fare* The verb was orig trans, AS *fāran*, to ternsv, as still in archaic *I fear me* (see quot s.v. *brig*)

fearnought [naut] Stout cloth Cf *dreadnought*

send. Aphet. for *defend* (v s) Hence *sender*
protector To *send for oneself* is to attend
to one's own defence

fenestella [a ch] L. dim of *fenestra*
window

Fénian [Aist]. Of uncertain origin. As used by Scott in ref. to Ossian (*Antiquary ch. xxx*) it is fr Macpherson's *Fenians* followers of *Finn* but a name adopted by him for a mythical Gaelic hero but really meaning Norseman. fair stranger (cf. *Dougal* dark trans.) In pol. sense (from c. 1800) it is a mixture of Oir *fiann* band of heroes and Oir *fine* one of the names of the ancient population of Ireland.

fennel AS find fenu VL fenu culum
for fenu culum dum of fenu hay of F
fenu]

sent 'a clauic & d al] Slut crack F sente
from fendre L. and're to sht. Cf vent'

fenugreek Plant F f ugrec L fenugreek
Gracum Greek hav Found also in L
form in AS

feoffee [hist] Γ p p of *feoffer* Γ f *ffer* to
enfeoff. See *f.f*

fer ferous From L *fer* from *ferre* to
bear often via F *Coe*

feracious From *L. ferax ferax* prolix
from *ferre* to bear Used by Carlyle

ferae naturae L. of wild nature

feral *Deadly* *L. feral's* funeral *cf*
feral's sacrifices for the dead

feral^s Savag. From *L. fera* wild beast of
ferus in ice co. n with *G. fero* wild beast.

fer-de-lance viper (Martinique) F lance-
blade from shape of head

feretory [cck] Shrine bear Perversion of
 M¹ feet e OF the L. G φαίητορ
 from φάος to bear

ferial Ordinary days. Late *feria* from *feria* older *feria* cogn with *ferum* feast
See *fas*. Present sense is opposite of
etym (cf Port *feira* in week-day sense)

ferine L. *serica* s. a. *serica*"

Feringhee Pers *farān*; Arab *faʿān*
Oxer tal adaptation of *F ank* used uce
10 cent for European with ethnic suffix
For inst. cf. Kim *a terrain* for *i ain*

ferio Mnemonic word in logic. Cf la lara
ferment. F L *f* *rment* m from *fervere* to
boil

fern AS *fearn* cf Du *rae k u d* Ger
farn fr i cogn with Sanskrit *farn*
wing feather of G *प्रेतः* win* *प्रेतः*
fern The connection between fern seed
and invisibility is due to the old belief

that the plant was propagated by an
viable seeds

ferocious From L. *ferox* *feroc* from *feru*
wild

ferous See *fer*

ferreous From *L. ferreus* from *ferrum* iron
ferret Animal *F. ferret* dim. of OE *ferren*

Late L. *fu o-n* lit thief from *fu* cf It.
fu el o Ger *fettchen* from F or It.

ferret¹ Silk tape It *fiore*, a kind of
course silke called fl oret or f rret silke
(Flor) pl of f et a little flower

'Twas so framed and proved, no tribunal could
hake it.

And firm red w and black f ar t could make t
(I gold b)

ferruginous From *L. ferrugo ferrug* = iron
rust from *ferrum* iron

ferrule Altered as though from *ferru* m iron
from earlier *† val c rre* OF *valle vire*
(*ol*) prob from *vire* to turn (see
†††††) cf synon F *barillon* double dim
oll u turn

ter ? (oc rivell) f a k y^l spirula el virula
seu d m quodam (Ca. 4 pl)

low low an an t erill th round pl t fure
wh eby par of woo.. flen t rued on, i pre-
served from weaning (Cotg)

ferry AS *fērnan* to carry make to fare
Com Teut cf Du *veer* Ger *fäh* a ferry
boat ON *fe ja* Goth *fa ja* to travel
com with *fa*

fertile F L. *f* *l* has from *ferre* to bear

ferula ferule L. *ferus* giant fennel, rod
² from *frē* to strike

fervent F from pres. part. of *L. fervere* to
boil glow

fescennine From *Fe cunia* (Etruria) famous for scurrilous verse dialogues. Cf. *auderile*.

fesuce [bot & dial] Grass Earlier *f tu*
OF (*fetu*) straw VL *f lucum* for *fesuca*
Formerly used of small pointer used in
teaching children to read

A festu [T / festu], or h... mot

1950. M. 2. 4. 3

fesse her } OF faisse (fasse) L. fascia band
Deo fa l a

festal OF from L. *fe* now feast

(ester OF *fētre* L. *fi tula* (cf OF *ck rize*
from L. *carthula*) See *pistua*

festino Mnemonic word in logic. Cf ba bara

festive L. *fest* us from *f* am least *Fes*
tival orig. adj. is OF now reintroduced
(Acad 1878) into F from E

festoön Γ festoon It fe our app connected
with L f stown feast.

feline amenities, women's veiled spite, used by Du Maurier in *Punch*

fell¹ Hide Chiefly in *fell-monger* AS *fell*. Com Feut, cf Du *vel*, Ger. *fell*, ON *fiáll*, Goth *fill*, cogn with L *pellis*, G. *πέλλα*, and *film*

fell² Verb AS *f(ɛ)llan*, causal of *fall* (q v) Cf Ger *fällen* In sewing sense from causing seam to fall

fell³ [*north*] Hill, as in *Scaufell* ON. *fiáll*, cogn with Ger *fels*, rock

fell⁴ Adj OF *fel*, nom of *felon* (q v) Esp in *at one fell swoop* (*Macb* iv 1)

Fell, Doctor Person instinctively disliked *John Fell*, Dean of Christ-Church (†1686), subject of adaptation by Thomas Brown (†1704), as an undergraduate, of Martial's epigram There are many versions, that below being from 1719 ed of Brown's works (iv 113) There are also F renderings by Marot and Bussy-Rabutin

I do not love you, Doctor I ell, But why I cannot tell,

But still I know full well I do not love you, Doctor Fell

Non amo te, Sribidi, nec possum dicere quare,
Hoc tantum possum dicere, non amo te (*Mart* i 33)

fellah Arab *fellāh*, husbandman, from *falaha*, to till the soil With pl *fellaheen* cf *Bedoun*, *cherubin*, etc

felloe, **felly** Rim of wheel AS *felge*, cf Du *velge*, Ger *felge*, also OHG *felahan*, to fit (wood) together

fellow Orig partner Late AS *fēolaga*, ON *fēlage*, partner, associate, cf ON *fēlag*, partnership, lit fee lay With *fellow-feeling* cf *compassion*, *sympathy* In univ sense translates L *socius* For vaguer senses cf *companion* and US *partner* *Hail fellow well met* is found in 16 cent The contemptuous use arises from the orig kindly manner of addressing servants in ME

A individual in company has called me a feller (Sam Weller)

felly See *felloe*

felo de se MedL, felon with regard to himself (v 1)

felon F, Carolingian L *fello-n-*, cf It *fel-lone*, Sp *felon*, and *fell*⁴ Oldest E sense is criminal *Fel, felon*, adj, grim, treacherous, terrible, is very common in OF, but is of unknown origin A plausible suggestion is that from L *fellare*, to suck, also sensu obsceno, was formed a noun **fello-n-*, used as gen term of abuse Cf *glutton* from *glutito-n-*, also a common term of abuse in

OF. *Felon*, whtlow (dial & US), is the same word, cf. L *tagax*, thievish, whtlow, and *furuncle* (q v), also Du. *nijdnagel*, lit envy-nail

I've been visiting to Bath because I had a felon on my thumb (*I ar from the Madling Creed*)

felspar See *feldspar*

felt AS *felt* WGer; cf Du. *vilt*, Ger. *fil-*, prob cogn with the second element (to beat, hammer) of *anvil* (q v) Cf MedL *filtrum* (from Teut), whence F *feutre* See *filter*

felucca [*naut.*] It, Arab *salūkah*, cogn. with *folk*, ship, cf. F. *felouque*, Sp. *saluca* Dozy regards Arab *salūkah* as a mod word borrowed from Europ He derives It *feluca* from Sp, and the latter from Arab *harrāca*, small galley, whence OSP *haloque* Being a Mediterranean rig, Arab origin is likely

salouque a barge, or a kind of barge like boat that hath some five or six oars on a side (*Cotg*)

female F *fenelle*, L *fenella*, dim of *femura*, woman Altered on *male* (q v) Cf Ger *weibchen*, female of animals, lit. little woman

Maal and femaal he made hem (*Wyc. Gen* i 27)

feme [*leg*] OF (*femme*), woman, in *fem-covert*, protected, i.e. married, woman *feme sole*, single woman (v 1)

feminine F *fēminin*, L *fēmininus*, from *femina*, woman; cogn with *fellare*, to suckle, and with *filus*, *filia* *Feminism* in new sense of "women's rights," is not in NED The eternal feminine comes, via F, from Goethe's *ewig-weibliche* (last lines of *Faust* II)

femoral [*anat*] Late L *femoralis*, from *femur*, femur, thigh

fen AS *fenn* Com Teut, cf. Du *veen*, LG *fenne*, ON *fen*, Goth. *fam* Orig mud

Hence prob F *fange*, It *fango*

fence Apher for *defence*, F *défense*, from *défendre*, VL **disfendere* for *defendere*, to ward off, etc Hence *fencible*, capable of or liable for, making defence With US to sit on the fence cf. Ir the best hurler (hockey-players) are on the ditch (bank) as critical spectators out of danger Verbs to fence (with swords) is first in Shakespeare (*Merry Wives*, II 3)

fence a receiver and securer of stolen goods (*Dict. Cant Creed*)

Charles Seaforth, lieutenant in the Hon East India Company's second regiment of Bombay I encibles (*Ingoldsby*)

fetch¹ Verb AS *fetian*, *seccan*, ? ult cogn with *fool* As archaic noun, dodge, something in the nature of a sought out contrivance, cf *far fetched* *Fel* ran parallel with *fetch* up to 17 cent and is still in dial use It occurs in orig text of *AV*, e.g. *Acts*, xxviii 13 Colloq sense of *fetching* is late 19 cent

ascitus strange, far fet, usurped (Litt)

She hath more qualities than a water-spaniel

Imprimis she can fetch and carry

(*Two Gent* iii 1)

fetch² Wrath Perh short for *fetch-life*, messenger fetching soul of dying, or *fetch-light*, corpse-candle, both obs

The very fetch and ghost of Mrs Gamp

(*Chuzzlewit*, ch 119)

fête F, L *festā*, for *festum* (see *feast*) Hence *fête-champêtre*, L *campestris*, from *campus*, field

fetial, **fecial** L *fetialis*, *fecialis*, "an officer at armes to denounce warre or peace, an ambassadour for that purpose, an harraude" (Coop)

fetid L *fetidus*, from *fetere*, to stink

fetish F *fétiche*, Port *feitiço*, "sorcery, charm" (Vieyra), L *facticus*, made by art, applied by early Port travellers to native amulets, etc, on Guinea coast (cf *joss*, *palaver*) Cf OF. *factis*, well-formed, elegant, whence ME *fetous* (Chauc A 273)

Strawen rings called fatissos or gods (Purch)

The aforesaid king on whom alone the fitezzas of the Baccaraus [= whites, "buckras"] had no power (Roberts, *Voyages*, 1726)

fetlock ME *fellak*, *fyllak* Now associated with *lock*¹, tuft of hair, but earlier prob with *lock*², fastening, cf hist of the almost synon *pasteren* (q v), and Ger *fessel*, fetter, fetlock Cf LG *fitlock*, Ger dial *fisslock* First element is *foot*, second is usu explained as formative suffix, but may very well be *lock*¹.

fetter AS *feter*, cf Du *veten*, lace, earher, chain, MHG *fesser* (replaced by *fessel*), ON. *fiðlar* From *foot*, cf L *pedica* and *compes*, fetter, from *pes*, foot

fettle As in *fine fettle* From dial verb *fettle*, to make ready, etc Perh from AS *fetel*, belt, as the verb is used reflex in ME. with sense like to *gird oneself* (cf to *buckle to*) AS *fetel* is ult cogn with *vat* and Ger *fassen*, to grasp, embrace.

fetus Incorr *fortus* L, offspring, cogn with *felix*, happy

feu [leg] Sc form of *fee* (q v), OF *fin*, fief See *Bride of Lammermoor*, ch. xii.

Demi Espagne vus voelt en fin duner (Rol 432)

Lord Leverhulme does not intend charging any feu duty for the sites

(*Sund Times*, Jan 26, 1919).

feud¹ Vendetta Early Sc *fede* (14-15 cent), OF *faide*, OHG *fēhida* (*fēhde*); cf AS *fēhth*, enmity (see *foe*) Adopted in E in 16 cent, with unexplained alteration to *feud* This can hardly be due to association with *feud*², a later and learned word never in popular use

feud² Fief MedL *feudum*, *feodum* (10 cent) See *fee*, *feu*, *fief*. The ending may be OHG *ōd*, wealth, property, as in *allodial* (q v), a word belonging to the same region of ideas With *feudal* cf F *féodal* This group of words is of fairly late appearance in E, having been introduced from MedL by the jurists and antiquaries of the 16-17 cents

feu de joie F, fire of joy, orig bonfire

feuille-morte F, dead leaf

feuilleton F, dim of *feuille*, leaf. Esp applied in F to the short story or serial with which newspapers filled up after the fall of Napoleon left them short of war news This was the beginning of Dumas' and Eugène Sue's long novels

fever AS. *fēfer*, L *febris* Adopted by most Europ langs, e.g. F *fièvre*, It. *febbre*, Ger. *fieber*, etc Hence *feverfew*, AF *sewerfue*, Late L *febrifugia*, *febrifuge* (*fugare*, to put to flight), from med use, cf AS *fēferfuge*.

few AS *fēawe* (pl) Com Teut, cf OSax *fāh*, OHG *fāo*, ON *fār*, Goth *fawar* (pl), cogn with L *paucus* With jocular a *few* now gen US, perh after F *un peu*, cf US *some*

fey [Sc] Of excitement supposed to presage death AS *fāge*, doomed, timid Com Teut, cf Du *veeg*, OHG *feig* (Ger. *feig*, cowardly), ON *feigr*, perh cogn with L *piger*, sluggish

I was but thinkin' you're fey, McKimmon (Kipling, *Bread upon the Waters*)

fez F, Turk *fes*, from *Fez* in Morocco

fiance F, p p of *fiancer*, to betroth, from OF *fiance*, pledge, from *fier*, to trust, L *fidere*, from *fides*, faith Thus F. word, variously "pronounced," has practically expelled *betrothed*

fianchetto [chess] It, little flank (attack).

fiasco F, It, lit *boile* (see *flask*), in phrase *far fiasco*, said to be from slang of Venet.

filic From L. *filix* *filic* fern

filigrane *filigree* Earlier *filigreen* F *filigrane* It *filigrana* from L. *filum* thread *granum* grain bead

filoque [*theol*] L. and from the Son Claus in Nicene Creed which separates Eastern Church from Western

fill AS *fyllan* Aryan (see *full*) Noun *fill* AS *fylio* (cf Ger *fülle*) occurs from earliest period only in to *drinck* (have etc) *one s fill* cf a *fill* of tobacco To *fill the bill* is orig theat allusive to large letters for the star performer

fillet I *filet* dim of *fil* thread L. *filum* cf It *fietto* Sp *filete* First E sense is head band partly due to associat on with *phylacteria* (vi) then narrow strip eg of meat

phylact *titta* *plylatonum* (P mpt P ro)

filibeg See *filibeg*

filip Imit of sound and movement Lengthened form of *flap* (cf *chirp chirrup*) Lighter than *flap flop*

cf *q a d* a *filip* *flirt* or *bob* given with the *6 ger o a le* (Cotg)

filly ON *fylya* fern of *foli* foil (q v)

film AS *filnen* membrane prepence cogn with *fell* cf AS *ðgerfelna* skin of e g Present use (cinema) is from photography **filoselle** F It *filosello* corrupted after *flo* thread from VL *foli cellus* for *folliculus* cocoon dim of *folis* bag Cf Mod Prov *fousel* cocoon

filus llo a k d f o rse silk whi h w e ll *filsetta* o fl uret silk (Flo)

filter F *filtra* It *filto* ModL *fillun* felt (q v)

fe t f l t two alter a p o e of *f l t* or thick wood n loti t distill st a n th gs through (Cotg)

filth AS *ffilth* from *fo d* (q v)

finbria L fringe (q v)

fin AS *finn* cf Du *ten* cogn with I *pinna* feather fin

final F L *finalis* from *finis* end Cf *finale* It adj orig of music

finance I from OF *prier* to end settle from *fi* L *finis* In OF & MF esp ransom levy (cf *fi s*) Mod sense also arose fir t in F (17-18 cents) esp in connection with the tax farmers or *financiers*

finch AS *finc* Com Teut though not recorded in ON & Goth cf Du *vinck* (er *finck* Sw *fi k* Dan *finke* Cogn with F *pinson* It *pincone* Welsh *pinck* (*pen* γγos cf E dial *pink* *sp nh*

find VS *findan* Com Teut cf Du *vinden* Ger *finden* ON *finna* Goth *fintha* Sense of supply as in *well fo i l to fin t one in* etc is very old (v i) perh imitated from AF use of *trouwer*

Pu po res etc i is a lesrol tro ts ten (IV ll of Lady Cla 355)

And e erm un to th t d v i d v

It me fi w i b f m three fynd (Ch A 24 2 Ar t s ve lo M)

fin de siècle F end of century Much used in the last decade of the 19th century

App first in title of comedy *Paris fin de siècle* produced at the Gymnase Tch 1890

fine Noun F *fin* end L *fin* cf It *fine* Sp *fin* Ong sense only in *fine* (cf F *enfin*) In MedL & ML also final agreement settlement by payment etc whence mod sen e

fine Adj F *fin* VL **finus* back i rma tion from *finire* to *fini h* cf It Sp *fino* Borrowed also by all Teut langs (e g Du *veyn* Ger *fein*) F has kept orig sense of delicate subtle (cf *fi sse*) which survives in our *fine distinct on too fine a point* (*ee edge*) *fine-drawn* lit invisibly men led etc The expression *one of the e fine day* in which the adj is now purely expletive has parallel is in most Europ langs

finesse F delicacy subtlety See *fin*

finger AS *fige* Com Teut cf Du *uin er* Ger *finger* ON *fingr* Goth *fignrs* To have a *fi ger* in implies a le s active participation than to have a *hand* in *Finger-print* in crim sense is not in VL D For *finger stall* see *stall* At *one s fing s ends* is allusive to elementary m thod of calculation (cf synon F *si k bout du doigt*)

fy gvr stall *digit l* (Calk Angl)

finering Wool for stocking Farther *fin gram* F *fin ain* Cf *program transfer*

final [*arch*] F var of *final* suggested by n merous words in tal

finical Recorded (1592) ea her than *finiki* (1661) whch suggests obs Du *fykens* perfectè exactè ad unguem connuè bellè (Kul) In any case ult from *fine* F *nich* is back formation

finus L end

finush ME *fe iss* OF *fini fen s* L *finis* e on whch it is now respelt lke F *finir* Cf *fi ile* L p p *finius*

Finn AS *Finnas* (pl) cf ON *Finnr* Sw Dan Ger *Fin e* L *Fen i* (Tac) G

fiend AS *fēond* Com Teut, cf Du *vijand*, Ger *feind*, ON *fjānde*, Goth *fijands* Orig pres part of *fēogan*, to hate For formation cf *friend* Already in AS applied to Satan, the gen sense, preserved in Ger *feind*, being taken by cogn *foe* and borrowed *enemy*

fierce OF *fiers*, nom of *fier*, proud, valiant, L *ferus*, wild (see *feral*?) The unusual survival of the nom is due to its common use as an epithet of the subject

fieri facias [leg] L, cause it to be done, in sheriff's writ Cf *habeas corpus*, *venue facias*

fiery See *fire*

fife Ger *pfeife* See *pipe*, and cf F *fifre*, piper, Ger *pfeifer* Many Ger musicians are found at E court in 15-16 cents Hence *fife-nail* (naut), see *fiddle*

Forthwith came a French man being a plipher, in a little boate, playing on his pliph the tune of the Prince of Orange his song (Hakl v 129)

Fifteen [hist] Jacobite rising of 1715 Cf *Forty-five*

fifth monarchy Last of five empires prophesied by Daniel (ii 44) In 17 cent associated with millennium, hence *fifth-monarchy-man*, anarchist zealot

fig¹ Fruit F *figue*, Prov *figa*, VL **fica*, for *ficus* From latter come AS *fic*, OF *fi*, It *fico*, Sp *higo* Cf Ger *feige*, Du *vijg*, from Prov or It *A fig for* is imitated from similar use of It *fico*, the word being used in its secondary (and obscene) sense Spec use of *fig-leaf* dates from Garden of Eden

A fico for the phrase (*Merry Wives*, 1 3)

fig² [slang] Dress For obs *feague* (see *fake*) Hence to *fig out*, full *fig*, the latter prob also associated with *figure*

fight AS *feohtan*, cf Du, *vechten*, Ger *fechten* To show *fight*, *fight shy*, are both prob from the prize-ring or cock-fighting To *fight aloof* was formerly used for the latter

figment L *figmentum*, from *fig-*, root of *ingere*, to fashion Cf *fiction*

figurant F, It *figurante* See *figure*

figure F, L *figura*, form, shape, from *fig-*, root of *ingere*, to fashion, cf It Sp *figura*. Philo- & scient senses are due to L *figura* being used to render G *σχήμα*, but sense of numerical symbol is esp E To *cut* (earlier *make*) a *figure* is after F *faire figure*

Fig use of naut *figure-head* is late 19 cent figurine F, It *figurina*, dim of *figura*

figwort Supposed to cure the *fig*, pop name for piles, from *fig*¹, cf *pile-wort*.

filacer [leg] Filer of writs, from obs *filace*, *file*² (q v).

filament F, Late L *filamentum*, from *filum*, thread

filbert AF *philbert*, ME *philliberd* (Gower), because ripe about St *Philibert's Day* (Aug 22) Cf Ger *Lambertsmiss*, *filbert*, prob Lombardy nut (cf *walnut*), but associated with St *Iambert* (Sep 17), cf also Ger *Johannisbeere*, red currant (St *John's Day*, June 24), and see *jenneting* *Noir de filbert* is the Norm name The Saint's name is OHG *Filu-berht*, very bright

filch Thieves' slang (16 cent) *File* occurs in same sense, ? cf F. *filou*, pickpocket. *filouter*, to filch

file¹ Tool. Mercian form *fil* of AS *fēol*, cf Du *vijl*, Ger *feile*

file² For papers F. *fil*, thread, L *filum* Cf AF *afiler*, to file

file a thread or wyer, whereon writs are fastened for the more safe keeping of them (Cowell)

file³ Of soldiers F, from *files*, to spin out, arrange one behind another, L *filare*, from *filum* (v s) Hence *rank* and *file*, body of men measured lengthways and depthways, *Indian file*, one treading in the footsteps of the other

file the strut line soldiers make that stand one before another, which is the depth of the battalion or squadron, and thus distinguish'd from the *rank*, where the men stand side by side, and make the length of the battalion or squadron (*Mil Dict* 1768)

file⁴ [archaic] Defile¹ (q v) Echo of *March* in 1

file⁵ As used by the Artful Dodger (*Oliver Twist*, ch xiii), may be ME *file*, fellow, wench, F *fille* For double sex cf *harlot* See also *filch*

filemot, philamot Colour Corrupt of *feuille morte* (q v)

filial Late L *filialis*, from *filius*, son, cf *filiation* See also *feminine*

filbeg, philbeg Highland kilt Gael *filleadh*, fold, *beagh*, small First element perh from L *velum*, second appears in names *Begg*, *Baugh*, and cogn Welsh *Bach*, *Vaughan*

filbuster Ult Du *vrijbouter*, freebooter, (q v), the relation of E *filbuster*, earlier *fibutor*, F *fiburster*, earlier *fiburster*, and Sp *fibustero* being uncertain For an original -s- cf *roister*. In US obstructionist politician, much used Feb 1917. *fibusters* West Indian pirates, or bucaners, freebooters (*Dict Cant Crew*)

fist AS *fyst* WGer cf Du *vuisst* Ger *faust* *Fisticuff* from *cuff*² as for earlier *handicuff* the latter suggested by *handi* work Quot 1 is an early example of the slang sense of handwriting

At r hand 1

Y a It is good runing fist (Wank d c. 475)

A d w t e s s d t b r d i l p e f e c t s

By handy-cuffs a d m a l d c t i o n s

(Ward H d h R d 17 5)

fistula L pipe flute replacing earlier *fistula* cf *fester*

fit¹ [archaic] Division of poem AS *fit* Cf latinized OSav *villca* in preface to the *Heiland* Perh cogn with Ger *fit*. OHG *fi* a fixed numbers of threads of yarn counted and made into skein

Th Hunti g i l l S ark an agony in t fits
(Lewi Carr II)

fit Paroxysm AS *fit* conflict (only in Caedmon) In ME position of hardship fanciful experience From 16 cent paroxysm etc Hence *by fits* (a i d s l a i s) etc *Fifful* a favourite word with 19 c nt poets is due to solitary occurrence in Shaks *life s fifful feter* (Wach III 2)

fit² Suitable etc First found 1440 (v 1) Hence verb (16 cent) and later noun e.g. a good fit ME *fit* to arr v troops only in *Morte Artilure* (c 1400) may be the same word In ref to clothes etc partly due to common misprating of *sit* (*sit*) to be come as in *the coat sits well* Origin obscure main sense app due to ME *fete* adapted (see *feat*) e.g. *Fit so treasons stratage ns and spoils* (Mereh of 1 e 1 v) exactly represents L *factu ad* For it of benefit

Byt o mite q us co gru s (P ompt Paris)

My garments sit upon m m ch f at than before
(Temp II 1)

fitch For *catch* (Is xxvi 1 25)

fitch fitchew Polecat its hair etc OF *fissel* *fissat* d m of word found in obs. Du as *fisse* *esse* prob from ON *fissa* to stink *fissa* a fitch or f mart (Cotg)

fitful See *fit*

fitz AF *fiz* F *filis* L *filus* Used regularly in all offic rolls compiled in ME its survival in mod names being a matter of chance

five AS *fif* Aryan cf Du *vijf* Ger *funf* (OHG *fins*) ON *fimn* Goth *fi f* L *quinqve* C *πνυτε* *πνυ* Sanskrit *pānc* O Welsh *pump* I has lost the nasal before the s quant as in *other* With game

of *fives* cf pu il bunch of *fives* *fist* and F *jeu de paume* (palm) orig hand tennis but the game is app much older than the pu il witticism

fix From L *figere* *fix* cf F *fixer* It *fixare* Much used in US esp *fixings* adjuncts of any kind *Fix* predicament is also US *Fixure* for *fixure* L *fixura* is die to mixture

fixig In various senses from *fix* and *g* *g* (q v) In sense of harpoon corruptly *fishig* from Sp Port *fig* from *figa* to catch fish with a sp are (Minsh) ? VL *fixicare* cf *gig*²

fizz Imit cf *h* *le*

fizzle Orig sine fragore pedere cf ON *fisa* pedere whence obs L *fise* *fist* 1 same sense To *f* *l* out is orig of a wet fire work etc ? Cf to *peter* out

flabbergast Quoted as new slang word in Annual Regi L r (1772) Arbitrary formation on *flap* or *flabby* and *agha* 1 cf 1 1 *bol acious* (bold x a *ulac* 1 s)

flabby For earlier *flappy* with suggestion of increased languor *mpass e* to grow fl ppy with ed or wmspl d (H r)

flabell From VL *flabellum* fan from *flare* to blow

flaccid L *flaccidus* from *flac* 1 s fl bly having hanging eares (Coo) Hence Horace s cognomen

flacon F see *fla* on

flag¹ Plant MF *flagge* *flag* cf Dan *flag* Du *flag* Ierh connected with *flax* (q v) to cut cf L *gladiolus* Ger *chwert* *hile* sworil hly and hist of *sedg* (q) *flag* Idem q od s sz (P ompt Paris)

flag² Banner to droop Both appear in 11 cent and are prob of unit origin cf *fl* *fl* *ker* etc There has also been association with *fo* 2 e.g. the *flag* or the *flag* fedens (of a ha l) (Book of St Alban 149) and in the case of the v rb wtl OF *flague* *flaccid* *Flag* banner esp naut has been adopted into all Teut langs but is app. of L origin

flag³ Stone Orig slice of turf etc as st ll in F Angl ON *flig* spot where a turf has been cut *flag* slab of stone cf *flake* *flaw* *flay* and *fla*

Flag *fl* the orth te *reclum* *esper* (Prompt F re)

flagellant From pres part of L *fla* *ela* from *flagellum* d m of *fagrum* scorrig The sect of *Flagellans* appeared in 13 cent

flageolet¹ Musical instrument F, dim of OF *flageol*, *flajol*, Prov *flaujol* Origin unknown, but ult connection with *flute* and L *flave*, to blow, seems likely

flageolet² Kidney-bean Corrupted F dim of *faséole*, L *phascolus*, from *phaselus*, G *φάσηλος*, cf It. *fagiolo*

fascoles fasels, long peason, kidney beans (Cotg)

flagitate From L *flagitare*, to demand urgently, prob cogn with next word, though the connection is obscure

flagitious L *flagitiosus*, from *flagitium*, crime
flagion ME *flakon*, F *flacon*, OF *flascon*, cf Late L *flascon-* See *flask*

flagrant From pies part of L *flagrare*, to burn With *flagrant offence*, "flaming into notice" (Johns), cf *burning shame* See also *delict*

flail OF *flaël* (*fléau*), L *flagellum*, scourge, cf It *fragello*, Sp *flagelo* Replaced AS *fligel*, from L, cf Du *vleigel*, Ger *flegel*, also from L It seems curious that the Teut races should have borrowed so simple an instrument from Rome, but app they trod their corn (see *thrash*) before they learnt from the Romans

flair F, scent (of hound), from *flairei*, to scent, VL **flagrare*, by dissim from *fragrare* See *fragrant*

flake First of snow (Chauc) Cf ON *floke*, flock of wool, Ger *flocke* (OHG *flohho*), flock of wool, flake of snow, both prob from L *floccus* (see *flock*²), so also F *floc*, flock of wool, *flocon*, snow-flake. This early loan of the Teut langs from L is prob due to the importation of feathers, down and geese from the north under the Roman Empire, cf *pillow* and Ger *flaum*, down, L *pluma* Other senses of *flake* suggest connection with *flay* (q v) or with Du *vlak*, flat Prob several distinct words are represented

The old woman's plucking her geese
And selling the feathers a penny a piece
(Child's snow-storm rime)

flam, **flim-flam** Humbug Prob *flam* is the older, cf *fible-fable* in same sense, and see *reduplication* *Flam* may be short for *flamfiew* (Sc), trifle, gew-gaw, OF *fanfelue* (*fanfeluche*), MedL *fanfaluca*, bubble, G *ρομφάλλυς*

rio'e a flimflam, idle discourse, tale of a tub
(Cotg)

flam a trick, or sham-story (*Dict Cant Crew*)

flambeau F, dim of *flambe*, flame Cf

flamboyant, orig arch, with flame like tracery.

flame OF. (*flambe*, *flamme*), L *flamma*, ² cogn with *flagrare*, to burn, ² or with *flave*, to blow Early applied to love, but mod half-jocular use (*an old flame*) is prob direct from 17 cent F, *flamme* and *âme* riming in the F classics almost as regularly as *herz* and *schmerz* in Ger lyric. The adoption of the word in Teut (Du *vlam*, Ger *flamme*) is curious The Teut name is represented by AS *līeg*, Ger *lohe*, cogn with L *lux*, *luc-*, light

flamen L, priest, of obscure origin.

flamingo Sp. *flamenco* or Port *flamengo*, lit Fleming, the choice of the name being due either to a kind of pun on *flame* or to the medieval reputation of the Flemings for bright dress and florid complexion (*Cervantes*), cf Prov *flamenc*, F *flamant*, the latter with suffix substitution as in *Flammand*, Fleming

Un phœnicoptère qui en Languedoc est appele flamman (Rab i 37)

flamenco a flaming, a kind of bird like a shoveler, Belga (Percy v all)

flammenwerfer [*hist*] Ger, flame-thrower, a Kultur-word from 1915 See *flame*, *warp*

flanconnade [*fenc*] F, side-thrust, from *flanc*, flank

flange Also *flanch* App connected with OF. *flanche*, fem form of *flanc*, side ² Or from OF *flangir*, mod dial *flancher*, to bend, turn, which is of Teut origin and ult cogn with *flank*

Creeping along rocky flanges that overlooked awful precipices (O Henry)

flank F *flanc*, OHG *hlancha*, hip, cogn with AS *hlanc*, lank, slender For change of init *h-* to *f-* cf *frock* (q v) and OF epic hero *Floovent*, OHG *Hlodowing* In E chiefly mil

flannel Earlier (16 cent) also *flannen*, which is prob the orig form Welsh *gwlanen*, from *gwlan*, wool Adopted in most Europ langs For *flannelette* cf *velveteen*, *satinette*, etc

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flageolet¹ Musical instrument F, dim of OF *flageol*, *flajol*, Prov *flajol* Origin unknown, but ult connection with *flute* and L *flare*, to blow, seems likely

flageolet² Kidney-bean Corrupted F dim of *faséole*, L *phaseolus*, from *phaselus*, G φάσηλος, cf It *fagiolo*

fascoles fasels, long peason, kidney beans (Cotg)

flagitate From L *flagitare*, to demand urgently, prob cogn with next word, though the connection is obscure

flagitious L *flagitiosus*, from *flagitium*, crime

flagon ME *flakon*, F *flacon*, OF *flascon*, cf Late L *flasco-n-* See *flask*

flagrant From pres part of L *flagrare*, to burn With *flagrant offence*, "flaming into notice" (Johns), cf *burning shame* See also *delict*

flail OF *flavel* (*fléau*), L *flagellum*, scourge, cf It *fiagello*, Sp *flagelo* Replaced AS *figel*, from L, cf Du *vlegel*, Ger *flegel*, also from L It seems curious that the Teut races should have borrowed so simple an instrument from Rome, but app they trod their corn (see *thrash*) before they learnt from the Romans

flair F, scent (of hound), from *flaver*, to scent, VL **flagrare*, by dissim from *fragrare* See *fragrant*

flake First of snow (Chauc) Cf ON *floke*, flock of wool, Ger *flocke* (OHG *flohho*), flock of wool, flake of snow, both prob from L *flocus* (see *flock*²), so also F *floc*, flock of wool, *flocon*, snow-flake. This early loan of the Teut langs from L is prob due to the importation of feathers, down and geese from the north under the Roman Empire, cf *pillow* and Ger *flaum*, down, L *pluma* Other senses of *flake* suggest connection with *flay* (q v) or with Du *vlak*, flat Prob several distinct words are represented

The old woman's plucking her geese
And selling the feathers a penny a piece
(Child's snow storm rune).

flam, flim-flam Humbug Prob *flam* is the older, cf *fible-fable* in same sense, and see *reduplication* *Flam* may be short for *flamjew* (Sc), trifle, gew-gaw, OF *fanfelue* (*fanfreluche*), MedL *fanfaluca*, bubble, G πομφόλυξ

riote a flimflam, idle discourse, tale of a tub (Cotg)

flam a trick, or sham story (Dict Cant Crew)

flambeau F, d.m of *flambe*, flame Cf

flamboyant, orig. arch, with flame like tracery

flame OF (*flambe*, *flamme*), L *flamma*, ? cogn with *flagrare*, to burn, ? or with *flare*, to blow Early applied to love, but mod half-jocular use (*an old flame*) is prob direct from 17 cent F., *flamme* and *âme* riming in the F classics almost as regularly as *herz* and *schmerz* in Ger lyric. The adoption of the word in Teut (Du *vlam*, Ger *flamme*) is curious The Teut name is represented by AS *lieg*, Ger *lohe*, cogn with L *lux*, *luc-*, light.

flamen L, priest, of obscure origin

flamingo Sp *flamenco* or Port *flamingo*, lit Fleming, the choice of the name being due either to a kind of pun on *flame* or to the medieval reputation of the Flemings for bright dress and florid complexion (Cervantes), cf Prov *flamenc*, F. *flamant*, the latter with suffix substitution as in *Flamand*, Fleming

Un phœnicoptère qui en Languedoc est appelé flammant (Rab 1 37)

flamenco a flaming, a kind of bird like a shorelark, Belga (Percyvall)

flammenwerfer [Just] Ger, flame-thrower, a Kultur-word from 1915 See *flame*, *uarp*

flanconnade [*fenc*] F, side-thrust, from *flanc*, flank

flange Also *flanch*. App connected with OF. *flanche*, fem form of *flanc*, side ? Or from OF *flangr*, mod dial *flancher*, to bend, turn, which is of Teut origin and ult cogn with *flank*

Creeping along rocky flanges that overlooked awful precipices (O. Henry)

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fight AS *flyht* from *fly* (q v) also from *flee* (q v) early confused Cf Du *sligt* in both senses 1 hile Ger distinguishes *flüg* (fly) and *flucht* (flee) With *flightly* cf *voigt* etc

fumsy ? From *fumfles* ; with ending as in *tipsy* Later senses suggest association with *film* App a cant word But Spurrell has Welsh *llyms* in same sense app a genuine old Welsh word (cf *flummery* for nut fl) Example below is a little earlier than *NED*

fl may flabby not firm sound or solid
(Dist Cant C gr)

flech¹ To give way Earlier flech nasalized
form of ME flecho OF flechier (replaced
by flechir) ? VL flexicare from L. flex
to bend

funch¹ See *fench*

finders Splinters Also flitters Cf. Norw
dial *finler* Du *finner* Ger *finler* *fistler*
perl cogn with *find* used of splinter of
stone Almost always with *n*.

The tough ash is so stout and true
I to a thousand finders will lay it

fling ʌl ɒn fɛŋgə but as this is weak only the ʌ verb supposes a strong fling of which fɛŋgə would be the regular causal. The ʌl intrans sense appears in to fling out (in a passion) also in Highland fɛŋg to lace (earlier lake) one's fling For fling is due to ʌ helping a fa flinn, batt e (ne (Recetclow D)

fust AS *f* nt of obs Du *ri* nt OLG *f* nt
 Du *f* nt Sw *f* nt^s cogn. with G *ma* for
 tile and ult with *spl*nt With Cer *f* nt
 musket *f* nt lock (from Du) cf *pe* nt nt

flap¹ Light blow See flap first fl f Of
these flap is prob the first in date With
f pper of seal, of fapye of turtle Also
11 redupl fl p-flap fl pperly fappery

sup⁸ As in *ek* *f* *o* App a sailors word
Perh for *Pā* *l* *f* The example below sug-
gests a curious parall | to *gr*

1. 1st and 2nd of small tree (hard) a fibrous
 sweet and used upon occasion a bit of
 (likely) 1st and 2nd of small tree (hard)
 it is a tree (or a kind of tree) with
 more than 10 and 12 feet high and
 (1st of 1st of 1st)

flippant Orig nimble alert as st l in dial
App from verb to flip with suffix post
adopted from 1 e - and of heralds (and
and herald etc) Cf 1 1 1 1 1

flirt In 16-1 cents, used of a light low
 jerk (cf. to flit a fly). I have just given

App of imit. origin with LE parallels
Applied to a person often spelt *flut* it
had a much stronger sense than now. In
its latest de elopment (15 cent in VED)
influenced by OI *fluteler* slightly to
run lightly to passe ver only to touch a
thing in going by it (metr) basically from
the little bees nimbly skipping from flower
to flower as she feeds) (Cotg) For the
phonetics cf *fl* i obs form *f* *flret*
(*flret*) and *c* ss *f* i for *crot flurede*
(her) Quot 5 is much earli r than VED
records of the verb in current sense

Diogenes furcata (Mont) Hochst. du p. 1. Ac
spider (Flor. s. M. et a. g. u. r.)

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Negative baggage que DII punk fart (Cotg)
Do not fart. fly from one thing to another

 $(NF)_{\mathcal{D}} \rightarrow 0$

I m e h e w i l l c o m e p l o y o w i t h b a n d t h
riding ft writing (? = standing fisting and
fisting by the way will be such as every exterior
will tak e of it (Hollander MSS 1614)

flit ON flyts cogn. with fleet Orig. also
trans to remo e Moon ght flitting is
from spec &c use of flt which is how
ever still in f

1. What is the main purpose of the study?

Batch AS fin et ON f 44 whence f
fil he See also *Dunsmuir* whose famous
Batch is mentioned in *Piers P. Pl.*

flatter See *fla. deriva*

fluttermouse [d al] Bat Cf Du slide mus
+ er mus Ger fledermans eggs with fl
rute fl e

Boat AS for an cogn with fast and ON
 it is el Da 1st Ger f fast In
 fluenced by synon Γ fu which is L
 flatus : front fu lus wave affected b
 O's f as With to f at a company of :
 Launch an enterprise

flocculent See *f* 241

flock Of sheep AS f^{ae} herd look of
 men of ON f^{id} Not f^{und} in other
 Tent. large Cogn with Tent f^u
 whence OF f^{ale} f^{ue} herd in Intense
 etc

flock? Of wool I f^u L f^uau. See falk
 flee First used by Arch. O'Neil c 1800
 Any connect with ON? 43 layer ex
 p^uure w^uore w^uer f^u layer tralom
 but exa t w^uore w^ustl f^uan f^u21
 fle should give fa The early voyagers
 use falk (f^uer f^ulk flat e purv) or
 land of f^u

in the ear is found also in F & Ger, but in somewhat different sense

He standeth now as he had a flea in his ear
(Heywood, *Proverbs*, 1562)

fleam Vet's lancet OF *steme* (*flamme*), Late L *flebotomum* (see *phlebotomy*), cf Du *vluy-n*, Ger *fleete* (OHG *fletuma*) An early med word found in most Europ langs

flèche Term in fort, spire F *flèche*, arrow, prob Celt

fleck First in pp *flecked*, parti-coloured (*Piers Plowm* and Chauc) ON *flekkr*, spot, cf Du *vlek*, Ger *fleck*, spot, these also topogr, place, hamlet

fledge Orig adj, ready to fly Kentish form of AS *flycge*, only recorded in *unflygge*, unfledged WGer, cf Du *vlug*, Ger *flugge*, a LG form for HG *fluck*, *fluck*, cogn with *fly*

flee AS *flēon*. Com Teut; cf Du *vlieden* (earlier *lieden*), Ger *fliehen*, ON *flya*, Goth *ihluhan* The Goth init points to Teut *ihl-* and hence an origin quite distinct from *fly* (q v), but the verbs were already confused in AS The strong inflexions (cf Ger *floh*, *geflohen*) were replaced in ME by the weak *fled*

fleece AS *flēos* WGer, cf Du *vlies*, Ger *vlies*, prob cogn with L *pluma* The Golden Fleece (Austria & Spain) was instituted at Bruges (1430) by Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy Verb to *fleece* does not appear to have ever been used in other than fig sense

fleer To deride, etc Gen associated in use with *jeer*, *leer*, *sneer*. ? Scand, cf Norw. *flire*, to grin ? Or ident with Du *fleer*, blow on the face (cf sense-development of *gird*?)

She has spat on the ancient chivalries of battle; she has fleered at the decent amenities of diplomacy (S Coleridge in *Sat Rev* Dec 8, 1917)

fleet¹ [naut] AS *flēot*, ship, cogn with fleet⁴, cf Ger *floss*, raft. For collect sense cf converse case of F. *navire*, ship, in OF fleet In 16 cent usu *flote*, after F *flotte*, from Teut

fleet². Creek, brook Common in place-names AS *flēot*, cogn with fleet⁴, cf Du *liet*. Hence the Fleet prison, standing near the Fleet brook or ditch, which flows into Thames near Ludgate Hill In 18 cent. this was frequented by disreputable parsons prepared to marry people without inquiry Hence *Fleet marriages*

flete a prison for partyimen consergent (Palsg)

fleet³ Adj ON *flyōtr*, swift, cogn with fleet⁴

fleet⁴ Verb. AS *flēotan*, to float, drift. Com Teut; cf Du *vlieten*, Ger *fluessen*, to flow, ON *flōla*; cogn with L *fluere*, to rain, G *πλέειν*, to sail Hardly in mod use exc in adj *fleeing*

Flemish Du *vlaamsch* (earlier *vlaemisch*), of Flanders In several naut terms, eg *flemish coil*. The lang is Du

fench, fense, finch To strip blubber from dead whale Dan *flensē*

A dog-toothed laugh laughed Reuben Paine, and bared his fenching-knife
(Kipling, *Three Sealers*)

flesh AS *flāsc* WGer, cf Du *vlesch*, Ger *fleisch* ON *flesk* is swine's flesh only, which may have been orig meaning, ? cf. *fitch*. In food sense, replaced, exc in dial, by *meat* With to *flesh one's sword* cf earlier to *flesh* (also to *blood*) hounds, *hacks*, used like F *acharner* (from L *ad carrer*) *Fleshpot*, as emblem of physical well-being, is after *Ex* xvi 3

He has fleshed and accustomed to kyll men, i, he shepe il est aschayrné. (Palsg)

fletcher [hist] Arrow-smith OF *flecher* (see *flèche*) The *Fletchers* are still one of the City Livery Companies

fleur-de-lis Earlier *flower de luce*. Sing. of F *fleurs de lis*, flowers of lilies, where *lis* is OF pl of *lil*, L *lilium* As emblem in royal arms of France perh orig a spear or sceptre-head

fleury, flory [her] F. *fleurd*, tipped with *fleurs-de-lis*

flews Hanging chaps of hound Origin un known

flex [neol] Covered wire connecting electric lamp L *flexus* (v 1)

flexible F, L *flexibilis*, from *flectere*, *flect*, to bend

fibbertgibbet. ? Imit of chattering. Earlier also *fibbergib* (Latimer). According to Harsnet (1603) *Fraterello*, *Fliberdigibet*, *Hoberdudance*, *Tocaballo* were four devils of the morris-dance (see *Lear*, iv 1) The name may contain an allusion to *gibbet* and be of the gallow-bird type

flick Imut; cf F. *fluc*, *flustac*
flicker AS *flicerian*, imit. of a lighter movement than dial *flacker*. Orig. of birds, to flutter, mod sense being rare before recent.

Above hur heed hur doves flickerunge
(Chauc. A 1923)

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flotilla Sp, dim of *flota*, fleet The latter has affected F *flotte*, which in OF meant army only Both are app of Teut origin and cogn with *float*

flotsam Earlier *flotson*, AF *floteson*, F. *flottaison*, from *flotter*, to float Cf *jetsam*

Flotson, alias *flotsam*, is a word proper to the seas, signifying any goods that by shipwreck be lost, and lye floating, or swimming upon the top of the water, which with *jelson* and *lagan* be given to the Lord Admirall, by his letters patent *Jelson* is a thing cast out of the ship being in danger of wrecke, or cast on the shore by the mariners *Lagan*, alias *lagam* vel *ligan*, is that which lyeth in the bottome of the sea (Cowell)

flounce¹ To plunge. Perh formed (16 cent) on *bounce*, *flop*; cf *flounder*²

flounce² On dress For earlier *frounce*, wrinkle, pleat, etc, OF *frounce* (whence *frounce* les *sourcils*, to knit the brows, frown), OHG **hrunza*, *runza* (cf ON *hrukka*), whence Ger *runzel*, wrinkle (q v) For initial f- cf *flank*, *frock*

Not trick'd and troum'd, as she was wont
With the Attie boy to hunt (*Penseroso*, 123)

flounder¹ Fish AF *floundre*, OF *flordre*, from Teut, cf ON *flythra*, Sw, Norw *flundra*, Dan *flynder*, ult cogn with *flat*

flounder² Verb Orig to stumble (of a horse) Prob for *founder*¹ (q v.), by association with *blunder* and dial *flodder*, to flounder

flour Orig *flower of wheat*, after F *fleur de farine*, "flower, or the finest meal" (Cotg) Mod spelling (from 18 cent) for convenience

flourish OF *florir* (*fleurir*), *floriss-*, VL **florire*, for *florēre*, to bloom, etc Trans use, e g to *flourish a weapon* (Wyc), is curious *Flourish of trumpets* springs from sense of florid ornamentation, etc

flout ? ME *flouten*, to play the flute, cf Du *fluiten*, to humbug Very doubtful, as *flout* expresses a much stronger idea

fluitan fistula canere, tibiis canere, et metaph mentiri, blandē dicere (Kil)

flow¹ Verb AS *flōan*, cogn with ON *flōa*, to flood, Du *vloeren*, to flow, and *flood*, also with L *pluere*, to rain Has been associated in sense with unrelated L *fluere* Orig strong with p p *flown*, as still in *high-flown* (q v)

Flown with insolence and wine (*Par. Lost*, 1 501)

flow² [Sc] Morass, quicksand ON *flōr*, cogn with *flow*¹ ? Hence *Scapa Flow* Stevenson has *floe* (*Pavilion on Links*)

flower OF *flour* (*fleur*), L *flos*, *flor-*, cogn with *blow*² and *bloom*, cf It *fiore*, Sp *flor* For *flower de luce* see *fleur-de-lis*

flowers [med] F *flours*, earlier *flueurs*, L *fluor*, from *fluere*, to flow

flu [neol] Influenza For choice of middle syllable cf *tec*, *scrip*

Coroner "Had the child had influenza?" Wit ness "No sir, but she'd had the flu" (June, 1919)

fluctuate From L *fluctuare*, from *fluctus*, wave, from *fluere*, to flow

flue¹ Fishing net Cf obs Du *winne*, now *flouw*, snipe-net Perh of F origin

flue¹ Passage chimney ? Due to some extraordinary confusion with *flue²* (q v) and the connection of both words with *cuniculus*. The words are of about same date (late 16 cent)

flue² Fluff Orig of rabbit hare etc Cf Flem *fluwe* prob connected with F *velu* woolly etc (see *velvet*)

fl of a *abb* t cu i uli vell (Litt.)

cu u l a c o y a c y burrow a hole o
p s age und gro d a l o g p p of still o
furnac (sb)

fluent From pres part of L *fluere* to flow cf *flu* d L *fluidus*. The two were not always distinguished

The most fl id p a her in the age t Queen El
b th (Wood *Athe as Oxon*)

fluff First in 18 cent (Grose) App on *flue²* and *puff* imitating sound of blowing away fluid See *fluent*

fluke¹ Flat fish AS *flōc* cf ON *flōke* ult cogn with Ger *flach* flat

fluke² Of anchor hence of whale's tail Said to be from *fluke¹* from shape but cf Ger *flanke* which Kluge regards as a common LG word for *flugel* wing Ger *ankerflugel* is used in same sense

äuf flügel a n em a ch r the flocks of an anchor (Ludw)

fluke³ Lucky stroke ? orig at billiards First c 1850 but found c 1800 in slang sense of *flat* one easily taken in fig from *fluke¹* (cf *fudgeon*)

flummery Welsh *llym* u sour oatmeal boiled and jellied Cf *Fluellen* *Floyd* (*Lloyd*) Fig sense from 18 cent

flummock [slang] First in *Pickwick* Given as cant word by Hotten (v i)

Flumm I signifies that the only th ug they
w uld be i k ly t get w uld be a month in q od
(*Sle g Dict*)

flump Imit combining suggestions of *flop* and *thump*

flunkey Orig Sc Perh for *flankey* side attendant with favourite Sc dim suffix Cf *sidesman*

flur [chem] L *fluor* from *fluere* to flow First used by G Agricola (1546) for Ger mining word *flusse* from *flies en* to flow

flurry Orig sudlen squall Imit with reminiscence of *flutter* *flaw* *hurry* and obs *flurr* to scatter whurr With quot below Cf the *flerry* death struggle of the whal

The b e l i r up of th minnows, whi h is the
l t fl y this season makes

(*Crypt* s E I s s d Per)

flush¹ To put up birds In ME intrans to fly up suddenly ? Imit with idea of *fly* *flutter* *rush*

flush² To flood Earlier (16 cent) to ru h spurt out Perh ident with *flush¹* but has absorbed earl er senses of *flash* (q v) In sense of blood rushing to face it has been influenced by *blush* In *flushed with vict ry* etc (see quot s v do bl) it has been associated with to *flesh* (v i) *Flush* of (money) prob belongs here (but see *flush³*) *Flush* level with is doubtful earliest in *fish deck* (Capt John Smith) A very puzzling word both origin and filiation of sen s being conjectural

Flesh d with l ghter and with conq eat er wn d
(Dryden)

flush Series of cards of same suit F *flur* L *fluxus* flow cf obs Du *fluys* obs It *flusso* both prob from F Urquhart renders Rabelai *flir* by *flusse*

fl ss a fliz Also a flush in play t cards (Flor)
pas s ss i fl x passo, I am not flush (Cotg)

flushing [archaic] Fabric for sailor's coat From *Flushing* (i liss ng n) ? place of manufacture ? or from being worn by Flushing pilots

fluster Orig to excite with drink Cf ModIceI *flau tra* to bustle

flute F *flûte* OF *flaute* *flaute* cf It *flauto* Sp *flauta* prob from F also Du *fluit* Ger *flöte* also from F Origin unknown The OF form suggests a VL *flauta* from *fla* o to blow For extended senses e g *fluted column* cf those of *pipe*

flutter AS *flite* ian from *flotin* to fleet Cf *flitter* *flicker* Used in AS also of motion of sea. For *flittering f dorecos* see *dore* Sense of venture (betting speculation etc) is 19 cent slang

fluvial I *fluvialis* from *fluvius* river from *fluere* to flow

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ModIcel. *flos*, nap, Dan *flos*, plush

flotation For *floatation*, after F *flottaison*
Cf *flotsam*

flotilla Sp, dim of *flota*, fleet The latter
has affected F *flotte*, which in OF meant
army only Both are app of Teut origin
and cogn with *flood*

flotsam Earlier *flotson*, AF *foleson*, F
flottarson, from *flotter*, to float Cf *jetsam*

Flotson, alias *flotzam*, is a word proper to the seas,
signifying any goods that by shipwreck be lost,
and ly e floating, or swimming upon the top of the
water, which with *jetsam* and *lagan* be given to the
Lord Admirall, by his letters patent *Jetsam* is a
thing cast out of the ship being in danger of wrecke,
or cast on the shore by the mariners *Lagan*, alias
lagam vel *lygan*, is that which lyeth in the bottome
of the sea (Cowel)

flounce¹ To plunge Perh formed (16 cent)
on *bounce*, *flop*, cf *flounder*²

flounce² On dress For earlier *frounce*,
wrinkle, pleat, etc, OF *fronce* (whence
froncer les sourcils, to knit the brows,
frown), OHG **hrunza*, *runza* (cf ON
hrukka), whence Ger *runzel*, wrinkle (q v).
For initial f- cf *flank*, *frock*

Not trick'd and frounc'd, as she was wont
With the Attic boy to hunt (*Penseroso*, 123)

flounder¹ Fish AF *floundre*, OF *flondre*,
from Teut, cf ON *flythra*, Sw, Norw
flundra, Dan *flynder*, ult *cogn with *flut*

flounder² Verb Orig to stumble (of a
horse) Prob for *founder*¹ (q v), by asso-
ciation with *blunder* and dial *fodder*, to
flounder

flour Orig *flower of wheat*, after F *fleur de
farine*, "flower, or the finest meal"
(Cotg) Mod spelling (from 18 cent) for
convenience

flourish OF *florir* (*fleurir*), *floriss-*, VL
**florire*, for *florere*, to bloom, etc Trans
use, e g to *flourish a weapon* (Wyc), is
curious *Flourish of trumpets* springs from
sense of florid ornamentation, etc

flout ? ME *flouten*, to play the flute, cf Du.
fluiten, to humbug Very doubtful, as
flout expresses a much stronger idea

fluyten fistula canere, tubis canere, et melap-
mentiri, blandè dicere (Kil)

flow¹ Verb AS *flōwan*, cogn with ON
flāa, to flood, Du *vloeden*, to flow, and
flood, also with L *pluere*, to rain Has been
associated in sense with unrelated L
fluere Orig strong with p p *flown*, as still
in *high-flown* (q v)

Flown with insolence and wine (*Par Lost*, 1 501)

flow² [Sc] Morass, quicksand ON *flōi*,
cogn with *flou*¹ ? Hence *Scapa Flow*
Stevenson has *floe* (*Pavilion on Largs*)

flower OF *flour* (*fleur*), L *flos*, *flor-*, cogn.
with *blow*² and *bloom*, cf It. *fiore*, Sp *flor*
For *flower de luce* see *fleur-de-lis*

flowers [med]. F *fleurs*, earlier *fluers*, L
flour, from *fluere*, to flow

flu [neol] Influenza For choice of middle
syllable cf *tec*, *scrip*

Coroner "Had the child had influenza?" Wit-
ness "No sir, but she'd had the flu" (*June*, 1913)

fluctuate From L *fluctuare*, from *fluctus*,
wave, from *fluere*, to flow

flue¹ Fishing net Cf obs Dr *rhuer*, now
flouw, snipe net Perh of F origin

olage *f* *foillage* from *feuille* leaf *L*
folia neut pl

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quarto duodecimo etc In book keeping
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cash etc

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folk division of army perh orig sense
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as exemplified in *sparrowgrass* (see *aspara*
gus) *grass cattle* (q v) *Plus Street* etc
Folk song is after *Ger volkslied* (q v)

Nous sommes l'el en p ése ce d'un thém essen
tiel me t folk lorique (*C* *Ilu t*)

follicle [*biol*] *L. folliculus* dim of *fol* is
bag etc See *fool*

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warm cherish from *foetere*

Those who are f rment g (si) discord t in Ireland
(*Tmes Oct 24 19 7*)

Outwardly calm b t inwardly a foment (sw) of
conducting emotions

(*h* *que W b ter U s s M* h xiv)

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application of *foo* cf *trifle syllabub* (q v)
sa ioli a ki d of cl ted cream called fool
or a trill (*Flor*)

foot *AS* *fof* *Aryan* cf *Du toet* *Ger fu s*
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cf to *take one's measure* phrases alluding
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from the shoemaker and tailor *Football*
is forbidden in a *Sc* statute of 1424

Footie ball wherm is th g but beastly f rie
and extrem len is to b put i perpet all
silence (*Elyot Governou* i 95)

footie Mod variation on dial *footer* to
trifle pottier *F foutre* See *footy*

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for *padder* from *Du pad* path way A
cant word Cf *h* *awayman*

Such as robbe on horse-b k w called high
l wy rs a d those wh rob d on foot be call d
p dders (*VED* 16)

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guile from rogues cant and orig used of
beggars shamming disease This can hardly

cf F *feuille volante*, Ger *flugschrift* With slang *fly*, wide awake, cf *no flies* (Hotten), but the word is perh rather connected with *fledge* (v.1) The study of *flying diseases* was mentioned in H of C, Feb 21, 1918, cf *housemaid's knee*, *painter's colic*, etc

*flug*¹ fledge,—volatil, quick, nimble

*flug*² quick, sharp, lively, smart (Sewel, 1766)

flyboat [*hist*] Du *vlieboot*, from the *Vlie*, channel leading to Zuyder Zee Sense altered on *fly*.

We have burned one hundred and sixty ships of the enemy within the Fly (Pepys, Aug 15, 1666)

foal AS *folā* Com Teut, cf Du *veulen*, Ger *fohlen* (usu. *füllen*), ON *foli*, Goth *fula*, cogn with L *pullus*, G *τῶλος* Cf *filly*

foam AS *fām*, cf Ger *feim*, scum; cogn with Sanskrit *phena*, foam, and perh with L *s-puma*

fob¹ In to *fob off* ME *fob*, impostor (*Piers Plowm*) Prob OF *foibe* (*fourbe*), cheat For loss of *-i-* cf *filemot* Fob² may be partly a thinned form, cf *bulk*, *bitch*² But see also *fop*

fourbe a fib, yeast, fitton, gudgeon, mockery, gullery, etc (Cotg)

fob² Pocket Ger dial (ELPruss) *suppe*, of LG origin, app an early Ger loan-word from period of Thirty Years' War

focus L, hearth In math. sense first used (1601) by Kepler, the *focus* of a curve being likened to the burning-point of a lens

fodder AS *fōdor* Com Teut; cf Du. *voeder*, Ger. *futter*, ON *fōthr*, cogn. with food See *forage*

foe AS *fāh*, edj, and *gesū*, noun, cogn with *fecht* (q.v.) and *fiend* The adj persists in *foeman*, AS *fīlmann*

foetus See *felus*

fog Runk grass (14 cent) Origin unl known. Hence *foggy*, boggy, spongy, thick, murky, whence by back-formation *fog*, mist (16 cent). This seems rather fantastic, but is paralleled by prob identity of E. *mist* (q.v.) with Ger *nebel*, dung Cf however, E. *fog*, *storm*, esp in *mesfog*, drawing room

fogger [*hist*] See *frustrator*.

fogle [*hist*] Handkerchief Ger *toyel* bird, *bird's eye wipe*, viz "bird's eye wipe" See *fold*

This is a very old word, and is found in many old English texts. It is a diminutive of *fowl* (q.v.) and is used to describe a small bird or a piece of cloth used for wiping the eye.

fogy. Usu with *old*. Also *fogram*, *foggy* App. adj *foggy*, in obs sense of fat. See *fog*

a *foggy man* een zwaar vet man (Sewel, 1766)

fohn. Hot south wind in Alps Swiss-Ger. L. *Favonius* (q.v.); cf Rumanish *favoniu*, *favoign*

foible Weak point OF. (*faible*). See *feible* Orig from fencing; the lower part of the foil being called the *foible* Cf *forte*.

foil¹ Noun. OF. *foil*, *foille* (*feuille*), leaf. L. *folium*, *folia* (neut pl), cogn with G *φύλλον* The pl, treated as fem collect, has superseded sing, exc in It *foglio*, leaf of a book. From thin leaf of metal placed under gem to set off its brilliancy sprang fig sense of contrast. Fencing *foil*, once a rough sword-blade with blunted edges is the same word, F *feuille* being still used for blade of saw, cf Ger *blatt*, leaf, blade, and obs Du. *folie*, from F

feuille a leaf, also, the foyle of precious stones or looking-glasses; *feuille d'un(e) escue* the blade of a sword (Cotg)

folie bractea, bracteola, metalli lamella tenuis, *folie*, *breedsword* spatha (Kil).

foil². Verb Combined from F *fouler*, to trample (see *fuller*), and *affoler*, to beset, baffle (see *fool*). For E love of *in* cf *recoil*, *soil* See also *defile*

fouler to tread, stampe, or trample on; to press, oppress, foyle, or encharge, extreaml. (Cotg)

affoler. to foyle, wound, bruise, also, to beset, to besole (ib.).

foin [*archaic*] To thrust, orig to pierce ? Altered in some way from earl obs *point*, to prick, thrust See *foindre* I' *seindre* has a dial var. *foin* or *foin* may be connected (cf *finc*, use of *finc*)

pungere poundre de quelqz chose que on se pique (Lar)

pungere: to prick, to sore, to stab (Cotg)

foison [*archaic*]. Abundance F. L. *foison*, from *fundere*, *fas*, to pour

foist. Orig. in dicing App from D. *foist* fist. With to *foist* on cf. to *foist* off

Fokker. Ger. aeroplane Du. inventor name. Cf *fellisfogger*.

fold¹. Verb AS *fealdan*, Com Teut, Du *vermen* (feather tender), Ger *falten* ON *falda*, Goth *faldan*; cogn with G *falt*, two-fold, L *di-folius*, etc the orig metaphor being that of *fold* strands

fold² For sheep AS *fald*; cf L *fold* fold, D *falt*

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fol a neut pl

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(*T mes Oct. 21 1917*)

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(*Kyn Webster the s M ch xiv*)

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Such robbers on horseback were called high
livers, and those who robbed on foot be called
p dders (*NED 6*)

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be the origin of the E word, found in ME, but they are no doubt related Cf also *fob*¹.

foppe supra, idem quod *folet* (*Prompt Parv*)

foppen to fop, baffle, fool, jeer, banter, rally, or lampoon one, to make a fool, fop, or fop-doddle of him (Ludw)

for AS *for*, as prep not distinguished from cogn *fore* in AS, but differentiated in ME., cogn with Du *voor*, Ger *vor*, *fur* (as prefix *ver-*), ON *fyrir*, Goth *faur*, L *pro*, G *περί, πρό, παρά* As prefix it implies doing away with, spoiling, etc., like cogn Ger *ver-* Also confused as prefix with *fore-* The two have separate sense and sound, though the latter is not indicated in spelling as in Ger *ver-, vor-* With *forasmuch* as cf *inasmuch* as, and almost synonym F *d'autant que*

forage F *fourrage*, from *feurre*, fodder, of Teut origin See *fodder*

foramin- From L *foramen, foramin-*, orifice, from *forare*, to bore

foray Back-formation from *forayer*, OF. *forreor*, forager, from *forrer*, to forage, from *feurre*, fodder, forage Cf ModF *fournier*, harbinger, quartermaster

fourager to fodder, also, to forage, prey, forray, go a foraging, to ransack, ravage, boot-hale it (Cotg)

forbear¹ Ancestor Orig Sc *fore be-en*, one existing before

forbear² Abstain AS *forberan*, to bear privation of, treat with patience

entbären oder entbehren, to bear the want of a thing, to forbear it (Ludw)

forbid AS *forbēodan* See *bid* Cf Ger. *verbieten*, with its once sacred p p *verboten* Current sense of adj *forbidding* is from c 1700 *Forbidden fruit* is 17 cent

In Deutschland wird keine Revolution stattfinden, weil da Revolutionen verboten sind (Heine)

forby [Sc] Moreover, not to mention From *for* and *by*, cf Ger *vorbei*, past

force¹ Vigour F, VL **fortia*, from *fortis*, strong; cf It *forza*, Sp *fuerza* For VL formation cf *grease, marvel* Has assumed certain senses of native might, strength, e g a military force was up to 16 cent a strength With the (police) Force (c 1850), cf the Trade, the Profession To force one's hand is from whist

force², foss [north] Waterfall ON *fors*, whence Sw. *fors*, Dan *fos* Cf *felf, gill*

force-meat From archaic *force*, to stuff, for *farce* (q v)

forceps L, pincers, tongs Orig. smiths'

implement, from *formus*, hot, *capere*, to take

ford AS *ford*, cf archaic Du *vord*, Ger *furt*, cogn with *fare*, *firth*, also with L *portus*, harbour, G *πόρος*, ford (*Bosporus = Oxford*)

fordo, fordon [archaic] AS *fordōn*, compd of *do* Now replaced by *do for, done for* See *do*

fore Cogn with *for* (q v) Adj and noun use, e g *fore horse, to the fore*, is back-formation from old compds in which the prefix appears to have adj force, e g *foreman* Golfers' *fore* is for *before* In naut lang regularly opposed to *ast*, *fore-and-ast* being used of sails that follow the length of the ship, instead of its breadth (*square-rigged*) As prefix *fore-* has meaning of previous, before, but is sometimes confused with *for-* In a few compds the first element may have been originally *afost*, *before*, e g *foremast hand* (naut)

forearm Verb Only in proverb, with *fore-wain*

forecast Orig to contrive beforehand For sense-development cf *conjecture*

He fell to explaining to me his manner of casting the draught of water which a ship will draw beforehand (Pepys, May 19, 1666)

forecastle Orig a castle-like structure at fore-end of vessel

foreclose Better *forclose*, F *forclore*, from *fors*, L *foris*, outside, and *clorre, clos*, L *claudere*, to shut; cf *forfeit* Now usu of mortgages, to bar right of redemption

forefather Perh formed on L *progenitor* The compd is not found in AS

forefront Now chiefly fig, after the *fore-front of the battle* (2 Sam 21 15); but orig used in sense of façade

foregather See *forgather*

forego To precede Chiefly in participles, the *foregoing, foregone*, the latter esp with *conclusion*, after Shaks, but used with mistaken sense See also *forgo*

But this denoted a foregone conclusion (Olt in 4)

forehead AS *forhēafod*, with *for-* for *fore-*

foreign ME *foren, foreyn*, etc, F *forain*, from *fors*, outside, L *foris* In dial still used in earlier sense of outside the town district, etc Cf *forest*, and It. *forestiere*, alien, foreigner. See also *denizen*

forejudge Cf *prejudice*. See also *forjudge*

forel Parchment (bookbind) Orig case, cover, OF. *forel* (*for irreau*, sheath), dim from Ger *futler*, case

forelock take Time by the Adapted from *prendre l'occasion aux cheveux* with *Time* substituted for *L. O cassio*

*Cursu volucris pendens n. novae la,
Calvus, omosa fronte nudo corpore
Quem si occuparis, tenas ipsi m. semel
Non ipse possit tuppit et reprehende*

(Pha. drus v. 3)

foreman Orig. leader in gen. sense *Foreman of jury* is recorded earlier than *freeman* head workman

foremost AS *formest* superl. of *forma* which is itself a superl. from same root as *fore* with *m* suffix as in *L. primus* etc. Confused with *most* (cf. *ulmost*). *Formier* is a back formation from *formest*

forensic From *L. forensis* from *fori* *m* (q. v.)
fore reach Orig. naut. to shoot ahead of hence fig. to get the better of

You have forereach bed on D. vy [Jones] this time see (Tom Cringle's Log ch. x.)

forerunner First in ML as rendering of *L. praecursor* in ref. to John the Baptist

fore-shorten As term of art from c. 1600

foresight Earliest (c. 1300) in ref. to God's foresight rendering *L. providentia*

foreskin Coined (16 cent.) for earlier *prepuce* Perh. suggested by synonym Ger *vorhaut* due to Luther

forest OF (*forêt*) MedL. *forestis* (sc. sylva) unenclosed land from *foris* outside In OF & ME often opposed to *park* enclosed land Cf *fore* In earliest E. use *forest* is esp. associated with the crown and hunting *Foresters* benefit society is 19 cent.

forestall From AS *foresteall* an ambush waylaying etc. from *fore* and *stall* In ME esp. in sense of intercepting supplies profiteering food boarding

forethought Orig. in evil sense cf. *malice aforethought*

foreword Neol. (19 cent.) after Ger *vorwort* preface Cf *wordbook*

Stupid neologisms such as foreword wh. h. om. Germanizing fool found himself & v. ing. and hundred light hearted parrot repeated it (J. S. Philimore)

forfeit F *forf* it wrong crime p.p. of *for faire* to do wrong MedL. *foris* *f* cess to transgress from *foris* outside Mod. sen. o. from confiscation following crime

forfeid Now usu. optative e.g. *Hi men forfend* Formed from *fend* (q. v.) to ward off on model of synonym *forbid*

And th. prest. be forfeid to env. moor (taken moniee of the people (Wyc. 2 K. 2. 8))

forgather [Se] From *for* and *gather* or perh. directly from Du *ver aderen* to assemble For force of prefix cf. synonym Ger *versammeln*

forge¹ Of smith First as verb F *forger* L *fabricare* For sense of counterfeiting found very early cf. *fabricate* (q. v.)

Who forges [V. g. fabri tus est] th. d. wmb. and th. deet, the seer and the blind?

(Wyc. E.)

forge² [na. it.] Usu. with *ahead* Naut. corrupt of *fo ce* cf. Mrs. Camp's Jonadab's belly

f. f. g. over (ort. nap. d. t. for) passe
faisant force d. v. o. l. e. s. ban. de. sabl.
tr. r. s. les. pla. ces. on. d. t. s. i. e. fr. ç. o. r. force
(Les.)

f. h. danc. to force o. r. b. nk. (id.)

f. nck. ock. to p. s. u. er. or. for. g. from a rock (Tale)

forget AS *for etan* from *gel* cf. Du *ver geten* Ger *ver essen* Orig. idea must have been to lose but this is not recorded in any Teut. lang. With *fo get me not* cf. Ger *vergessen nicht* OF *na m. oublie m. se*

forgive AS *for efan* from *g. i.* com. Teut. compd. cf. Du *vergeven* Ger *te geben* ON *fyrri gef* Gott! *frag* ban. to grant See *pardon*

forgo To dispense with AS *for gā* to pass o. er. See *go* Cf. Ge. *te g. ken* Often wrongly spelt *fo ego* (q. v.)

forjudge [kg.] To exclude dispossess by judgment OF *forj e* cf. *foreclose for feil* and see *judge* Incorr. *forejudge* (v. i.) F. rej. dged. till. and. lands. (VED. 1883)

fork AS *forca* L. *furca* Partly from ON *forke* (F. *fourche*) cf. It. *fu* a Sp. *horca* also Du *vorh* Ger *furh* Orig. pitch fork etc. an early Roman agr. utlural loan word replacing AS *gafol* (cf. Ger *gabelf*) The table fork one for each is not recorded till 15 cent. With to *fork out* cf. to *stump up* See also *carfax*

My sil. u. fork. for. green. g. y. n. g. w. (B. 7. Walls. 1463)

forlorn ME p.p. of obs. *fo less* to abandon AS *f-wlōsan* to lose utterly cf. Du *ver lie en* Ger *verlieren* Goth *fra. iusaw* See *lose* *lorn* *Forlorn* h. pe. (mil.) is obs. Du *verl. en. hoop* lost heap cf. obs. Ger *verlorener kausf* and F. *enfants* *pe. dus* the forlorn hope of a camp (Cotg.) In Church (xvi. 41) used for vanguard Often misused by mod. writers as though

connected with E *hope* (see quot 2) This has coloured sense of *forlorn*, as in quot 3

verloren hoop emussari milites, qui precedunt aciem ad lacesendum hostem, et temerè in mortem ruunt (Kil)

She had had a forlorn hope of a letter (NED 1885)

Commander Goodhart thoroughly realized the forlorn nature of his act His last remark to the commanding officer was "If I don't get up, the tin cylinder will"

(*Offic award of Albert Gold Medal*, Apr 23, 1918)

form F *forme*, L *forma*, shape; prob cogn with *ferre*, to strike (cf *type*) In all Rom & Teut langs The school sense (6th *form*, etc.), peculiar to E, is from Late L *forma*, used of orders of clergy, associated also with *form*, bench, OF *forme*, from phrase *s'asseoir en forme*, to sit in order The germ of good (bad) *form* is in Chauc (v1) *Formal* was orig a scholastic term opposed to *material* (form and matter).

Noght o word spak he moore than was neede,
And that was seyde in forme and reverence

(Chauc A 304).

format F, L *formatus* (sc *liber*)

forme¹ Of a hare Ident with *form*¹, F. *forme*, mould, being used of the impression left on the ground by the hare

Un homme entendu à la chasse peut juger à la forme (c'est-à-dire au giste ou le lievre a passé la nuict) quel lievre c'est

(Gauchet, *Plaisir des Champs*, 1583)

forme² [*typ*] As *form* (q v)

former See *formest*

formic Of ants For **formicæ*, from L *formica*, ant

formidable F, L *formidabilis*, from *formido*, dread

formula L, dim of *forma* Mod sense of conventionality, etc, after Carlyle, is due to that writer's misunderstanding of a remark made by Mirabeau père

fornication F, L *fornicatio-n-*, from *fornicare*, from *formix*, *formic-*, brothel, orig vault, arch

forsake AS *forsacan*, to relinquish, renounce, opposite of *sacan*, to fight, claim; cf. Du *verzaken*, OHG *firsahhan* See *sake*

forsooth AS *forsōth*, for truth See *sooth* With mod. ironic use, from c 1800, cf *I daresay*, very likely, etc

forspend From archaic *forspend*, AS *forsperdan*, to squander See *spend*

forswear AS *forswerian*, to renounce an oath (cf *abjure*), reflex to perjure oneself, the only sense of mod p p *forsworn* For

formation cf. Ger. *verschworen*, to conspire See *swear*

fort F, L *fortis*, strong, perh with *château* understood.

fortalice [archaic] MedL *fortalitia*, from *fortis*, strong, cf OF *fortelece*, It *fortilizio*, Sp *fortaleza* See *fortress*

forte Strong point Orig from fenc F *fort*, upper half of sword-blade See *foible*

Les hommes savent tous le fort et le foible les uns des autres (La Bruyère).

forth AS *forth*, forward, onward, cogn with *fore*, cf Du *voort*, Ger *fort* See *further* Gray criticized Beattie's use of this "obsolete" word in *The Minstrel* (1771) *Forthcome*, AS *forþlicuman*, is practically obs exc in pres part With archaic *forthright*, straight forward, cf *downright*, *upright* It is often used as noun after *Temp* in 3 *Forthwith*, orig along with, replaced earlier *forth mid* (see *midwife*)

fortify F *fortifier*, Late L *fortificare*, from *fortis*, strong, *facere*, to make

fortissimo It, superl of *forte*, strong, L *fortis*

fortitude F., L *fortitudo*, from *fortis*, strong

fortnight For *fourteen night*, a combination found in AS; cf *sevenight*, for *seven night* See *night*

fortress F *forteresse*, from *fort*, strong, parallel form to OF *fortalece*, see *fortalice*

fortuitous From L *fortuitus*, from *forte*, by chance, abl of *fors*, *fort-*, chance, lot

fortune F, L *fortuna*, from *fors* (vs) Oldest sense in to tell *fortunes*, and in *fortunate* (cf *happy*) Sense of owned wealth first in Spenser *Soldier of fortune*, free lance, a 17 cent type, does not correspond in meaning with F *soldat* (*officier*) *de fortune*, one risen from the ranks

forty. *Roaring forties* (naut), between 40° and 50° N latitude *Forty-five*, Jacobite rising of 1745, cf *Fifteen Forty-niner* (US), settler in California at time (1849) of gold-fever

A miner, forty-niner, and his daughter Clementine

forum L, market-place, place of assembly for public business, cogn with *fores*, doors, *foris*, outside, and ult with *durbar*

forward AS *foreward* See *fore* and *-ward* With *forwards*, usu coupled with *backwards*, cf Ger *vorwärts*, the -s is adv. gen With verb to *forward* cf to *further*.

forweary, **forworn** [archaic] Cf *forspent*

pakshin, fowl, to *paksha*, wing. Usual for *bird* (q v) in ME and later, cf *fowls of the air*, *wild-fowl* Mod limitation from c 1600 See *flesh*

fox AS *fox* Com Teut, cf Du *vos*, Ger *fuchs*, in which -s is masc suffix, cf ON *fōa*, Goth *fauhō*, vixen With *foxglove*, AS *foves glōfe*, cf synon Norw *ræv-bjelde*, lit fox-bell Its F name is *doigtier*, *doigt de la Vierge* (see *digitalis*) *Foxed*, in booksellers' catalogues, means stained with fox-coloured marks

foyer [theat] F, orig. green-room, lit hearth, home, VL **focarium*, from *focus*

fracas F, from *fracasser*, to shatter, It *fracassare*, perh. combined from L *quassare*, to shatter, and *frag-*, as in *fragment* See *cashier*²

fraction F, Church L *fractio-n-*, from *frangere*, *fract-*, to break Math sense is oldest (Chauc)

fractious App coined (18 cent) as mixture of *factions* and *refractory*

fracture F, L *fractura*, as *fractio*

fragile F, L *fragilis*, from *frag-*, root of *frangere*, to break

fragment L *fragmentum*, from *frangere* (v s)

fragrant F, from pres part of L *fragrare*, to smell See *flair*

frail¹ Adj OF *fraile* (*frêle*), L *fragilis*, fragile (q v) Oldest E sense is fig, unchaste

frail² Basket for figs, etc OF *fiel*, *freel*, VL *fragellum*, tor *flagellum*, young shoot of vine (Virg), hence withe for basket-making

One frail [Vulg calathus] hadde good figus
(Wyc Jer. xxiv 2)

frase [fort] Palisade F, ruff, earlier, mensentry of calf Perh cogn with *frieze*¹, cf *frill*, *tripe*

framboesia [med] The yaws From F *framboise*, raspberry, from appearance of swellings

frame AS *framian*, to avail, profit, from *fram*, vigorous, etc, orig going forward (*from*), cogn with Ger *fromm*, pious Some senses from cogn ON *fremja*, to further, execute Mod meanings of verb and noun are chiefly from ME sense of preparing timber for use The picture sense is first in Shaks *Frame of mind* (*soul*, *spirit*) is esp common in 17 cent

He could not frame to pronounce it right
(Judges, xii 6)

franc F. coin first struck (1360) temp Jean le Bon with legend *Francorum Rex* See *frank*

franchise F, freedom, from *franc*, free, frank Hence liberty, privilege, etc. Mod E. sense arises accidentally from contextual application of *elective franchise*, freedom to vote.

Franciscan Of order of *St Francis of Assisi*, founded 1209 Grey friar

Franco- From Med L *Francus* See *frank*¹

francolin Bud F, lit *francolino*, "a dainty bird called a goodwit" (Flor), according to a 17 cent ornithologist from *franco*, free, because a privileged bird which the commons were forbidden to kill Cf *franklin*

franc-tireur [hist] F, free-shooter Coined (? in 1870) on older *franc-archer*, cf. Ger *freischütz* The accusation that the Belgians had adopted "franc-tireur tactics" was the pretext for the massacres of civilians at Dinant, Aerschot, etc (1914)

frangible Late L *frangibilis*, from *frangere*, to break

frangipane Perfume F, said to have been introduced into France (temp. Catherine de Médicis) by one of the famous It family *Frangipani*, lit break-bread, a name earned, according to tradition, by benevolence

frank¹ Adj F *franc* or L *Francus*, OHG *Franko*, cf AS *Franca*, ON *Frakki* A name applied esp to Ger tribes which conquered Gaul (6 cent) and called it *Franca*, hence member of ruling race, free, open, etc Cf hist of *slave* Also applied by Orientals to Europeans (see *feringhee*) The ethnic name is sometimes said to be derived from the national weapon, the javelin (AS *franca*, ON *frakka*), but the opposite may be the case, cf F *francisque*, battle-axe, lit Frankish See also *almogm*, *frankpledge*

frank² Verb To "free" the carriage of a letter, etc From *frank*¹ Cf F *affranchir*, to set free, to stamp a letter

Frankenstein Student who, in story (1818) by Mrs Shelley, created a monster which he could not control Commonly misused for the monster itself

The Germans, having created a Frankenstein for their own purposes, seem to be considerably displeased by its antics (*Daily Chron* Jan 7, 1918)

frankincense OF *franc encens*, the adj app meaning noble, frank¹, cf, Ger *edelstein*,

been adopted as F *libre penseur*, Ger *freidenker* (1715) *Free trade* orig meant unrestricted trade, but Adam Smith has *freedom of trade* (1776) in mod sense *Free will* is used by Chauc (*Boeth*) in association with *predestination*

We term it [the Club] *Free and Easy*, and yet we find it no easy matter to be free

(Crabbe, *Borough*).

freemartin Imperfect heifer Cf Ir Gael *mart*, heifer

freesia Plant From Cape of Good Hope
? From *Frees*, a common Du surname, the Frisian, cf *fuchsia*, *dahlia*, etc

freeze AS *frēosan* Com Teut, cf Du *friezen*, Ger *frieren* (OHG *friesan*), ON *frīðsa*, Goth **frīusan* (inferred from *frīus*, frost), cogn with L *pruina*, hoar-frost, Sanskrit *prushvā*, ice Archaic p p *froie(n)* (cf *was*, *were*, *lose*, *lorn*) occ in poetry after Milton To *freeze on* (*to*, *out*) is US

Snow-fed streams now seen athwart froze vapours
(Shelley)

freight For earlier *fraught* (q v), influenced by F *fret*, of same origin Much used in US railway lang, peih after ModDu *vragt*

fret the freight, or freight of a ship, also, the hire that's payed for a ship, or for the freight thereof
(Cotg)

French AS *frēncisc*, from *franca* (see *frank*)
For contr of surname *Dench*, AS *dēnisc*, Danish To take *French leave* (cf F *filer à l'anglaise*) orig alluded to 18 cent custom of leaving reception without bidding farewell to host and hostess *French polish* is early 19 cent Colloquial *Frenchy* may be a back-formation from obs pl *Frenches*, for *Frenchmen*, cf *Portugee*, etc With *Frenchman*, two words in ME, cf *Dutchman* These are the only applications to continental races of the formation exemplified in *Englishman*, *Welshman*, etc Monsicur Fastidious Brisk, otherwise called the fresh Frenchified courtier
(Jonson, *Every Man out of his Hum* 1 x)

frenzy F *frénésie*, from Late L *phrenesis*, from G φρήν, mind, reason

frequent Adj is from L *frequens*, frequent-, whence verb *frequentare*, "to go in great number or many together" (Coop) Cf earlier sense of adj, esp in *full and frequent* Hence *frequentative* (gram), derivative verb expressing frequent repetition of action indicated by simple verb,

e g L *cantare*, from *canere*, E. *flutter*, from *flit*

Apart they sate,

And full and frequent, form'd a dire debate
(Pope, *Odyssey*)

fresco Painting Orig executed in *fresco* (It), i e on mortar or plaster still fresh and moist Cf, *al fresco*

fresh AS *fersc*, fresh, not salt, combined (from 13 cent) with cogn F. *frans*, fresh in gen sense, OHG *frisc* (*frisch*). Cf. Du *versh*, ON *fershr*, and forms in Rom langs. from Teut As *fresh as paint* may have been orig. ironic for as *fresh as a rose* (*daisy*), cf *clear as mud* US *fresh*, impudent, is Ger *frech* (see *freak*!)

The fresh country ladies had to be warned against spoiling their natural roses with paint

(Mrs Oliphant)

freshet Rush of water, etc From *fresh*, in same sense, from adj *fresh*, perh orig of current of fresh water at river-mouth
? For *fresh shot* (v 1.)

The slide river of Plate is so full of sands and dangers and the fresh so fierce sometimes, that no shipping dars to deale with it (Hakl xi 38).

fresh shot courant d'eau douce à l'embouchure d'une grande rivière ou d'un fleuve (Lesc)

fret¹ Verb AS *fretan*, for *for-etan* (see *eat*), cf Du *vreten*, Ger *fressen*, Goth *fratjan* In ME to eat, devour, esp of animals, like Ger *fressen*. With fig sense cf to *eat one's heart out*

Like a moth fretting a garment (Ps xxxix. 12, PB)

fret² Separate words seem to be here confused—(1) ornamental interlaced work, esp as head-dress in ME, (2) two "bends" intersecting (her), (3) carved ornament (arch), cf. *fret-work*, (4) bar or ridge on finger-board of stringed instrument Possible origins are OF. *frette*, lathice-work, of doubtful origin, F *frelle*, *fretty* (her), which is perh from AS *fratwian*, to adorn, though the adoption of an AS. word in OF her seems incredible, OF *frat*, broken, L *fractus* (cf Ger *durchbrochene arbeit*, *fret-work*), the verb *fret* (cf. hist of *etch*), and F *frette*, metal band, etc, by metath from Frankish *feter*, fetter It does not seem possible to separate them In quot 2 there is a play on words
Thus majestical roof fretted with golden fire
(Hamlet ii 3)

Though you can fret me, yet you cannot play upon me (ib. iii 2)

friable F, L *friabilis*, from *friare*, to crumble

finar ME *frers* F *frère* L *frater* *fratr*
brother Orig the mendicant orders (see
Austin Carmel to Dominican Franciscan)
who reached England early in 13 cent. cf
in this sense It *frate* Fra Sp *frate* (earlier
fratre) Fra) Port. *frade* Frei

fribble Orig to falter stammer ? Impt.
Later associated with *frivol* and *frivole*

fricandeau F app related to *fricasse*

fica *dox* x short, skinless, and dainties puddings
or quiches (Cotg)

fricassée F *fricassée* pp fem of *fica* *ser*
to fry (Cotg) of doubtful origin ? From
fracasser (see *fracas*) influenced by *fry* to
fry Cf *concasser* to pulverize pound in
a mortar

fussle any m. t. tried in a panne also a kind
of charge for a mortar or murdering peccor
stones, bull's nails, and peeces of old yron
closed tog ther with grease and gunpowder (Cotg)

fricative [ling] Consonant produced by
obstruction (v i) Cf Ger *re b laut* from
reiben to rub

friction L *frictio* n from *fricare* *frict*
to rub

Friday AS *frīġedæg* WGer transl of L
Veneris dies (whence F *vendredi*) from
OFrns *Frīg* (cf OFrns *Frīg*, wife of Odin
Woden orig ident. with *Freya* the Norse
goddess of love) cf Du *vrīdag* Ger
freitag See *fau free friend* OFrns *frīdag*
is from AS With Good Friday cf obs
good tide Christmas Shrove-tide

friend AS *frend* orig pres part of a Teut
verb to love cf *free* and Ger *freuen* to
woo Com Teut. cf Du *vrīend* Ger
frend OFrns *frēnd* Goth *frend* Ass-
umed as title (17 cent) by Society of
Friends vulg Quakers *Friendly Society*
was orig (c 1700) the name of a fire
insurance company

fringe Cloth OF *drap de Frise* cloth from
Friesland (ModF *toile de Frise* is a different
material) The verbs to *fringe* (F *friser*)
frize *friz* *le* may have sprung from the
curly nap of the material but there are
difficulties of chronology. Some authorities
invoke the curly heads of the F *sans*
others AS *frīs* curly which may be from
the race Connection with F *frise* ruff
etc is also possible If the early applica-
tion of F *friser* to the hair one might
invoke Du *r es* fright (cf *horre* and to
make one's hair curly)

Proi L *apa* *lancel de Frise*
(E of Derby & E. fol. 1170-93)

or *sem* timer met ere p ere *formidare*, hor-
rere (h d)

frize [arch] F *frise* app related to It
fregio Origin doubtful the accepted etym
from *Phrygium* (*opus*) being an unlikely
guess

frigate F *frégate* It. *fregata* cf Sp Port
fra ata Like many other ship names of
obscure origin and doubtful early mean-
ing The forms are curiously parallel to
those of *regata* Hence *frigate* bird (18
cent) for earlier *man-of-war* b d

frigata a kind of ship called a frig t ship e
a barge n hot brig, indim or sp all ship
(Flor)

fright Northumb *frȳhtan* metath of AS
frȳht Also verb *frȳhtan* cf obs Du
vruchten Ger *furchen* Goth *fr̥han* to
fear Causal sense is peculiar to L
F *ghēn* (not in Shaks or 11) s a late
formation of 17 cent *Frightful* was ori-
timid (cf *dreadful* *fearful*) *Frightfulness*
has a spec sense as rendering of Ger
sch ecklichkeit applied officially (A g 2
1914) to the intimidation of a neutral
civilian population by outrage massacre
and the destruction of historic buildings
and artistic treasures

Lo am will r mai perh ps, the clas instance
f Schrickt B t th rest
(Brand Wh clock Bdg der Ger O cup 9)

frigid L *f rigidus* from f *rig* e to be cold
fríjoles Beans Mex Sp perh cogn with
frige cf

frill Prob the sense of animal's mesentery
is the orig though not recorded early cf
F *fraise* mesentery ruff *pel le* o goose
giblets snills and farbelows Ger *gekröse*
mesentery giblets platted ruff and our
own *skittering* (q) t *pe* (q v) and
boiled le of mutton with the usual trans
m ngs (*fucknick*) Origin unknown To
put on *frills* is US

fringe ME & OF *frēge* (f *arge*) L *frim* a
edge, plat etc Also applied to hair eg
Pencil *fringe* *fringe* *fringe* (f *fringe*)

fringillaceous From L *fringilla* a finch
frillery Earlier *friserie* OF (*friserie*) lit
clothes from *friser* to wear ruff to rag,
by often rubbng. (Cotg) OI *friser*
from *frise* *serpe* *serpe* rag of obacur n
gun For mod sense cf *shiff n*

friseur 1 see *frize*

Frisian [f s] OI *Frēstend* Du and Ger
lands in North Sea The lang is the
nearest relative of F and there was prob

a Fris element in the various "Anglo-Saxon" expeditions to Britain

frisk *Orng* adj, fresh, lively OF *frisque*, dial form of *fray*, OIHG *frisc*, fresh.

galante or frassie in appraise frisque (Palsg)

frisket [*typ*] Frame to keep sheet in position F *frisquette*, a kind of stencil

frut Mixture of sand, etc., prepared for glass making F *frutte*, pp fem of *frure*, to fry, or through it

frith [*hist & dial*] Forest, waste, esp in poet *frith and fell* Prob at first enclosure, used by Layamon for park, cf Ger *friedhof*, cemetery, *erfriediger*, to fence in, E dial *frith*, hedge Ident with AS *frithu* peace Com Teut, cf Du *vrede*, Ger *frieden*, ON *frithr*, Goth **frithus* (in *frithareits*, Frederick), cogn with *free*, friend Cf AS *diorfrith*, deer frith, *frithgeard*, frith yard See also *frankpledge*

frith² See *frith*, also quot s v *gale*²

frutillary Plant, butterfly From L *frutillus*, dice-box, from *marlans*

fritter¹ Pancake F *frutune*, from *frure*, to fry Cf *batter*, *tenter*

fritter² Verb, usu with *away* From *friller*, fragment, OF *frature*, *fracture*, L *fractura*, from *frangere*, *fract-*, to break, combining with obs *fitter*, fragment (? cogn with Ger *setzen*, rag)

Fritz German soldier. Pet form of *Friedrich*, lit peace powerful Cf *dago*, *pandy*²

frivolous For earlier *frivol*, F *frivole*, L *frivulus* Verb to *frivol* is mod back-formation

frizz¹, frizzle Curl, etc See *frieze*¹.

frizz², frizzle In frying pan, etc Imit. extension of *fry*, cf *sizzle*

fro Dial and in to and *fro* ON *frā*, cogn with *from*, cf Sc *frae* See *fioward*

frock F *froc*, OIHG *hroc*, whence MedL *hroccus*, which Kluge regards as distinct from Ger *rock*, coat (see *rochet*) For init cf *flank* Orig garment of monk, whence verb to *unfrock* For wide variation of sense cf *gown*

zetter le froc aux orties a monk to abandon his order, and profession (Cotg)

Freobelian Of *Freobel*, German educationist (†1852), founder of *kindergarten* system

frog¹ Reptile AS *frogga*, without the suffix which appears in AS *frox*, for **forsa*, cf Du *vorsch*, Ger *frosch*, ON *froskr* *Frosch* is still common in dial *Frog-march* appears to be a police metaphor With *froggy* (*frog-eater*), Frenchman, cf *toady*

frog². In horse's hoof. Also called *frush* App from *frog*¹, as G *Bärpaxos* also has both meanings, cf F *couris*, lit mouse, castilage in horse's nostril The resemblance to F *fourchette*, little fork, used (vet) in same sense, is curious, but may be accidental also It *forclilla* (v 1). These may be ult from OIHG *frash*, frog, whence OF *frais*

The French men call it "fourchette," which word our ferrers do not use it a monasillable, and pronounce it "the furh"

(Topich, *Hist Four-footed Beasts*, 1607)

forclilla a disease in a horse called the running lurch (Forr)

frush, or *fru*, of a horse is a sort of tender horn. In the form of a fork (Gentleman's Diet)

frog³. On mil coat ? Port *frolo*, "a sort of ribband, or label, hanging down on garlands and garments" (Vieyra), L *flocutus* (see *flock*²)

frolic Orig adj Du *vrolysh*, from *vro*, merry, cf Ger *froh*, *fröhlich*

The frolic v ind that breathes the spring (*Allegro*, 18)

from AS *fram*, orig forward (see *frame*), cf OIHG ON *fram*, Goth *framas* (compar)

frond L *frons*, *frond-*, leaf, adopted by Linnaeus in spec. sense distinct from *solum*

Fronde [*hist*] Malcontent party After F *fronde*, party of nobles against Mazarin, temp. minority of Louis XIV F, slang, used of a child's game, OF *fonde*, L *funda*, with unexplained -r-

front F, L *frons*, *front-*, forehead, orig sense in E, as still in *head and front*, after Oth 1 3 Mod mil sense, developed from more restricted sense of forward line, whence *change of front*, is now borrowed back by F. *Frontage* was orig land abutting on water, cf *sea-front* With *frontier*, F *frontière*, cf It *frontiera*, Sp *frontera* *Fronton* (arch.) is F, It *frontone*

Frontignac Wine Altered, on *cognac*, from *Frontignan* (Hérault)

frontispiece Altered, perh on *chimney-piece* (q v), from *frontispice*, F, MedL *frontispicium*, façade of building, from *frons*, front, *specere*, to behold

frore [*archaic*] See *freeze*

frost AS *frost* Com Teut; cf Du *vorst*, Ger *frost*, ON *frost*, cogn with *freeze* *Frost*, failure (theat), is prob after Wolsey's *killing frost* (Hen VIII, iii 2) With *frost-bitten* cf *weather-beaten* (q v)

froth *ON* *f* *olha* or *frauth* cf *AS* *afrothan*
to froth

frou frou *F* limit of rustling sound

frounce See *frounce*

frow *Du* *vrois* See *frou*

froward From *fro* (*q v*) *ward* (*q v*) *ME*
had also *foward* Only fig app to render
L. peruersu (*f* xviii 26) Cf *forward*

frown *OF* *f* *aignier* to frown look disdain
ful replaced by *re(n)frowner* usu in p.p.
forbidding surly ? From *Caulish fro n*
nostril with idea of haughty grimace

frowzy ? For earlier *frowy* rank perh. from
AS *thråk* rancid with init change com-
mon in dial speech (*f don t fink*) *Froust*
i a mod schoolboy formation

Or like not of the *frowie* fool

(Spens *r Shonker's* *al* J ly 111)

fructify *F* *fruct fier* *L.* *fructificare* from
fructus fruit and *facere* In *Lhauc*

frugal *F* *L.* *fru als* from *frux* *frug*
profit usu. in pl *fru is* fruits cogn with
fruit For double sense (persons and
things) cf its opposite *luxurious*

fruit *F* *L.* *fructus* from *fru* *fruct* to
enjoy (*v s*) cogn with *brook* ? Ong of
all vegetable products *fruits of the ea th*
Fruiterer is extended from earlier *fruster*
cf *caterer* *pou lterer* etc *Fru itless* occurs
first in fig sense *Fruitarian* is a bad
formation on *vegetarian* Cf *fruit on*

frumenty See *furmety*

frump Mod sense from c 1800 Earlier
(16 cent) stout jeer and appensive
snort also as verb to jeer at. Perh
shortened from earlier *f umple* to wrinkle
crumple archaic *Du* *frompelen* (*verrom-
pelen*) from *rompelen* to rumple Cf etym
used for *fricam*

(*frumpe* or *moch* *jocor* il. d (Holboak)

frustrate From *L.* *frustrari* from *frustra* in
vain

frustum *L.* piece broken off

frutescent Shrublike Incore from *L.* *fru-
lex* *frutic* shrub

fry Verb *F* *f* *re* from *L.* *frigere* to roast
fry cogn with *C* *φρυγε* cf *It* *f* *regere*
Sp *fren*

As Ach b wh m *friede* [*frug* *fr* *li*] th *li* *g* of
B b loyn (Wyc. *Jer* x ix 2)

Der de la poile et as jettre dedans le be ues
from *li* to wese from the frying p into th *a*
(C lg)

fry Young fish from *paw *F* *f* *a* from
f *ayer* *OF* *f* *oi* *f* *i* *L.* *frica* *e* to rub in
spec. sense The form of the *L* *v* ord may
be due to association with *ON* *f* *i* seed

cf *Goth* *fau* seed off pring With
ama *f* *fry* cf *F* *menu* *f* *etan* (dam of *fra*)

Les poissons frient en ye ilai t mpa et la sent
l ur t ola (14 cent)

(*dim* the frie *la y fi h le me u f et* th *l* *ast*
u *nd* *woist* *sort* *f* *oil* *f* *peopl* *th* *me* *est*
coen *on* *rs* *rascall* *uig* *r* *b* *o* *rust* (Cot)

fubby (*co* *q*) *S* *quat* *I* from *obs* *f* *bs* small
clabby parson app from *babi lang*
Applied by Charles II to Duchess of Ports
mouth.

fuchsia From *fuchs* *Ger* *botani* t (16 cent)
fucus seaweed In 1 cent. cosmetic *L.*
rock *li* *cl en* *G* *φ* *nos*

fuddle To make drunk cf *obs* *fuzle* in
same sense Very common in *Pepys* with
alternative *fo e* of which *fussed* may be
a playful var

fudge *As* interj first used by Mr Burchell
(*lic* of *Wates* *ch* xi) This may be *C* *r*
futsch no good corrupted from *F* *f* *itu*
(see *fo* *iv*) ? a reminiscence of Goldsm th's
wanderings in Germany The *erl* to
fud e was in my schoolboy days the regular
corrupt of *for* eg *a fudge* for a forged
stamp for loss of *r* cf *obs* *fouch* hind
quarters of deer *F* *fouche* The noun
fudge may also owe something to *Ca* *tin*
fudge a 17 cent mariner known in his
day as *Ling Fudge* His name is ult
ident with that of Marshal Foch from
one of the Teut names in *Fol* people

fuel *ML* *seuel* *OF* *foua* *lle* Late *L* *foralia*
(neut pl) from *focua* fire hearth

fug (*slang*) Prob schoolboy perversion of
fustr Cf *faq*

fuge *fugal* *I* from *L.* *fu* *is* from *fugere* to
flee with some sen *ca* *den* *rd* from *fugare*
to put to flight

fugitive *F* *f* *is* *lis* *L* *fu* *is* from *fugere*
fug *i* to flee cogn with *G* *φευγω* For
fig senses cf *feet n*

fugleman By d *saam* from *fu* *leman* (c
1800) *Ger* *flu* *el* *lan* wing man a
soldier going thro gh the exercises as a
model for recruits. For *duism* cf *febble*
Fu *le* verb (*Ca* *ly* *le*) is a back formation
Cf *rs* *li* *kind* *man*

fugue (*mus*) *F* *It* *fuga* flight from *L.*
fugere to flee Now (Feb 1919) also of
loss of memory mental fugue

ful Most a *lys* with this suffix have or had
a double meaning a tive and pass *e* eg
fea *f* *l* *pitiful* etc

fulcrum *L.* a stay or prope (Coop)
from *fulc* *e* to support

fulfil AS *fullfyllan*, a pleon compd (*full* and *fill*) For fig. sense cf F *remplir*, Ger *vollbringen*

A grete mountayne which fulfilleth the whole carth (Coverd *Dan* ii 35)

fulgent From pres part of L *fulgēre*, to shine, cf L *fulgur*, lightning, whence *fulgurite*, explosive

fuliginous From L *fuligo*, *fuligin-*, soot.

full AS *full* Com Teut, cf Du *vol*, Ger. *voll*, ON *fullr*, Goth *fulls*, cogn with L *plēre*, G *πληράναι*, to fill For fig sense cf *complete* Adv sense, very common in ME, now only in archaic *full well*, *full many* (after Gray's *Elegy*, 53)

fuller AS *fullere*, from L *fullo*, a fuller of cloth, the verb (cf F *fouler*, to trample) being a back-formation

fulmar Sea-bird Orig from dial of Hebri-des ON *fūl*, foul, *mār*, mew, from odour

fulminate From L *fulminare*, from *fulmen*, *fulmin-*, thunderbolt, cogn with *fulgur* Fig sense orig in papal condemnations, cf to *thunder against*

fulsome From *full* and *-some* Orig overflowing, but associated later in sense with ME *ful*, foul

So fulsome a disease (Burton)

fulvous From L *fulvus*, tawny

fumade Smoked pilchard Port *fumado*, from *fumar*, to smoke. Hence, by folk-etym, Corn *fair-maid*

fumarole Vent in volcano F *fumerole*, It *fumarola*, from *fumare*, to smoke

fumble Cf Du *fommelen*, Ger *fummeln* (from LG), also Norw *fomle*, Dan *fumle*, and earlier E *famble*, app cogn with AS *fōlm*, palm of hand, but partly due to dial *thumble*, from *thunb*

fume F *fumer*, L *fumare*, to smoke; cf It *fumare*, Sp *lumar* In fig sense usu with *fet* or *chafe* Cf *fumigate*, from L *fumigare* **fumitory** Plant, also called *earth-smoke* F *fumeterve*, MedL *fumus terrae*, cf Ger *erdrauch*

Lawlōl, centaure and fumetere (Chauc B 4153)

fun Orig hoax, cheat, etc., "a low cant word" (Johns) From obs verb *fon* (see *fond*) Orig sense survives in to *make fun* of *Funny*, racing skiff (Camb), is recorded for 1799 The *funny-bone* is so called from its sensitiveness *Fummment* is mod after *merriment*

he put the fun upon the cull he sharpd the fellow (Dict Cant Crew)

funambulist Earlier *funambulo* (Sp), L *funambulus*, from *funs*, rope, *ambulare*, to walk

function L *functio-n-*, from *fungi*, *funct-*, to perform Math sense is due to Leibnitz Mod sense of gathering is evolved from It *funzione*, ceremony, orig of rel character AS verb (neol) after F *fonctionner* *Functionary* is after F *fonctionnaire*, coined under the Revolution to replace offic titles savouring of the royal régime

fund L *fundus*, bottom, whence also F *fonds*, stock, provision, etc., now differentiated from *fond*, bottom, foundation, etc

fundament F *fondement*, L *fundamentum*, from *fundare*, to found¹, from *fundus* (v s) Formerly in gen sense (cf *fundamental*), but anat. sense is equally early (13 cent).

Whan he heeng up the foundemens of the erthe (Wyc Prov viii 29)

funebrial From L *funeris*, cf *funereal*, from L *funereus*; *funerary*, L *funerarius* (v 1).

funeral First as adj OF, MedL *funeralis* Noun from F *funeraille*, now only in pl, from L *funeraria*, neut pl of *funeralis*, from *funs*, *funer-*, burial, etc

fungible [leg]. Interchangeable, legally substituted MedL *fungibilis*, cf L *fungi vice*, to act in place of

fungus L, cogn with G *σφόγγος*, sponge

funicular From L *funiculus*, dim of *funs*, rope Now familiar in connection with Alp railways

funk Oxf slang, to be in a funk (18 cent) Of Flem origin (v.1), prob ident with obs *funk*, smoke, stink, which may be ult from L *fumigare* (cf fig sense of *fume*)

fonck (vetus fland) turbatio. In de fonck zyn in perturbatiōne esse (Kil)

Where funcking chaps in throngs, Through clouds arising from tobacco, joke (Vademecum for Maltworms, c 1720)

funnel ME *fonel*, Prov *founhl*, *enfounhl*, L *infundibulum*, from *fundere*, to pour; cf Sp *fonil*, Port *funil* A word from the southern wine-trade, the F term being *entonnoir* (see *tun*) *Tunnel* is used in same sense in dial

entonnoir a funnell, or tunnning dish (Cotg)

funny Racing-skiff See *fun*

fur Noun from verb to *fur*, orig to cover, line, etc, F *fourei*, from OF *fouree*,

sheath cover (replaced by dim *fouretin*)
OHG *fiotar* sheath fodder parh. to o
separate words but quite possibly ident
(*fodder fother*) Cf. Goth *fodr* scabbard
ON *fóthr* lining Furring casing is still
in techn. use

fur to hold r feed fothe h e garment
furr a coat (L. dw)

Hi v ice, for want of use, so furred that it d
not at present pl e me (P. pye Oct 12 1666)

furbelow See *salbala*

furbish *f fourbir fourbiss* OHG *furban*
(*furbjan*) Orig. of armour weapons
(*Lezek* xxi 9)

furcate MedL *furcatus* from *furca* fork

furious *F furieux* L *furiosus* (see *fury*)
Furiosus is often used in gallicism (v. i.)
after F *donner furieusement à pens r* which
is from common intens. use of *furieux* (cf
anfi)

Th s l test C rman def t must give the G rman
people fur i sly to th k
(Sl i M rice D dy Ch Aug 13 1918)

furi Cf. *f ferler* earlier *fréler* The usual
explanation from *furdle* for *fardle* to pack
up (see *furdle*) is prob. wrong There has
evidently been confusion with these words
but *furi* is the oldest recorded form *f*
ferler cannot be from E if the earlier *fresler*
(*Dict Cén*) is genuine

so *ful* fiddle les oles (Lesc.)

furlong AS *f lan* from *furh* furrow
Orig. length of furrow in common field of
(theoretically) ten acres

furlough Earlier (17 c nt) *fu loff* etc Du
verlof formed on archaic Ger *verla b* per
mis. on for l ave The stress is prob
due to synon Du *oorlof* Ger *urlaub* (the
mod Ger term) See *leave* *believe*

A Low-Country orlof (B n Jonson)

furmety Earlier *fru ertu* OF *frumentis*
fo rmentis from *fument* *fou meit* (fo
ment) wheat I *frumentum* cogn. with
fr: al fuit

furnace *f fou naise* from L *fornax fornax*
from *fo nus* oven Cf. It *fornace* s
hornax I rst record (c. 125) refers t
Dan au

furnish *f fournis* *fourniss* OHG *frun*
men (*frunjan*) to furnish accomplish
cogn. with *fanie* (q. v.) Cf. It *formi* r *Sp*
formir *Furnitur* *f* *fourniture* has de
veloped in F a spec sense (to set out
stuff) unknown to the Rom lang. In

16-17 centuries it is a gen. term for (war
like) equipment

Exercise. apt t the f r r tau f a gent l m nn
perso ag (S r T Ely 1)

Hi hath taken int his cab e tain furtut
worl allee rs a d in usqu to (Habl xi 385)

furor It craze L *furor* em

furrow AS *furh* Com Tent f Du i or
Cet *furch* ON for drun coga with L
furca a ridg lying betwe ne two f r
rowes (Coop)

further AS *furthra* (adv *furthor*) ? from
fo e with suffix as in *other* ? or from *forth*
Cf. Ger *vorde* *furder* With verb to
further cf. hist. of *frat e* furnish and *ue*
forderu *Furthest* s a later formation See
f r

furtive F *furtif* L *furtivus* from *fur* thief
cogn. with G *flup* thief

furuncle {red} Boil F *furuncul* L *f un*
ci lus lit. little thief (v s) Cf. *felon*

fonde th hot and hard h mpe or w ling
teams d f loon come (Cotg)

fury I *f rie* L *f ria* from *f rre* to rage
In sens. of virago from L *fur ae* used to
ender (*Epin s* *Epinodes*)

furze AS *fy s* of unknown origin

fuscous From L *fuscus* dusky

fuse¹ Verb From L *funde e f s* to pour
Of much more recent introduction than
some of its d rivatives

fuse² Of bomb etc. It *fuso* L *fis s* spindle
from orig. hape

fusee¹ Of a watch *f fusée* spindleful (v)
Also used earlier *f rfu e* *fusil*²

fusee Match App coined (19 cent) fr n
F f de rocket orig. spindleful from L
fus s spindle See *fu e* *fusee*¹

fusel Of Ge bal brandy formerly in
Lg. dial. had tobacco from *fi lu* to
bangle See *fole*

fuselage Body of aeroplane *f* from
fusée spindle See *fusee* *fusil*²

fusil {r } Lozenge said to have repre
sented orig. a spindle covered with tow
OF *fusel* (*fuscat*) dim. from L *fu*
spindle

fusi p lie Iso term in her idry bel g th
representation of a spiral coat of arms
(Phillips)

fusil {het} Light musket F musket now
usual word for rifle orig. steel f r strik ng
sparks VL *felle* whence It *fouil* from
ficus hearth fire Cf. Ger *flue* musk t
Hence *fus her* orig. armed with *fusi* and

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Of fustian he wered a gypon (Chauc A 75)

God forgive me, he speaks Dutch fustian

(Marlowe, *Faustus*)

fustic Wood and dye (Sp *fustoc*, Arab *fustuq*, G *πιστάκη*, *pistachio*)

fustigate From Late L *fustigare*, from *fustus*, cudgel

fusty OF *fusté*, "fusty, tasting of the caske" (Cotg), from *fust* (*fât*), tree trunk, cask, L *fustus* (v s)

futile F, L *ful(t)ilis*, easily poured out, leaky, cogn with *fundere*, to pour

futtocks [naut] Also (16-17 cents) *foot-hooks*, *foot-oaks*, *foot-stocks* Perh *foot hooks*, but possibly dim from F *fât*, OF *fust*, L *fustus*, staff, cudgel, used in many techn senses *Futtock-shrouds* is a perversion of earlier *puttock* (q v)

cour-baston a truncheon, or short cudgel, also (in a ship) a crooked peece of timber, termed a knee, or *futtocke* (Cotg)

future F *futur*, L *futurus*, fut part of *esse*, to be, cf perf *fui*, and see *be* Hence *futurist* (theol), one who believes that prophecies, esp of Apocalypse, are not yet fulfilled In sense of artist determined to save art from "agonizing beneath the ignominious yoke of Michael Angelo" it is quite mod

fuzz Imit of blowing away light particles, cf *faugh*, *buzz* Hence *fuzz-ball*, puff-ball, *fuzzy*, fluffy, *fuzzy-wuzzy*, fighting Soudanese dervish with "'ayrick 'ead of 'air" (Kipling)

fyfolt Used by mod antiquaries for the *gammadion*, *swastika* (q v) Misunderstanding of a passage in Lansdowne MS (c 1500) where it means ornament used to fill the foot of a coloured window For mistake cf *cell*

gab, gabble Imit; cf *gaggle*, *gobble*, etc, and obs Du *gabbelen* Prob distinct from ME *gab*, to boast, OF *gabel*, common in OF, epic Confused also with Sc *gob*, mouth, Gael *gob*, beak, e g *gift of the gob* is found earlier than *gift of the gab*, and *stop your gab* is for earlier Sc *steek* (shut up) *your gob* the mouth, *gift of the gob* a wide, open mouth, also a good songster, or singing master (Dic' Cant Cree)

gabelle [hist] F, tax, esp salt-tax Arab *alkabāla*, the word being first recorded (1129) in a proclamation of Roger II of Sicily For another early Arab word from the same region see *admiral*

gaberdine Cf OF *galvardine*, It *gavardina*, Sp *gabardina* It may represent a mixture of Sp *gabán*, "a gabardine" (Minsh), and *tabardina* (see *tabard*) Sp *gabán* is prob of Pers origin and cogn with *caftan* Now used of a fabric

Nearly 2,000,000 yards of gabardine have been released for civilian use

(Daily Chron, Dec 13, 1919)

gabion [mil] Basket of earth F, It *gabione*, from *gabbia*, cage, L *cavea*, from *cavus*, hollow Often coupled with *fascine*

gable OF, OHG *gabala* (*gabel*), fork, cf Ger *giebel*, *gable*, Sc *gavel* from cogn ON *gafi*, perh from Y-shaped timber supporting roof at gable-end Some authorities connect with OHG *gibilla*, head, skull, cogn with G *κεφαλή*, head, regarded as ult cogn with above

gaby Cf Sc *gaup*, to gape, *gaupus*, simpleton Associated with *baby*

gad¹ Spike ON *gaddr*, spike, nail, associated with unrelated AS *gād*, goad Hence *gad-fly* With quot (v 1) cf *spur of the moment*

All this was done

Upon the gad (*I ear*, 1 2)

gad² [archaic] For *God*, in *egad*, *gadzoos*, etc The last, sometimes explained as *God's hooks*, may even be for *God's hocks* or *houghs*, cf the fantastic OF oath *par les trumeaux de Dieu*

trumeau de bœuf a knuckle, hough, or leg, of beetle (Cotg)

gad³ To wander aimlessly Back-formation from obs *gadling*, AS *gædelling*, comrade, cogn. with *gather*. In ME this meant base fellow and in 16 cent *vagabond* For *gad-about* cf earlier *gadder about* (NED 1568)

gadfly See *gad¹*.

gadgets [neol] Accessories From slang of air men and others associated with machinery and used like *je ger* ² From *gadge* early Sc form of *gau e*

The Prus n sse sor [stat lawye] with b s monocle and ornamental gadj t

(D ly Chro A g 3 1917)

Gadhelic Go delic [ethn & ling] Mod formation from Ir *Gaedheal* OIr *Cáidel Gó del* Gael See *Brythonic Goidelic*

gadron [arch] Opposite of fluting I' *godron* of unknown origin

godron fashion of imbossement used by g ld mith etc and teamed knurl g (Cotg)

gadrooks See *gad*²

Gael Sc Gael *Gaidheal* Includes Ir Celts but the word was introduced into literature by Scott (*Lady of Lak*)

gaff¹ Fishing spear hook. *F gaffe* cf Prov *gaf* Sp Port *gafa* Prob Teut and cogn with AS *gafol* fork of the naut *gaff* boom with forked end to fit against mast

gaff² Public fair (obs) Hence low-class entertainment *penny gaff* To *blow the gaff* for earlier *blow the gab* appears to be due to this cf to *give away the show*

gaffer Perth for *grandfather* but analogy of I' *compère* Ger *gavater* used in same sense suggests rather *godfather* dial *godfer* *gafser* Cf fem *gammer*

gag To silence orig to strangle Imit of sound made by vict m cf *gargle*

g gryn or *steyn* by the th ds suffoco

(P umot Parc)

gag³ [theat] App from slang *gag* to make up a tale hoax which may be Sc *gag* in same sense from *geek* simpleton cf Du or LC origin cf Ger *geck* fool etc

The most notorious *geck* d gull

(Twelfth N ght v 1)

gage¹ Pledge F of Teut origin cogn with AS *wedd* pledge Goth *wadi* It supposes a Late L *uadum* Cf *wa e*

gage² Plun Now only in *greengage* but Sir H *Blam Gage* of Norfolk popularized (c 1725) n t only the *reine-cla de* named in honour of the wife of Francis I but also the blue and pu *ple g ge*

gage³ [nat] In weather *g g* (Raleigh) position of advantage For *ga e*

gaggle Cry company of geese Imit of cackle gobble

galkwar gucowar Hind *galkwar* cowherd title of Mahatta kings of Cuzerat

gain First as noun in late ME F from

gagner OF *gaaignier* OHC *we dener* (*waidanfan*) from *uaida* pasture hunt ing fishing cogn with AS *waith* ON *veitkr* hunting cf It *guadagnare* to gain OSp *gaduñar* to mow I' g sense springs from the most ancient human occupations Oving to late introduction most of the phrases connected with it are also from I' e g to *gain over* is umbined from to win over and F *gagne* so also to *gain time* (ground the sho e) to *gain on* are lit translations from F The unnecessary adoption of the word the senses of which were already provided for by *win* was *perh* due to its resemblance in form and meaning to ME *ga n* (v s) advantage ON *gagn* cogn with *gainly* (i)

But when he s w that h ne gat no gavn (Ch v 4 l ds 206)

gainly Now rare exc in *mainly* From dial adj *gain* straight direct ON *gegn* cogn with I' *again* (st) Ger *gegen* against with idea of direct movement Cf *gain* as and see *gain*

gainsay Solitary survival of a once common prefix AS *gegn* *gðan* against or cogn ON *gegn* (v s) See *again* Cf *cent ad* cf Gainsborough hat As in women's portraits by Gainsborough († 1 88)

gairdowl See *gairdowl*

galt Formerly *gale* See *gale*¹ from whi h it is now differentiated in form and sense

gaiter I' *gaitre* earlier (15 cent) *gu rre* the circumflex app not denoting an orig s cf Walloon *guell* ModPrv *guets* Orig belonging to peasant attire The most plausible etymon is Ger *stuten* to wad cf F *wade* s high boots for fishing Sh t if the s is orig it may represent OHC *urist* a kle cogn with E *urist*

guet start; F gh horn or g machine for count y folks (Cotg)

gala I' It *ergn* with *gala* t

galact See *galas*

Galahad Virtue is knight son of Lancel t Adied by Walter Map to the Arthurian legends

galantine F earlier *gal n* (H l c *Supers* 1304-5) orig a f h sa ce cf It *galatina* M l sense *perh* affected by *gela ne* ? Connected with C ? *la m'k* (see *ga 2*) but cf Ger *galiste* MHC *galre* e in same sen e

Naz never *pyk* walked in ga intru A l in fore and a word and t word

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fuseliers are foot soldiers armed with fuses. There are four regiments in our army, which have always been called *fuseliers*, and go by the name of the *Engl sh*, *Scotl*, *Irisl* and *Welsh fuseliers*

(*Gent Dict*)

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Of fustian he wred a gypon (Chaucer 1 75)

God forgive me, he speaks Dutch fustian

(Marlowe, *Caesar*)

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cour-baston a truncheon, or short cudgel, also (in a ship) a crooked peece of timber, termed a knee, or futtocke (Cotg)

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See yonder, lo, the galaxye,

The v hich men clepe the Milky Wey
(Chauc *House of Fame*, II 428)

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We saw our ships, with a good gale and fair order sailing into their frith, which is a great arm of the sea (W Patten, 1548)

With gentle gales [du Bartas, *calme vent*], good guide, on quiet seas (Sylv *Furies*)

gale³ [leg] Arrears of rent, mining-licence, etc., in Forest of Dean, etc Contr of *gavel* (q v) Cf *gaveller*, "in the Forest of Dean, an officer of the Crown who grants gales to miners" (NED)

galeated [biol] From L *galea*, helmet.

galeeny [dial] Guinea-fowl Sp *gallina morisca*, Moorish hen, L *gallina*

Galen Physician of Pergamos (2 cent) Cf *Aesculapius*

What says my Esculapius? my Galen
(Merry Wives, II 3)

He swallowed, at the least, two pounds of chemicals and galenicals (*Is goldsby*)

galena [min] Lead ore L, used by Pliny of a certain stage in process of melting, ? G *γαλήνη*, a calm

Galilean Telescope From *Galileo*, It astronomer (†1642)

galilee [arch] Porch Cf MedL *galilaea*
Perh after Matt IV 15

Those they pursued had taken refuge in the galilee of the church (*Fair Maid of Perth*, ch 15)

galimatias Jumbled nonsense F, perh ult

L *grammatica* (see *grammar*, *gramarye*), whence also Basque *kalamatica*, noisy conversation Cf synon *gallimaufrey*

galingale Aromatic root OF *galingal*, Arab *khaulinjān*, ? through Pers, from Chin *ho-liang-kiang*, mild ginger from *Ko* (in Canton), cf OF *galangue*, Sp *galanga*, Du *gahgaan*, Ger *galgant* If the above is correct, this must have been about the first Chin word to reach E (c 1000 A D)

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gall² Excrescence on oak F *galle*, L *galla*, "a fruite called galls" (Coop)

gallant F *galant*, pres. part of OF *galer*, to make merry (cf *gala*) Some of the F & E senses are from cogn It *galante*, courtly, honourable, Sp *galante*, gaily dressed, sprightly Origin obscure ? From AS *gāl*, gay, wanton, proud, also as noun, levity, lust, etc, cogn with Goth *gaihan*, to cheer, ? and ult with L *hilaris*

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Bien souvent quand il [Lamartine] fait ses harangues à la Chambre, ce n'est pas à elle qu'il s'adresse, c'est à la galerie, c'est aux gens qui le liront demain (Sainte-Beuve, 1846)

galley OF *galée*, *galie* (replaced by *galère*) Origin obscure, cf Late G *γαλέα*, MedL *galea* (in Asser's *Life of Alfred*, 9 cent). It *galea*, obs Sp *galea* Synon It *galeara* (whence F *galère*), Sp Port *galera*, point to ult connection with *gallery*, cf also MedL *galeida*, whence MHG *galeide* Perh ult from G *κάλωι*, wood, as the

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La Rochefoucauld may seem to come strangely into this galley (sic).

(*Sanda T* 23 Jan. 9 19 8)

galliambic [metr.] From L. *galliambus* *sambus* of the *galli* priests of Cybele.

galliard [archaic] F *galliard* cf. It. *gallardo* Sp *gal a do* App. OHG *gail* *geil* fierce arrogant (cf. AS *gal* wanton proud and see *gallant*) with suffix *-ant* (*gaillo d* is a common personal name in OF & ML (cf. mod. *Gallard*) and occurs as such in E. long before first dict. record of word).

gallias **galleass** [hist.] F *galass* It. *galea* a augment of *gal* a (see *galley*).

Gallie L. *Gallia* us of Gaul. Playfully for French cf. *gallism* e.g. the window gave onto (*fenestra* *l sur*) a pretty garden *gallied* in F parlance and compounds of *Gallie* e.g. *gallophobia* *mania* For *Gallie* can (Church) see *Anglican*.

gall gaskins [dial.] Leggings but in 16 cent. breeches. Partly corrupted from 16 cent. F *garguesques* *garguesques* Venetian breeches *chaussées de la garguesque*. It. *alla grechesca* in the Greek fashion (cf. ModF *grègues* breeches) but *gaskins* *ga corines* found equally early, were associated with Gascony. *gilly gaskins* are often described in 16 cent. as sh. pmen's hose and Nashe even speaks of a pair of Switzers omnipotent *galasse* breeches (see *gallias*) so also we find *gally-brèches* (*ho r slops*) all at about the same date. Nashe also has *galthe gascones*. Possibly all three (*garguesques* *Gascony* *gashen*) have contributed.

graves wide slops greys gallocaucus s. v. transgre t Gascon r Spanish hose (Cotg.)

garguesques slops, greys, galloga-cones, Venetian (32)

gallimaufry Hotchpotch F *gal maffree* App. related to *syon* *gallimaufry* in early etymologist has an anecdotic explanation of a lawyer who disputing in court as to the ownership of a cock claimed by his client *Mathias* said *gallie Mathias*

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gallinaeous From L. *gallinaceus* from *gallina* hen from *gal* + cock.

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Gallio Indifferentist (*Acts* xvii 17).

gall of galot F *galotte* It. *ga cotta* dim. of *galea*. See *galley* *gal y-boat*.

galipot For *galley pot* because this earthenware was used esp. by apothecaries was originally brought from Italy in *galley* cf. obs. *gallev tile* (c. 1600) *galie* *halphen y* (1400) silver coin from Genoa (cf. also obs. Du *braak porcelen* *myjol ca* lit. ear-rack porcelain).

braak porcelen the latest d. f. est. porcel. called because it was fro. ght with those ear. out of th. L. t. f. d. es (Sevel).

The waver. g. p. p. n. t. e. (h. ats) has been confirmed in h. s. d. n. e. t. q. u. i. t. h. g. a. l. l. i. p. o. t. (*Blackwood* 9.)

gallium [chem.] From L. *gallus* cock in allusion to name of discoverer *Lecoq de Boisbat* in (1875).

gallivant Playful elaboration of *gallant*.

The wit bes. re. th. p. act. t. g. l. l. i. v. a. n. t. f. i. d. and flood (Galt).

Gallo See *Gallie*.

galloglass **gallowglass** [hist.] Retainer of Irish chief. Orig. pl. from Ir. & Gael. *gall* foreigner *óglaigh* youth warrior.

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(*Privy Coun. R. l. s. 1545*)

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galloon Braided F *galon* from *gal* *nme* to braid the hair. Origin unknown.

gallop F *galoper* Replaced (c. 1500) earlier *walk* *p* (*q* *v*) cf. It. *gal* *pa* Sp *galopa* and fr. the w. form *MILITARY* *galops* en pointing to OF *gal* *per* of Teut. origin and prob. containing *gal* *loth* *klaufo* or ON *klaufo* to run (leap) with an obscure first element perh. cogn. with F *gal* *adv* the comp. this representing *well leap*. See also *pot* *galloper*.

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gally [*dial & whaling*] To frighten Earlier *gallow* (*Lear*, III 2), AS *ægælwan*, to astonish

galoché See *galosh*

galoot [US] Fellow Earlier raw recruit, green hand, etc (E slang) ² Du *geluht*, eunuch

geeloot a recruit, or awkward soldier (Hotten)

galop Dance F, see *gallop*

galore Ir *go léor*, in sufficiency

galosh, golosh F *galoché*, VL **galopia*, from G *καλόπους*, shoemaker's last, from *kālow*, wood, -*oús*, foot Usu in pl, with many vars, e.g. *golo-shoes* "It is curious to find *galoshes*, now suggestive of a valetudinarian curate, thus [in *Piers Plowm*] an essential part of a medieval knight's equipment" (Smythe-Palmer)

gallozza a kinde of wooden patins, startops, gallages (Flor)

galumph Coined by Lewis Carroll, ² on *gallop, triumph*, cf *shortle*

He left it dead, and with its head,
 He went galumphing back

(*Through the Looking-Glass*)

galvanism From *Galvani*, It physicist, who described it (1792) Cf *mesmerism, voltaism*. *Galvanized iron* is not *galvanized*

Galwegian See *Galloway*

gamash [*archaic*] Garter F *gamache* (*dial*), Prov *galamacha*, *garamacha*, Sp *guadamecé*, Arab *ghadāmasī*, from *Ghadamas* (Tripoli), famous for leather Hence Ger *gamaschen*, garters

gamba In *viola da gamba* It, leg See *gammron*²

gambado¹ [*dial*] Legging, orig fixed to saddle E formation from It *gamba*, leg. See *gammron*²

gambado² Caper, etc From Sp *gambada*, term of horsemanship Also *gambade*, from F Cf *gambit, gambol*

gambeson [*hist*] Wadded mil tunic Also *wambeson* OF *gambeson, wambeson*, from *gambers, wambers*, from OHG *wamba*, belly, cogn with *womb* From OF *wambers* comes ModGer *wamms*, doublet Cf Ger. *panzer*, cuirass, lit *pauncher* Prob Scott's choice of the name *Wamba* (*Ivanhoe*) was suggested by *Sancho Panza* (*Don Quixote*)

gambier Astringent used in tanning Malay *gambir*, plant from which obtained

gambit [*chess*] OF *gambet* (*gambit*), Sp *gambito* (Ruy Lopez, 1561). It *gambetto*, wrestler's trip, from *gamba*, leg See *gammron*²

gamble Orig (18 cent) with sense of cheat Cf *gamester*, with orig fem suffix Prob dial var of ME *gamenen*, partly suggested by *gambol* See *game, gammron*¹.

gamboge ModL *gambogium*, ult from *Cam-bodia* (Annam), whence obtained Cf *indigo*

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gambrel [*techn*] Wooden bar for hanging carcasses OF *gamberel*, from Celt *cam*, bent Cf Welsh *cambren*

game¹ Sport, etc AS *gamen* Teut, but only surviving in E & Scand (Sw *gaman*, Dan *gamen*) Supposed to be ident with Goth *gaman*, participation, from *ga-*, collective prefix, and root of *man* Orig amusement, delight, etc With later sense-development cf *sport* In *fair game* (*sport*), legitimate object of attack, there is some association with *fair play* To *fly at higher game* is from falconry. The number of phrases connected with the word is characteristic of the nation Cf *play* As adj, esp in to *die game*, it is a back-formation from *game-cock*, cock of the game (cock-fighting) As verb now only for *gamble*

Play up, play up! and play the game

(Sir H Ne voblt)

game² [*colloq*] Of leg Also *gammy*, OF. *gambri*, "bent, crooked, bowed" (Coig), still in F dial, use in same sense Prob cogn with F *jambe*, ONF *gambe*, leg See *gammron*²

gamin F, street arab ² Ger *gammeln*, common, mean

gamma Third letter (γ) of G alphabet
 Heb *gamel* the camel. Used of gamma shaped objects e.g. the *gamma moth* or silver Y *gammadion* C cross with gamma shaped (Γ) arms (see *fulfor*)

gammer See *gaffe* First NED record is *Gammer Guston's No die* (1575)

gammon¹ Nonsense etc ME *gamen* game as in *backgammon*. But as it appears to be a cant word there may be some obscure jocular allusion to *gammon*². See *game gamble*

gammon² Of bacon OXF *gambon* (*jan bow*) ham from *jambe* leg VL *camba* *gamba* ham etc of animal G *καμπή* bend from *καμπτεν*. In most Rom langs but usual Sp word for leg is *pierna*. L *pe na* ham *gammon*

gambone a hanch or *g munon* (b con. great lg (Flt))

gammoning [*ru t*] Of bow prit. From verb *gammon* to lash. Perh cogn with *gammon*² cf *Γ γαμβο de lune* puttock hroud

gammy See *gan e*

gamogenesis (biol) Sexual reproduction. See *b gamv genesis*

gamp From *St iā Camp*

Mrs Gamp had a large bundle with h a p of patten a d a peeces of gog umbrell
 (M rsn *Chau lewd ch xix*)

gamut OF *gan ut* MedL *gammus ut* from *gamma* (q v) indicating note below A and *ut* first of a series of syllables used to indicate notes of scale. These syllables *ut re mi fa sol la s* the first now replaced in E. by *do* are said to have been adopted by Guy of Arezzo (early 12 cent) from I hymn for St John the Baptist's Day (v i)

Ut queant lris eson eblris
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Sanct J hannes.

gander AS *gand* a cf Du LL *gander* earlier *ganre*. See *goose gannet*

gang AS *gang* going way from *g an* to go as in *gang your ain ga t*. Com Teut cf obs Du *gange* Ger *gehen* (pp *g* *gangen*) Oñ *gan* a Goth *gagan* Etymsense survives in *ganery* orig in *gan* sense then naut and now in House of Commons and theatre. For sense of crew peo ple going together (orig naut) cf cogn Añ *gege* troop (whence obs naut *ging* regularly used for crew of boat in Hall and Purch) and *gerre* a asso-

ciate (so also Ger *gefahr* te companion from *fahren* to fare) *Gan s t* is in gen dial use

A gang of white hair mock-cloths

(M rry L *F ank M rsn*)

Gangehc L *Gangeticus* of the *Gan rs* (Γανγης)

ganglion C γανγλιον tumour used by Galen for nerve-centre

gangrene F *g ngrène* L G γανγραινα cf Sanskrit *garjara* decayed

gangué (min) Matrix F Ger *gang k ie* of metal cogn with E *gang*

gangway AS *gan i v* See *ga g*

ganja Preparation of hemp Hind *ganja* gannet sea fowl AS *anot* cogn with Di gent OHG *ga a o* gander See *grose* In dial also *g ant*

Th great whet fowle, Ded from a gunt
 (Hakl vi 9)

ganoid Of fish scales F *ganoides* from G γανος brightness

gantry *gantry* [dial] Four footed stand for barrels now engineering term OñF *ganle* (chantie) L *cantherius* after transom orig pack horse G *καρθήλιος* pack ass Cf hist of *chevron clothes horse* etc Mod f rm perh due to *gantry* while Sc *ganterre* is after *gawn* gull n and tree as in *roofree*

A shir g antry n tiling for hogth ada & t tand m (Cotg)

Ganymede Water G Γανυμήδης cup-bearer of Zeus Cf *Hile*

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gap Oñ *gap* chasm cogn with *gape* Orig breach in wall hedge (*Leak xiv 5*) Esp with *fill stop*

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garnet² [naut] Hoisting tackle Proslightly altered in sense and form from F *garant* fall tackle Breton *garan* lit crane (bird and apparatus) Cf the almost synonym *buton* earlier (15 cent) *breton* Breton pointing to a Breton contrivance Howell (*Tetr*) has *clew garent* but this may be a misprint

garnish F *garnir* *garniss* OHG *wa nēn* (*warjan*) reflex in sense to protect oneself cf AS *wearnian* to take warning See *warn* Orig chiefly of warlike preparation cf F *garnison* garrison I tym sense survives in leg sense of warning (bank etc) in attaching funds of debtor Hence *ga nishet* For *garniture* cf *furniture*

garotte See *garotte*

garret In ME a turret watch tower OF *gar le* refuge sanctuary (F *guér le* entry box) from *garir* to protect (F *guér le* to cure) OHG *werian* (*warjan*) now *wahren* to protect cf AS *wearian* to defend See *ware* *wer* The hist of this word is the clue to the origin of *sentry* (q v) *gar* = place of ref g also a sentry, a hill lodge for a sentry b It on high (Cotw)

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garron [Sc] Nag Gael *gearran* *gelling* from *geirr* to cut

garrotte **garotte** Sp *garrot* a cudgel to wangle a cord as carriers do to pack with (Percyvall) Hence Sp method of capital punishment by strangulation (cf *ligature* and *l'tourniquet* Div some supposed to be Celt and cogn with F *garrot* hock (see *garrot*) *Garrot* was popular in London (c 1830-60) till cured by the cat

garrulous From F *garrulus* from *garrire* to prattle

garter ON F *garter* *garret* (*garret*) from *gar* (*gar*) ben of the knee back, dim of d d *garre jarre* I Celt origin

cf Welsh *gar* thigh ham *gaun* shank The story of the institution of the *Order of the Garter* (1344) rests on Froissart authority

garth [dial] Paddock etc ON *garth* cogn with *yard* (q) Lsu in east and north where Norse influence is strong

gas Coined by Van Helmont Du chemist (1644) with vague reminiscence of *chaos* as used by Paracelsus The success of this artificial word is unique With lan c *gas* cf *wind* a The verb *to gas* used before 1914 in factories has received an extended sense from Kultur Hen cpe *gas* fig f r meanness and treachery (*cylinder*) *Ca eler* is a portmanteau word for earlier *gas* *trickler*

gasconade Boastful talk F from repetition of inhabitants of Gascogne e g d Ar tagnan Cyranod Bergerac

gash Earlier *garsha* for MF *gar* from *garer* to chop *garer* Late L *ca axur* C *xaphoxur* to cut incise Form and sense perhaps influenced by *last*

in a cult or gasse (Coop) (Holyo b)

gasket n ul Short r pe securing fished sail Earlier *gassit* (Capt J hn Smith) F *garce* rope senl dim of *garer* each cf *gramme* (q v) with which it is commonly coupled Cf also *upstake* (q v) and various naut senses of *huff* C r *jangler* For k cf *asket* and na t *lastet* I la et The NED is mistaken in supposing *gasket* to be a mod word It is recorded 1634 (Jal)

cf *ket* *gasket* on shand fr ag (Hew)

gasp ME also *ga sp* ON *gasp* to yawn for *gasp* a cogn with *gaffe* Cf *gasp* H nce *ga pe* *garette* (army slang)

under the gasp t th la t game (C 12)

gasteronod Maltese From *gasteron* belly *nos* roof t t Cf *gaster* f th st reach *gaster* nos I *gastromis* coined by Berth ux (1800) as title of poem on good living after G *gastromis* a title of poem quoted by Att enau

gate On hinges AS *gat* pl *ga* cf ON *gat* Du *gat* aperture Also AE & Ital *gate* in rural development of *gate* *gateway* in pla names and as surname (Law l et) The story and how *gate* was in legend those by which false and true dreams came

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gating Obsolete machine gun Invented by Dr R J *Galling* and first used in Amer Civil War (1861-5) Cf *maxim*²

gauche F, awkward, left-handed, replacing, in latter sense, OF *senestre* (L *sinister*) Origin doubtful See *gawk*

gaucho S Amer half-breed Sp, from Aïaucanian lang of Chile Incorr *guacho*

gaud Orig prank, trick App from F *se gaudir*, to make merry, scoff, VL **gaudire* for *gaudere* Later sense influenced by obs *gaud*, large ornamental bead of rosary, app from L *gaudium*, joy *Gaudy* is also used in both senses Cf *gaudy* (c 1500), college festival, esp at Oxf, and *gaudeamus* (15 cent F) from student song *Gaudeamus igitur, juvenes dum sumus* Cf also Ger dial *gaudi*, rejoicing, perh, like *gaudy* in some senses, from L imper *gaude*, rejoice

By this *gaude* have I wonne, yeer by yeer,
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(Chauc C 389)

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gauntlet², to run Orig mil punishment Corrupt of *gantlope*, Sw *gallopp*, "gate run," in sense of *gate*², a word from Thirty Years' War Cf Ger *gassenlaufen*, adapted from Sw, for native *spießruten*, spear rods In E fig sense appears as early (17 cent) as lit

durch die spieß-ruthen laufen to run the gantlope (Ludw.)

gauntry See *gantry*

gauze F *gaze*, perh from *Gaza* (Palestine), cf *damask*, *muslin*, etc

gavel¹ [*hist*] Now chiefly in *gavel-kind*, system (Kent) by which property is divided equally instead of going to eldest son, but orig a form of tenure AS *gafol*, tribute, and *kind* (q v)

In *Gavelkind*, though the father be hanged, the sonne shall inherit, for their custom is, "The father to the bough, and the son to the plow"

(Leigh, *Philologicall Commentary*)

gavel² [US] President's mallet, orig mason's Origin unknown ? Connected with Ger dial (lower Rhine) *gaffel*, brotherhood, friendly society, cogn with *give*

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One night he went to bed betimes, for he had caught a fever,

Says he, I am a handsome man, but I'm a gay deceiver

(G Colman, *Unfortunate Miss Bailey*, 1805).

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g 20 ou fu tian g bridge pedl s from h
(Cotgr)

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(Cotgr)

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(A f h v 2)

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(Elihu Burritt, *Walk from London to Land's End*)

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dial *gill* is half a pint *jack* a quarter

Gill See *fill*

gillaroo [an t] Trout Ir from *giolla* lad (v i) *riadh* red

gillie Gael *gille* servant (v s) as in names *Gilchri* t *Gilmour* (Mary) *Gil'es* (Jesus) etc

gillyflower Corrupt by folk-etym of F *garofée* from *goff* VL *garophyllon* G *καρυοφύλλο* nut leaf from *καρυο* nut The flower was named from scent (see

clove²) Early and dial perversions are very numerous (cf *jenneting*)

geloee floure oyellet (Palsg)

The "julyflower" as they are most properly called, though vulgarly "gilliflower" and "glofer" (NED 1688)

gilt¹ [dial] Boar ON *gyltr*, young sow, cogn with dial *galt*, in same sense

Keep all the gilts for breeding purposes (Times, March 1, 1918).

gilt² See *guld*¹

gimbals [naut] Also (archaic) *gimmel*, ring bit (Hen V, iv 2) OF *gemel* (*jumeau*), twin, L *gemellus*, dim of *geminus* Cf *jumble*²

gimbals the brass rings by which a sea compass is suspended in its box (Falc)

gimcrack Orig clever device, dodge Earlier also *jimcrack*, altered, on name *Jim*, from ME *gibececrake*, app inlaid wood-work

gumlet, gumblet OF *gumbelet* (*gibelet*), dim from ODu *wimpele* See *wimble*

gimmel [archaic] See *gimbals*

gimp Cf Du *gimp*, Ger *gimpf*, app from F *gumpe*, wimple, of Teut origin (see *wimpe*), but with the sense of F *gimpure* (q v)

gin¹ Trap ME also, skill, cunning, mech device Aphet for *engin*, F, L *ingenium* Cf names *Ginner*, *Jenner*, i e engineer

The amount [of cotton] ginned since the last report is 509000 bales (Manchester Guard Jan 10, 1919)

gin² Spirit Short for *geneva* (q v), F *genièvre*, L *juniperus*, juniper, because flavoured with its berries Cf Du *genever*, which may be immediate origin of *geneva* For shortening, pointing to frequent use, cf *brandy*, *rum*, *whisky* *Geneva* and *gin* were used indifferently c 1700

gin³ Aboriginal Austral woman Native word Cf *squaw*

gin⁴ [poet] Verb Aphet for *begin* (q v)

gingall, jingall [Anglo-Ind] Musket on swivel Hind *janjāl*, corrupt of Arab *jaza'il*, pl of *jazil*, big, used of Afghan musket fired from rest Cf *jezail*

ginger AS *gingiber* & F *gingembre*, Late L *gingiber*, Late G *ζγγιβερς*, ult cogn. with Malayalam *inchiwer*, from *inchi*, root, cf Du *gember*, Ger *ingwer*, and forms in most Europ langs To *ginger up*, fig was used by Disraeli (1849) *Gingerbread* (c. 1300), formerly adorned, esp at country-fairs, with *gill*, is folk-etym for OF *gingimbrat*, MedL *gingimbratius* (p p), gingered

gingerly. Orig (c 1500) of walking "delicately" App' formed from OF *gensour*, compar of *gent*, dainty, delicate, etc, L *gentilis*, (well) born

gentement neatly also, gently, easily, softly, gingerly (Cotg)

He came to him with a soft pace, treading gingerly (as we speak) after a nice and delicate manner (Bp Patrick, 17 cent, on Agag, 1 Sam xi. 32)

ingham F *guingan*, cf It *gingano*, Sp *guingon*, Du *gingang*, etc, ult Malay *ginggang*, striped For -am cf *rogram* Prob Du was the intermediary

gingival [med] Of the gum, L *gingiva*
ginkgo Tree Jap, from Chin *yingling*, silver apricot

gingly- [anat] From G *γγγλυμος*, hinge
ginseng Plant Chin *jên shên*, perh image of man (*jên*), from forked root

giottesque [art] Suggesting *Giotto*, Tuscan painter (13-14 cents) Cf *dantesque*, *turneresque*, etc

gipsy, gypsy. Earlier (16 cent.) *gyfcian* for *Egyptian*, because they were supposed to come thence See *Bohemian*, *Gitano*, *Romany*, *Zingari* Cf *gipfy* (mil) for Egypt soldier ? Also *Gip*, as name for (? orig swarthy) dog The *gypsies* seem doomed to be associated with countries with which they have nothing to do, cf archaic Sp *germano*, *flamenco*, both used for gipsy

Letters were written to avoyde [rid] the contrey off a certeyne nombre off vagabondes going upp and downe in the name of Egyptians (Privy Council Acts, 1542-3)

giraffe F *girafe*, ult Arab *zarāfah* In most Europ langs Earlier E forms (from c 1600) vary according to immediate source
grandole Orig, kind of firework, then, fountain jet (Evelyn) It *guandola*, from *girare*, to gyrate (q v)

girasol Sunflower (obs), opal It *girasole*, from *girare*, to turn, sole, sun Cf *heliotrope* See also *antichoke*

gird¹ To encircle AS *gyrdan* Com Teut, cf Du *goiden*, Ger *gürten*, ON *gyrtha*, Goth *-gaurdan* (in compds) Prob cogn with *garth* (q v) Cf *gudle*, AS *gyrdel*, *girth*, ON *gjörth* *Girder* is a later formation From AS times *gird* is usu rhet or Bibl, e g to *gird up one's loins*, *gird on sword*, etc The *Girdlers' Company* still exists

gird² To assail verbally, usu with *at* Orig (c 1200) to strike (cf to *have a hit at*), and ident with *gird*¹ Cf F *cingler*, to beat,

lash from *L. cingulum* horse-girth thong
ON *gyriha* to lash and *E* to strap
leather etc

girder See *gird*

girdle Belt See *gird*

girle⁹ For cake Northern var of *girdle*
(*q v*)

girl ME *gurle* (13 cent) Dim of some un-
known word cf LG *garre* (17 cent) boy
girl ? cogn with ON *garrr* clumsy
stupid person For obscure hist cf *boy*
lad lass and their Scand synonyms

Probably most of them arose as jocular
transferred uses of words that had ori-
ginally a different meaning (NED)
Orig used of both sexes (see *bairen child*)
? Limitation of sex due to association with
Gill Girl is little used in dial (*maist lass*
wench q v) and occurs only twice in *AI*
(*maiden d'unsel*)

Y [Ma garet Past n] are a good girl
(*Passion Let h 3f*)

Com out tho skittish girl
(*J cob and Ess v 6 1568*)

giron See *gyron*

Girondist [*hist*] Moderate party in France
(1791-93) led by deputies from the
Gironde

girt girth See *gird*

gist OF 3rd pers sing pres of *gésir* to lie
L. jacere cf *ei gite* here lies on old tomb-
stones The noun is evolved partly from
AF fact on gist the action lies as *lg*
phrase See also *agist*

ja stay dun g it le Iov I kn w well whi h is
the ry poi t o kn t of the matter (Colg)

git[US] For *git out*

He tall th m to get and they g t
(*Graces let T or ft A g 5 1834*)

Gitano Gypsy Sp MedL *Ggyptianus* Cf
gheto

gittern [archaic] OF *guterne* See *cithar*
guitar *luther*

give North rn form of AS *gi fan* (whence
normally VL *gere*) influenced by ON
gefa Com Teut. cf Du *geven* Ger *geben*
Goth *giban* *Gie joi joy is i f r God g w*
jou joy hence to give Merry Christmas etc
Colloq uses of to give away (now US) a o
from *lg s nse* to sacrifice renounce
With to give w r s cf to give ground *Gita*
and *like* is orig from racing in which
weights w nt acc rdng to siz of horses

N wyo r marr ed w giv you joy
First a g l d then boy

gizzard ME *gisser* (cf *sch ard*) F *glisser*

L. gigerium (only in pl) entrails of fowl
? ult cogn with *L. jecur* liver

All in pr tly good hum r though I f d my w i
h th someth ng in her g eard th t only waits
opport nity (lepps J e t 1665)

glabrous Hairless From *L. glaber* See *glat*
glacé F lit iced (*vi*) but associated with
glass gloss

glacial In geol sense app coined (1846) by
Forbes See *glacier*

glacier F from *glace* ice VL *glat* a for
glacies From dial of Sav ny whence al o
Ger *glische*

glacis [*fo t*] Sloping bank F from F
glacer to freeze make slippery (*v s*)

glad Ab *glad* Com Teut. cf Du *glat*
smooth Ger *glat* smooth ON *glaihr*
glad ult cogn with *L. glau r* smc th
(cf F *red L riber*) Intermed ite sense
was bright shining which still surv ves in
the *gl d eye*

glad Open (right) space among trees
Cogn with *glad* bright (*v s*) cf svnon
Ger *lichtung* from *licht* light F *clair ère*
and *claircie* from *clair*

gladiator L from *gladius* sword

gladiolus L dim of *gladius* (*v s*) Hence
F *gl iul* Cf Ger *schuerle*

gladstone Bag claret Latter from cheap
wine of which importation increased after
reduction of duty by *Glad stone* (1783)
when at the Exchequer (1800) Bismarck
was once in Ger dial use for a bad vintage
Cladstonian (hist) was coined at the split-
ting of the Liberal party (1886) on Cla l
stone s Home-Rule project

glair White of egg L *glaire* VL *clais*
from *clarus* clear (cf I *glia* bell ringing
from *L. classicum* flourish of trumpets)
OF *glair d ou* is recorded for 12 cent
hier del vnois the white of a egg (Flor)

glave I n OF usu lance hence C dial
glace fish spear L *glad u* (whence OF
glia) mil ed with Canlish *claw do* (cf Ir
clad del Gael cluidham an lisc-caymore)
On a d t spirit il ment du gla e que da o
mct se colorent en ve l'afp de l'erci from
et l César (Nrop C m hist 1 462)

glamour Corr pt of *gramma* in sense of
gramme [*ll*] esp in Sc to cast the
glamour (pel) Cf in matter of gl mery
(Camb) A Sc it wot l

glance First as verb Orig. of *ld w* (to
glaver off etc) in w i h sense it is nasal-
ized from F *glacer* which is OF had
meaning *l glisser* to glide glance off (un-

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v'antien splendore, fulgere intere (Hil)

gland *F glinde*, *OF glandie*, *L glandula*, dim. of *glans*, *glānd*, acorn. *Glanders*, disease, preserves *OF* form. For sense-development cf similar use of *almond*, *kernel*.

glare *MF glarer*, cogn. with early Du & *LG glaren*, to gleam, glare, and ult. with *glass*. Cf *AS glar* amber. Sense of fierce look from c. 1600.

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(*Chaucer Troil* ii 867)

Glastonbury. Chair, thorn. First in mit. of *Abbot of Glastonbury's chair* in bishop's palace at Wells, second from famous thorn fabled to have been planted at *Glastonbury* (Somerset) by Joseph of Arimathea.

Glaswegian. Of *Glasgow*. ? Coined on *Gallowegian*, *Norwegian*.

glauber's salts. Sulphate of soda. First made by *Glauber*, Ger. chemist (†1668).

glaucoma. Form of blindness. *G γλαύκωμα*, from *γλαύξ*, *γλαυκ-*, owl, named from its bright staring eyes (v1).

glaucous. From *L, G γλαυκός*, sea-coloured.

glaze, **glazier**. From *glass* (cf *grass*, *graze*, *grazier*).

gleam. First as noun. *AS glām*, cf *OSax glīmo*, splendour, *OHG glīmo*, glow-worm, cogn. with *glimmer*, *glimpse*. Orig. very bright light, e.g. of the sun.

glean. *OF glener* (*glaner*), Late *L glenare* (6 cent), ? from Celt *glan*, clean, pure (Gael. Ir. Bret. Welsh *glan*).

glebe. *F glèbe*, *L gleba*, clod, lump, ult. cogn. with *globe*. Eccl. sense of land forming part of clergyman's benefice is earliest in *E* (Wyc).

glede, **gled** [archaic]. Kite (*Dent* xiv 13). *AS glada*, the glider; cf synon. Sw. *glada*. **glee**. *AS glia*, *glēo*, merriment, cf *ON plā*. Practically obs. c. 1500-1700, and revived late in 18 cent. "It is not now used, except in ludicrous writing, or with some mixture of irony and contempt" (Johnson).

gleek [archaic]. Cardgame. *OF glie*, *glieque*, Ger. *glück* (*MHG geducke*), luck (qv), which in many parts of Germany is pronounced to rhyme with *kief*. Cf *hazard*, *fortune*, *chance*, *bonheur*, all used of card-game.

gleet [rare]. *F, glète*, viscous matter, of unknown origin.

glen. Gael. Ir. *gleann*, cf Welsh, Corn *glyn*. App. introduced into *E* by Spenser in ref. to Ireland.

glendoveer. Sprite. Imitated by Southey from *frandoveer* (Sonnerat, *Voyage aux Indes*, 1782), Sanskrit *garithara*. Cf *afreet*, *ghoul*, *genie*, all due to 18 cent. interest in Orientalism.

glengarry. Boanet Place (Inverness). Cf *glentiv* et whisky (Banff).

Had ta mixture been Only half glentiv et (Aytour)

glib. From c. 1600, also *glibbery*. Orig. smooth, slippery. Cf. *Du glibberig*, *LG glittrig*, slippery; prob. ult. cogn. with *glide*; cf dial *gliddery* in same sense.

I want that glib and oily art

To speak and purpose not (*Leir*, i 1)

Soothing, her grief with a smaller allowance of the same glib liquid (turn punch)

(*Old Curiosity Shop*, ch. xlv)

glide. *AS glīdan*. *WGer*; cf *Du glyiden*, Ger. *gleiten*. Perh. ult. cogn. with *glad* (qv).

glim. Usu. in *douse the glim*. Related to *glimmer*. Immediate source perh. *OF glimpe*, "a light made of the stauke or stemme of an herb dried, and afterward greased over" (Cotg.), which is of *Du* or *Ger.* origin. Cf *glimpse*.

glimmer. Frequent from same root as *gleam*, cf *Ger glimmen*. Mod. sense (Shaks.) has weakened from *ME* sense of shining brightly.

glimpse. First as verb, from root of *gleam*, *glimmer*, cf *MHG glimsen*.

Ye han som glimsyng and no parfit sighte

(*Chaucer* F 2383)

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(John)

gleek [v1]

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and the vessel is no doubt of same origin Cf I dial *godtard* goblet OF *godart* OG *Gott hart* god+strong named in same way See *goblin* and cf *d myjohn jack gill** *ju kanka d ME julle* (Job) 11 Chauc etc

goblin I *gobelin* dim of name *Gobel* (v s) cf *kobold* (q v) *harlequin jack o lantern will o the wisp* etc. *Gobel n* (q v) is a common F surname Cf also *Ger heinzel mään hen* gnome from *Heine* pet form of *Heinrich* Henry with var *hän ci määnchet* from *Hans* Johnny

A *gobelin* a goying in darkness (Wyc. P. c. 6)

goby Irish L *gobius* See *gudgeon*

god AS *god* Com Teut cf Du *god* Ger *g it* ON *goth* Goth *guth* Orig a neuter as in *Wilt algot* idol change of gender coming about with monotheism Ult origin unkn wn Often oddly disguised in oaths e.g. *swop me bob for so help me God!* With *godfather* and ther such AS compds cf *gossif* I *godit n* Englishman is from national oath recorded in OF as *godon* *Godsend* is for earlier *God's send* where *se d* (S.) is an abstr noun With the gods (theat) cf I *parad s* the gallery

Let's carve him as a di h fit for th god

(*Jal C c. 11*)

Les Anglais en f tte a) stent p -ci p la quelz s a tres m t en out cre it nial il est b en tte d voir que godd m est le f d d la langue (*M sage d f a c*)

godetia Flower From *Godet* Swiss botanist.

godhead Th s and *maidenhead* are the only survivors of ME suffix *hede* cogn with *hood* and Ger *heil*

godown Warehouse in East Earlier *gadong* Malay from Telugu or Tamil

godwit Bird ? From cry cf *peuit* But cf synon Norw Dan *rodvit* with second element as in *musket* titmouse This i perh archaic Dan *vitte* small thing used like E *tit*

goffer gauffer gopher F *gaufer* to stamp with honeycomb pattern from *ga fre* thin cake with this pattern LC *was t* honeycomb (s o *wafer waffle*)

goggle -eyed From *go gle* to mo e uncer tainly h re and there typ cogn with *go gle* In Wv (*Mark ix 46*) Hence *g gles* spectacles

au d b f an o strouting r great gog eye (Cotg)

goglet [*Anglo Ind*] I arl r (17 cent) *g gulet* etc Port *go golets* an earthen and narrow mouthed vessel out of which the water runs and guggles (*viesra*) Cf *gar le*

Half-clad men went b k and f rth with i f platt rs and wat g gl is
(*h pli g In the P. Enc*)

Goidelic *Gadheic* [*ghn & ling*] From OF *goidel* a Gael Introduced by Rhys to d note Gaelic (Irish and Scotch) as distinguished from Brythonic (Wel h Cornish Breton) Cf *Gadhel*

goitre I *goître* back formation from *goître* Prov *go tros* VL **gutta osus* from *gutta* throat Cf OF *goitr n* thr at

golconda Old name of Hyde abad famous for diamonds Cf *allora lo*

An et r of w l turs r d as r pro ided with a g londa of illustrat
(*T mes Lit S pp May 29 9 9*)

gold AS *gold* Com Teut cf Du *goud* Ger *gold* ON *goll* Goth *gulth* prob cogn with *yellow* *Goldbeater's skin* i. an animal membrane us d by *goldbeaters* to separate leaves of gold foil The *Golden Age* translates L *aurea aetas* (O *id Met i 89*) period of ideal innocence and prosperity cf *golden mean* L *aurea med oc itas* (Hor *Odes ii x 3*)

golf From 15 cent Du *kolf* club cogn with Ger *kolben* club musket butt and ult with L *globi*. Mentioned (1457) with *fid bal* in a Sc statute dealing with forb d len games

kolf kol t clav g ci bbe kolf bal lagt bal pila clavan (RLL)

golgotha G γολγοθα Aramaic *gogolth* Heb *gulgoleth* skull Cf *cahn* 3

gol d c Poetry From the *goliards* m d i val buffoons (12-13 cents) OF *gol ard* glutton from OF *gole* (*gueul*) mouth maw L *gula*

golliwog Created in US by M s Florence Upton Perh on *golly* (v i) with suggestion of dial *polliwog* tadpole which is still common in US Cf *teddy bear*

golly Negro perversion of God

golosh See *galosh*

goluptious Facet perversion (10 cent) of *voluptuous* cf rustic *boldacious* (*bold x a dacious*)

gornbeen man (*fr*) Usur r From Ir *gaim bhn* cogn with MedL *cambrum* See *cha go*

gom(b)roon Persian pottery From town on Persian Gulf See *bin an*

-gon [math] G γωνος, from γωνία, angle
Used for the plane figures with more angles
than a quadrangle.

gondola It "a kande of small boates like
our wherries used in Venice" (11or).
Perh a Venet formation from *dordolare*,
to see saw, an imit word (cf *dardle*) For
sense of car of air-ship cf *nacelle* *Gundel*,
ship's long-boat, is common in Furch and
occurs (*gondale*) in the *Voyage of the Bar-
bara* (1510)

gonfalon [hist] It *gonfalone*, banner used
in Church processions Earlier is *gonfanon*,
knight's pennon (c 1300), OF. (*gonfalon*),
OHG *gunfano*, battle flag (Ger *faine*),
cf AS *gūthfara*, and see *vane* Change of
-n- to -f- is due to dissim (cf F. *orphelin*,
OF *orfenin*, dim from L *orphanus*)

gong Malay Imit of sound Cf *tom-tom*

Gongorism Affected literary style of *Gón-
gora y Argo'e*, Sp poet (†1627) Cf
Euphuism

goniometer Instrument for measuring angle,
G γωνία

gonoph [slang]. Pickpocket (*Black House*, ch
xix). Jewish Du *gannef*, Heb *gannābh*,
thief But the author's father, a Suffol. man
(†1920 aetd 85), used it in the sense of
stupid lout, ME *gnof*, cogn with LFrns
knufe, lump

A niche *gnof*, that gestes held to bord
(Chauc. A. 3188)

gonorrhoea [med] G, from γόνος, seed, πόα,
flux, cf *diarrhoea*

-gony. G γωνία, generation, from γένεσθαι,
to become Cf -*gery*

good AS *gōd* Com Teut, cf Du *good*,
Ger *gut*, ON *gōthr*, Goth *gōths* With the
good people, propitiatory name for the
fairies, cf G *Eὔπενδες*, the Furies, lit.
the gracious ones, used for the ill-omened
Eὔρες In *good* *gracious* substituted
for *God*, cf *good-bye* (v1) and *goodness*
gracious, for *goodness sake*, with orig. ref to
goodness of God With *goods* and *chattels*,
formerly also in sing, cf Ger *hab' und gut*,
havings and property, *gut*, an estate This
use goes back to AS To *make good*, in
current sense, is US

My wife is resolved to go to London for good and
all this day (Pepys, Dec 1, 1665)

good-bye Earlier (16 cent) *godbwye*, etc
For *God be with you* (ye), altered on *good*
day, etc, cf F *adieu*

Are you resolved upon't? If not, God bw'y'
(Brome, *Jovial Crew*, ii)

goody¹. Old country woman. For *goodwife*,
fem of *goodman*, master of the house
(*Luke*, xii 39); cf *hussy*

goody² Sweet Earlier *goody-goody*; cf. F
bonbon, from baby-lang.

googly [cricket] From c 1908 ? Arbitrary
formation (*goggle* × *wiggly*), ? or of SAfr
origin, from Du *goochelen*, to juggle

gooroo, guru. Hind *gurū*, teacher, priest,
Sanskrit *guru*, grave, dignified

Guru Har Gobind, sixth of the great Sikh gurus
(*Kipling*, *In the Presence*)

Goorkha, Gurkha. Nepanlese soldier in
British service Hind *gurk'ā*, prob cow-
keeper See *garkhar*

goosander Bird. Perh formed from *goose*
after obs *bergander*, sheldrake. For second
element cf ON. *önd* (pl *ander*) and see *düch*.

goose AS *gōs* Aryan; cf Du *Ger gans*,
ON *gās*, Sp *ganso* pointing to Goth **gans-*,
cogn with L *anser*, G *χίψ*, OIr. *géis*, swan,
Sanskrit *hansa*, goose One of the few
bird-names common to Aryan The -s was
orig a suffix (cf *fox*) and from same root
come *gander*, *gannet*, Prov *gant*, OF.
jarte, wild goose, Late L *gant*. The
tailor's *goose* is named from its *goose-neck*
handle With *game of goose* cf F *jeu*
de l'oie With *goose-flesh*, resulting from
cold or fright, cf F *chair de poule* *Goose-*
step is mod (c. 1800) The game called
goose in the Midlands, corresponding to
the London urchin's *cat*, is perh a separate
word, F dial (northern) *guisse*

gooseberry. The *goose* is no doubt for *goose*,
cf dial *groser*, *grozel*, *grozell*, *gooseberry*,
the third of which is F. *groseille*, from Ger.
kraus, curly, as in *krausbeere*, *krauselbeere*,
from minute hairs on some varieties Cf
Du corrupt. *kruisbes*, lit. cross-berry, with
kruis, cross, for *kroes*, curly Cf MedL *ma*
crispa (curly grape), *gooseberry* In sense
of chaperon (19 cent) perh. from affecting
to be engaged in picking gooseberries while
keeping an eye on the young people

gopher¹ Wood (*Gen* vi. 14) Heb *gōpher*
gopher² See *goffer*

gorcrow [archaic] From *gore*¹, in orig sense
Cf *carriion crow*

Gordian knot Tied by Gordius, king of
Gordium (Phrygia), with prophecy that he
who untied it should rule the world Alex-
ander cut it through with his sword In
Shaks (*Cymb* ii 2)

Proverbialiter nodus Gordius de re difficili atque
perplexa dicitur (?).

gore¹ Blood Orig filth AS *gor* dung cogn with Du *goor* mud MHC *gor* dung of animals still in Swiss *gur* ? and ult v ith Ger *ga en* to ferment Earlier sense in archaic *gorbells* fat paunch *gorerato* Poet use for *L error* from 16 cent

gore² Of lress (umbrella balloon) AS *g ra* cogn with *gär* spear (see *gayfish*) formerly used also of triangular piece of ground (*Kensington Gore*) Cf Du *geer* C'er *gahren* and similar use of F *pointe* *gores of a smoke* po'nte de ch' in se (Falog)

gore³ Verb ? From obs *g re gare* spear (v s) This is very doubtful in view of early Sc *gorre* and obs E *jurre* Cf also OI' *gorrette* a juggle jurr thump or thwacke (Cotg)

cor aller t j rre or butt with the horns (Cotg)

gorge F throat neck VL *gu ga* for *g ges* v whirlpool raging abyss supposed to have been L slang for *gutter* Cf *testa* tile whence F *tu e* head and our *bread basket potato-trap* etc In all Rom langs In OF & ME used esp of crop of falcon wh'nce *full gorged* to *di gorge n ho one s gorge rise* etc With fig senses (ravine etc) cf those of neck With *gorget* OI *gorgete* of *corset*

ga ga, gmg the throat gullet, or w'ason p'pe th *gorge or pan* Hefah uke (Flor)

gorgeous Earlier *gorgyas* etc OF *gorgias* elegant swaggering also a noun elaborate neck garment which must have been first sense (cf *laundry*) App from *go de* (q v) Cf F *se rengorger* to "throw out one's chest like a peacock and our fig use of *suell*

gorget [hist] See *gorge*

gorgio Romany name for n'cn gipsy Bad transliteration (Br row) of Sp *gipsy gacho* cf Ger *gipsy gatscho* Origin unknown

gorgon G F *gorgon* as if for **Topyur* from *γοργος* terrible Head of Medusa on Athens' shield Hence *gorgone* to petrify (*Maud* i xxi 21)

gorgonzola Name of village near Milan

gorilla O curs in C version of voyage of Hanno the Carthaginian (c 500 BC) in sens (cf hairy savage Adopted (1847) for giant ape first described by Savage US missionary

gormandize See *gourmand*

gorse AS *gorst* (still as surname) cogn with Ger *gersle* barley and L *h rdeum* The

bush of Ma h xii 26 is rendered by AS *go sibdam*

gosh For God cf *gad goll's*

Each ma anat h to himself by gosse

(Kesp bi a i j 1553)

goshawk AS *gos hafoc* goose hawk cf ON *gås haukr*

Goshen Land of light and plenty Heb (*Gen* vi n 27)

gosling Dim of *goose*

gospel AS *god spel* for *god spel* good tidings (see *spel*) translating L *euangelium* (see *evangel*) Associated with God also in ON & OHG

runa gi m last bo m und m godsp l i k

Goss [archaic slang] Hat Short for *gossamer* hat a light felt popular c 1830-40

We t lat on g ossamer I alls t (P) he k eb

Gossamer ME *gossamer* or app for *goose sum* or applied to the period (St Martin's summer) when geese are eaten and *gossamer* is chiefly seen The substance and season have fantastic names in most Europ langs e g F *fil de la vierge* Ger *adchensommer* (these perh associated with the Assumption Aug 15) Du *kraan omer* (crane) etc

Gossip AS *godsibb* God akin used of those w' contracted spiritual affinity by acting as sponsors With later senses crony chatterer well exemplified in Shaks cf hist of synon F *compè e cor me e* (see *compè e* *cunier*) or of Ger *gewässer* formed on Church L *compaler* With second element cf Ger *sippe* affinity

Sc Th mon y most hono ble mpe hal w tho t t lo bserve y c appointed h w P t Th kee my d ern gossip

(Ea tues d Hov i i 2)

immer ge gossiping th q al tan affi ity or leag ue that grows b t en w m by brist n g hild tog ther roo f a th (Cotg)

Gossoon [i gl'o-lr] From MI' *garson* n F *ga f*

Goth AS *Gota* Late I pl *Gothi* G *Fothu* adapted from first element of *Goth gut th uda* Goth c peopl (see *Dutch*) Often used of savage spoil r cf *Vandal Hun* The lang (L Ger) is preserved in the Bible transl of Ulila (little wolf) bishop of th Moeso-Goths (4 cent) and a form of it was spoken in the Crimea during the Middle Ages As term of art and literature *Gothic* was contrasted with *classic* and often implied barbarism Cf *goth c type* as oppos d to roman *Gothic* being used

by early scholars for mod *Germanic*,
Teutonic See also *Teutonic*

Gotham Home of "wise men" Village near
Nottingham Cf Ger *Schuldburger*, similar
usage

The wise men of Gotham are risen again!
(*Misogonus*, II 3, c 1550)

Gotterdammerung See *twilight*

gouache [*paint*] F, It *guazzo*, "a water or
washed colour" (Flor), ? ult cogn. with
Ger *wasser*, water, ? or for It *acquazzo*,
L *aquat-*, from *aqua*, water

goufa Boat on Tigris See *kuphar*

They [the goufas] are coated inside and outside
with bitumen (*Daily Chron* March 30, 1917)

gouge Chisel F, Late L *gubia*, *gulbia*, cf
It *gubbia*, Sp *gubia* Of Celt. origin, cf
OIr *gulban*, Welsh *gylfin*, beak For verb
to *gouge*, once very popular in US, see
Thornton

Claw your eyes right out, like a Carolina gouger
(*Sam Slick*)

goulard Lotion From name of F surgeon

Opodeldoc, joint-oil, and goulard (*Ingoldsby*)

goulash [*cook*] Kind of stew (*Daily Chron*
Dec 1, 1919) Ger *gulasch*, from Hung

gourd F *gourde*, L *cucurbita*, whence also
Ger *kurbiss* For sense of water-bottle
cf *calabash*

gourmand F, connected by some with
gourmet, epicure, wine-taster, and this with
OF *gromet*, lad, esp taverner's assistant,
from E *groom* But, apart from difficulties
of sense, the chronology of *groom* and
gromet is uncertain

gout F *goutte*, L *gutta*, drop, from early
med view as to the "humour" causing it
In Chauc Cf archaic *gout* (of blood), in
mod use after *Macb* II 1

govern F *gouverner*, L *gubernare*, G *κυ-
βερνᾶν*, to steer a ship (see *James*, II 4),
cf It *governare*, Sp *gobernar*. An early
example of naut metaphor *Governance*
(Wyc) is much older than *government* (16
cent)

gowan [*Sc & north*] Daisy, etc Cf earlier
golland, ult cogn with *gold* and *yellow*

gowk [*Sc & north*] Fool ON *gauki*,
cuckoo, cogn with AS *gāc* Cf Ger
gauch, cuckoo, fool

gown OF *gonne*, cf MedL *gunna*, It
gonna, OSp *gona* App orig a fur gar-
ment Ult. origin unknown For wide

senses of *coat*, *robe*, *frock* Often as em-
blem of office or status, e.g. *gownsmen*,
town and gown

grab Cf early Du & LG *graben*, cogn with
grape, *gripe* Cf *grabble*, to grope, Du
grabbelen

grace F *grâce*, L *gratia*, pleasing quality,
favour (cf. orig sense of *disgrace*), from
gratus, pleasing, cf It *grazia*, Sp *gracia*
Two groups of senses, as those of *gracious*,
follow L Oldest E meaning (c. 1200) 'is
1 el, God's grace', cf *graceless*, reprobate
Grace after meat, till 16 cent usu *graces*,
is adopted from F *tendre grâces*, L *gratias
agere* Hence *grace-cup*, now esp at uni-
versities French sense of pardon now
chiefly in *act of grace* For my *gracious*!
etc see *good* There but for the *grate* of God
goes was prob. said by John Bradford,
Protestant martyr (†1555). With use as
title, of archbishops, dukes, formerly also
of sovereigns, cf Ger *Euer Gnaden*, from
gnade, favour

grackle Bird ModL *gracula*, for L *grac-
culus*, daw, chough, etc

grade F, rank, order, L *gradus*, step On
the up (down) *grade* is US railway lang.,
cf *gradient* *Gradual* is MedL *gradualis*,
cf *graduate*, from MedL *graduare*, to take
a "degree" The *gradual*, antiphon be-
tween epistle and gospel at Eucharist, was
so called because sung at steps of altar
Gradus, L school-book, was orig *Gradus
ad Parnassum* (17 cent) for help in L
verse, cf *delectus (sententiarum) Graccarum*
Gradgrind One who recognizes nothing but
"business" Character in Dickens' *Hard
Times*

gradin-e [*arch*] Tier F *gradin*, It. *gradino*,
from L *gradus*, step, grade

gradus See *grade*

graffito [*art*] It, from *graffio*, claw, scratch
Applied to wall inscriptions at Pompeii,
etc Cogn. with *agrafe* (q.v.)

graft¹ In gardening Earlier *graffe* (*Piers
Plowm*), F. *greffe*, L, G *γρᾶφιον*, stylus,
from *γράφειν*, to write, from pencil-shaped
shoot used in grafting Cf *imp.*

greffe a *graffe*, a slip, or young shoot fit to be
grafted (Cotg.)

graft² [US] Perh ident with E slang *graft*,
work, from obs *grate*, to dig Cf *I think
I can work it*

Wherever you have had a democracy, you have
seen it attended by the twin nymphs, Graft and
Boodle (*Blackwood*, May, 1917)

Grahamize [*hist*] From *Sir James Graham* who was Home Secretary when Mazzini's letters were opened in post (1841)

grail [*eccl*] Book of Mass-music OF *grael* MedL. *graduale* See *grade*

grail holy Cup used at Last Supper OF *gail* *grail* in *saint g ail* (ML. *sangreal*) MedL. *sanctus gradalis* perh ult from L. *crater* bowl Confused with *sang* and interpreted as bowl in which Joseph of Arimathea caught the blood of the Saviour

grain¹ F *grain* grain corn L. *granu* and *graine* seed L. *grana* neut pl used as collect Cogn with corn¹ *kernel* For *eyed* in *grain* ie with *le mes* once believed to be a seed of *engrained* With *grain* texture surface appearance of *ganite* Against the *grains* from carpentering See also *cross* With *grain* smallest unit of weight cf hist of *carat* *scipe* also *barley-corn* as unit of length

grain² *grainse* fish-pear ON *grein* division branch whence dial F *grain* prong *grallatorial* [*ornith*] Herons etc From L. *grallator* stilt walker from *gallae* stilts for *gallae* from *gradior* I step cf F *déchasser* in same sense from *déchasse* stilt (see *skate*)

gralloch [*ten.*] To disembowel (deer) From Gael *grealach* intestines

gram¹ Chuck pea Port *grão* L. *granum*

gram² Unit of weight See *gramme*

gram, C *γράμμα*, letter from *γράφω* to write

gramarye [*archaic*] ME. *grammar* magic Re-introduced by Scott See *grammar* *glamour*

gramecy [*archaic*] OF *grant merci* great thanks See *mercy*

gramineous From L. *gramen* *grass* *grain* *graminologue* [*shortland*] Incurr for *logo* *gram* App coined by Pitman For in version of elements of *graphophone*

grammar F *grammaire* L. *grammatica* (sc a s) G *γραμματις* η (sc τ γ γη) from *γράμμα* letter from *γράφω* to write For r cf OF *mirre* physician L. *medicus* In L. & G. used of philology and literature in widest sense in Middle Ages esp of L. *grammar* (hence *grammar school* 14 cent.) and also of occult sciences popularly connected with the learned (hence *gamarje glamour*) Most of the L. *grammatical* terms were translated from G. (see *case* *genitive* etc.) "The first school grammar ever written in Europe was

the Greek grammar of Dionysius Thrax a pupil of Aristarchus which he published at Rome in the time of Pompey (Whitney) The first English Grammar was written (c 1600) by Ben Jonson

gramme gram F *gramme* Late L. *gramma* C *γράμμα* letter also small weight Adopted as unit in metric system by law of 1795 from year VIII (1799)

gramophone An atrociti formed by reversing *phonogram*

grampus Earlier (16 cent) *graudefosse* altered on F *grand* from ME. *gape* OF *gapis* *graspis* *crispis* L. *crassus piscis* fat fish cf *porpoise* In ME also *crassus* (see *coarse*)

granadilla *grenadilla* Flower Sp dim of *granada* pomegranate

granary L. *granarium* from *granum* corn Cf *garner*

grand F L. *grandis* which supplanted *magus* (exc in *Chalcanth*) in Rom langs E has chiefly adopted spec sense (cf *grandeur*) exc. in titles or expressions which imitate foreign usage e.g. *Grand Duke* (*Inquisitor*) *Grand Junction Canal* *grand tour* etc With *grandfather* etc archaic *grandsons* *grandin* etc after F *grand père* etc (replacing AS *eatlæfæder*) cf Ger *grossvater* etc The much later *grandson* correspond to more logical F *petit fils*

grantee Earlier *grantee* *grantee* Sp *grand* L. *grandis* (v.s.)

grandiloquent From L. *grandiloquus* from *loqui* to speak after *eloquent*

grandiose F It *grandioso*

Grandisonian Like S F *Chalcanth* *Grandison* fruitless hero of Richardson no el (1753)

grange Orig *granary* barn F VL *grana* from *granum* corn Later outlying farm (Chauc.) Cf Du *spijker* Ger *speicher* loft orig *granary* from L. *spica* ear of corn the sense having changed as in F *grenier* loft

grangerize From *James Granger* who published (1769) a *Biographical History of England* with blank pages for insertion of illustrative engravings etc Cf *botulize*

Bei *ga* inveterat *Granger* etc I t t t t ur par graph t stick in my vol m

(Daily CA on Jan 3 1917)

granite It *gran* to *grained* adopted by most Europ langs Cf gr *νοπήριον* no ned (1872) by Vogelsang from *vet gran* (f) (for) *phyr*

granny. For *grannam*, colloq for *grandam*.
grant AF *grantei*, *graunter*, OF *creanter*,
 from *creant*, pres part of *creire* (*croire*),
 L *credere*, to believe, entrust (cf *credit*).
 Possibly AF. *grantei* may also partly represent F *garantur* (see *guarantee*)
granulate From Late L *granulum*, dim of
granum, grain
grape F *grappe* (*de raisin*), bunch (of
 grapes), cogn with *grab*, *grapple*, etc Cf.
grape-shot (17 cent) Replaced AS *wīn-berige*
graph [math] For *graphic formula* Cf.
graphic, L, G *γραφικός*, from *γραφή*,
 writing, drawing, from *γράφειν*, to write,
 orig to scratch *Graphology*, F *graphologie*,
 was coined by Abbé Michon (1869)
-graph, -grapher, -graphy See *graph*
graphite Black lead, etc Ger *graphit*, or
 F *graphite* (c 1800), because used for
 pencils (v s)
grapnel Orig naut (Chauc) Dim from
 F *grappin*, dim of OF *grappe*, hook, of
 Teut origin and cogn with *agrafe*, *grab*,
gripe, etc
grapple Orig naut (Palsg) Cogn with
 above With fig to *grapple with* cf to
 come to grips
grasp ME *grasp* (often synon with *gripe*),
 for *graps*, cogn with *grab*, *gripe*, etc Cf
clasp, *wasp* For fig senses cf *comprehend*
 Thou shalt graasp [var *gripe*, Vulg *palpare*] in
 mddav, as is woned a blynd man to graasp in
 derknisses (Wyc Dent xxviii 29)
grass AS *gæs*, *græs* Com Teut, cf Du
 Ger ON Goth *gras*, ult cogn with *grow*,
green, and L *gramen* Hence *grasshopper*,
 earlier *grasshop*, AS *gæs-hoppa* (for Bibl
 locust)
grass-cutter [Anglo-Ind] Corrupt of Urdu
ghāshkatā Cf *boy*, *compound*², *godown*,
 etc
grass-widow. Orig (16 cent) woman who has
 cohabited, discarded mistress Cf obs LG
graswedewe, in same sense, also Du *gras-
 weduwe*, Ger *strohweib* (*straw*), in mod
 sense Orig allusion prob to bed of straw
 or grass (cf *bastard*) Ger practice of
 strewing chopped straw (*hackerling*) before
 door of unchaste may be connected Another
 theory is that the bride who had anticipated
 conjugal life wore a wreath of straw instead
 of one of flowers Current sense, esp Anglo-Ind,
 from c 1850
 Then had wyvys ben in his [St Paul's] tyme lytel
 better than grasse wydowes be now (Sir T More)

Gott verzeih's meinem lieben mann,
 Er hat an mir nicht wohl getan!
 Geht da stracks in die welt hinein,
 Und lässt mich auf dem stroh allein

(Goethe, *Faust*, 2865)

grate¹ Bars MedL, It *grata*, from L
cratis, hurdle Cf *grill*.
grate² Verb F *gratter*, to scratch, of Teut
 origin, cf Dan *kralte*, Ger *kralzer*, E
s-catch For fig sense cf to *set teeth on edge*
grateful. From obs adj *grate*, L *gratus*,
 pleasing (cf *ingrate*) A most unusual for-
 mation *Grateful and comforting* preserves
 oldersense Cf *gratitude*, *gratuity*, through F
gratify F *gratifier*, from L *gratificari*, from
gratus, pleasing
gratin [cook] F, from *gratter*, to grate
gratis L, contr. of *gratus*, abl pl of *gratia*,
 favour Cf *gratuitous*, from cogn L *gratuitus*,
 freely bestowed
gratitude, gratuity See *grateful*, *gratis*.
gratulate See *congratulate*
gravamen MedL, grievance See *grave*², *grief*
grave¹ Noun AS *græf*, cogn with *grafen*,
 to dig (v 1) In dial also pit
grave². Verb AS *grafen*, to dig Com Teut.,
 cf. Du *graven*, Ger *graben*, ON *grafa*,
 Goth *graban* *Engrave* has nearly sup-
 planted *grave* in spec sense, but *graven*
image survives
 He hath graven and digged up a pit
 (Ps vii 16, PB)
grave³. Adj L *gravis*, heavy, serious Cf
gravity, opposite of *levity* Scient sense of
gravitate, *gravity*, and of their F equiva-
 lents, appears in 17 cent
grave⁴ [naut] Chiefly in *graving-dock*, where
 ship's bottom is cleaned by burning and
 tarring From F *greve*, beach, where ship
 was careened for the purpose *Graving-
 beach* also occurs, cf to *beach a ship*, and,
 for simpler ancient naut methods, see
*dock*³ See *gravel*
graving (du français *grave*, *rivage*) Action
 d'échouer un bâtiment à marée basse, pour le
 caréner ou l'espalmer on dit en français "Œuvres
 de marée" (Lesc)
gravel F *gravelle*, dim of OF *grave* (*grève*),
 shingle, etc Of Celt origin, cf Welsh *gro*,
 gravel, pebbly beach To be *gravelled*, in
 perplexity, is a naut metaphor; cf *stranded*
 and see *grave*⁴ But perh influenced by
grouel (v 1)
 When we were fallen into a place betwene two seas,
 they graveled the ship
 (Acts, xxvii 41 Rheims version, 1582).
 It strooke him from the place where hee sate, and
 groveled him (Purch vii 10).

Greenland, ON *Grönland*, was so named in 986, in order to attract settlers, though "certainly there is no place in the world that is lesse greene" (Purch) The sign of the *Green Man and Still* was suggested by the arms of the Distillers' Company, the supporters of which were two Indians, "wild men of the woods", cf the Ger sign *zum wilden mann* The *greemoom* was perh orig that of some spec theatre, decorated in green Pepys mentions more than once the King's *Greenroom* at Whitehall

*greet*¹ To salute AS. *grētan* WGer, cf Du *groeten*, Ger *grussen* Orig sense prob to come in contact with, as it meant both to salute and attack "An old word" (Kersey, 1706)

*greet*² [Sc & north] To weep AS. *grētan*, cf MHG *grāzen*, ON *grāla*, Goth *grētan* greffier F, notary, etc From *greffe*, stylus See *gaft*¹

gregarian From L *gregarius*, from *grex*, *greg-*, herd, cf *congregate*

Gregorian Music, from *Pope Gregory I* (590-600) Calendar (1582), from *Pope Gregory XIII*, adopted here in 1572

Gregory-powder From *James Gregory*, Sc physician (†1821) Cf *Daffy's elixir*

gremial Of the lap or bosom, L *gremium*

grenade F, orig pomegranate (q v) Also earlier *grenado*, *granado*, after Sp *granada* Orig of an artillery missile (cf Ger *granat*, shell) "Though 'grenades' went out of general use in the 18 cent (!), the name of 'grenadiers' was retained for a company of the tallest and finest men in the regiment" (NED) The *Grenadier Guards* (first regiment of Foot Guards) received their mod name "in commemoration of their having defeated the Grenadiers of the French Imperial Guards upon this memorable occasion" (*Gazette*, July 29, 1815)

grenade. a pomegranet, also, a ball of wild-fire, made like a pomegranet (Cotgr)

Now [1678] were brought into service a new sort of soldiers call'd granadiers, who were dexterous in flinging hand granados (L'Ecl'n)

grenadilla As *granadilla*

grenadine Fabric F, from *grenade*, orig spotted with "grains"

Gresham's law [econ] That bad money drives out good, as explained (1558) by Sir T. Gresham to Queen Elizabeth

Gretna Green In Dumfriesshire, just over

Sc border, hence first spot at which runaway marriage could be conveniently celebrated with simplifications allowed by Sc law

"He has taken her to a Green" "A Goose Green?" asked Clarinda "A Gretna Green"

(J H Ewing, *Jackanapes*)

grey, *gray* AS *græg* Com. Teut, cf Du *grauw*, Ger *grau*, ON *grár* For *grey-friar* see *Franciscan* and *friar* The *grey mare* (better horse) is recorded for 1536 The *Scots Greys* (1681) were orig named from grey uniform, not from chargers *Grey-beard* is used in Sc for a large stone (whisky) jug In *greyhound*, AS *grīhund*, ON *greyhundr*, the first element means bitch (cf Ger *windhund*, greyhound, from OHG *wint*, hound), and the compd has prob changed its meaning The ME *grew-hound*, still in north. dial, results from an etymologizing attempt to connect with OF *Grieu*, ME *Grew*, Greek, cf Sp *galgo*, greyhound, L *Gallus* (cans) The first *Atlantic greyhound* was the SS *Alaska* (1882) *Gieylag* (goose) is supposed to be named from late migration Quot below is a nonce-variation on *into the brown* (q v) See *field*

Our machine gunners got fairly into the grey of them (*Daily Mail*, Dec 5, 1917)

griddle, *gridiron* AF *gridil* (cf Norm dial *gredil*), whence ME *gredile*. Found also in Gael Ir Welsh, from L, so that the immediate source may have been partly Celt *Gridiron* is folk-etym for ME *gredire*, var of *gredile* (cf *andiron*) The confusion of -l-, -r- is common in Norman dial, e.g. *Basire* for *Basile* (cf also F *navire*, VL **navihum*) *Grid* is a back-formation (19 cent) See *grill*

gride [poet] To pierce, etc. Metath of *grid²*, adopted by Spenser from Lydgate *grief* F, wrong, grievance, from *grever*, to afflict See *grieve* In ME also damage, hurt, as in *to come to grief*

To implor forgiveness of all grief (Gavin Douglas).

grieve From tonic stem (*griev-*) of OF *grever*, to weigh down, afflict, etc, VL **grevare*, from **grevis*, altered from *gravis*, heavy, by association with its opposite *levis*, light (see *render*) Cf. fig use of *heavy*

Forsothc her eyen weren greved [17th c gravat] (*Wyc Mall* xxv 13)

*griffin*¹, *griffon*, *gryphon* F *griffon*, from L *gryphus*, from G *γρύψ*, *γρυρ-*, cf G *γρύς*, curved, hook-beaked

griffin¹ [*An to Ind*] New arrival in India
green hand Prob corrupted from some
native word (cf *blightly*)

griffon Dog f see *griffin*¹

grig Orig used of various undersized ani-
mals (cf *tit*) now esp (in dial) of a small
eel It is uncertain what *merry grig* orig
meant as *grig* grasshopper cricket seems
to be a mod assumption from the phrase
by analogy with *sterry as a crick* t In
earliest records (16 cent) it means boon
companion and is found also as *sterry*
Greck Quite possibly it is the pet form of
Gregory (cf surname *Grig*) and *merry Grig*
may go with *merry Andrew* s ny et
On the other hand Cotg equates it with
f g in *alel* undersized man used in OF
of a small horse

gr old a m rry grig pleasant rog pertuill
kna (Cotg)

p l g *delat* pantagru list a m rry G eek
f (thful) dru k rd good f l w (b)

grill f *gril* gridiron cf fem form *grille*
grating as in ladies gallery of House of
Commons (removed Aug 1917) OF *greil*
graille L *eraticulum* *eratula* from *eriles*
hurdle grating Cf *creel* *griddle*
eratula ung grill (Et t)

grise Young salmon on first return from
sea. ? OF *grisle* grey cf Sw *gralax* lit
grey salmon See *gris led*

grim AS *grim* fierce Com Teut. cf
Du *grim* Ger *grim* ON *grimmr* cōn
with ME *grame* and Ger *gam* whence
OF *grais* surly Esp in *grim death* app
afte Shaks but locus classicus is *Par L.*
ii 804

Crim D ath bowf l d lo thron is thl im g
(Shaw l d lo i 35)

grimace f prob from OHG *grimmaz*
cogn with *grim* (vs) cf f *griser* to
gnash the teeth OHG **grimmaz* on

grimalkin [*trichate*] For gray *malin* the
latter dim of *Malida* and *Yarv* being
name for she cat (cf *low-cat*)
Icom G y M lkin (U ch l.)

grime First as verb (15 cent) Of LG on
gin cf ModFlem *grym* obs D *be remen*
den grare maculis inchoer maculare
angl grime (Kil) ? cogn with AS
grima mash orig blackened face which
is still sense of Norw *grime*

Grimm's law [*Eng*¹] Regular mut. tion of
consonants in Aryan lang ges Stated by
Jakob Grimm Ger philol g st (fr 1863)

grintheorpe To restore an ancient building
From restoration (late 19 cent) of St Alban
Abbey by Lord *Grimthorpe* Coined by ti
Athenaeum (July 23 189)

grin AS *grennian* cf Ger *greinen* g *insen*
cogn with *groan* Orig to make a wry
mouth expressive of pain or anger

γ from froule w h usag

And g e γ g f d p t is ag (Rom f R 156)

grind AS *grindan* ? cogn with f *frendere*
to gnash the teeth of Du *grenden* (rare)
Other Teut langs ha c a v rb cog 1 with
L *molere* (see *mual*) Often of hard or
monotonous work hence *grind* (u v)
walk taken for exercise constitutional
To *grind the faces of the poo* (Wyc) is a
Hebraism (Is ii 15) A *grindstone* was
orig a millstone To *keep (hold) one's nose*
to the *grindstone* meant earlier (c 1500) to
torture

gringo Mexican name for Englishman or
AS American S Amer Sp ? corrupt of
Gri o Greek

Th M x ans ally beca n fri dly w th th
h ted gringos (D ly CA Mar h 7)

grip AS *gripan* handful *gripe* clutch
cogn ith *grife* In earlier use chiefly Sc
With fig sense cf *grasp* US *grip* hand
bag for *gripsa* h is prob of Du origin

grip [*dist*] Trench hollow AS *græpe* *grype*

gripe AS *gripan* Com Teut cf Du
grypen Ger *greifen* ON *grip* Goth
gripan cogn with *gripe* With *gripe*
clutching pains cf F *grippe* (v i)

grippe Influenza F seizure from *grpp*
to clutch of LL origin (s) ? or Russ
chrip hoarseness

grisaille [*pa t*] F from *gris* grey MHG
gris cf Ger *gris* old man See *griz* i

grissette f ork g r l from *gris* grey (vs)
from former dress Cf Du *griser* popu
lace lit grey

griskin Dim of dial *gr e* pig ON *griss*
griss swyn or p gg porc luss (f ompt f r r)

grisly AS *grislic* terrible cogn with
gryche terror cf NE *grisen* to shudder
MHG *grisenlich* grisly

grist AS *grist* from *grind* cf f *grist*
grist *mond s* to grind Pro erb u e
(*g i t to the mill*) occurs in ML

gristle AS *gristle* cartilage of the nose
nasgristle Analogy of Du *knarsbeen*
gristle from *knarsen* to gnash sugges
c nnection with *grist* from i d a of crunch
ang

grit AS *grīot*, sand, etc. The fact that Ger. *griess*, groats, grits, is from OHG *grīoz*, sand, points to relationship of *grits*, oatmeal, AS *grylta* (cf Ger *grütze*), with *grit*. The vowel of *grit* (for *greet*) is due to association with *grits*. Fig (US) for pluck, character, orig *clear* (*hard*) *grit*, from quality of stone. Synon US *sand* (*Huckleberry Finn*) is a further variation on the same idea.

sablonneux sandy, greetie (Cotg)

grizzle To sulk, fret. ? Ironical allusion to *patient Grisul*, Chaucer's *Griseldis*.

Enough to make a grizzle fret (ALD 1797)

grizzled, grizzly From archaic *grizzle*, grey-haired, ME *grisel*, old man, OF dim of *gris*. See *grisaille*. The *grizzly bear* (uisus horribilis) belongs rather to *gristly*.

groan AS *grāman*, cogn with *gin*.

groat Orig Du coin. Du *groot*, great, in sense of thick, cf Ger *groschen*, F *gros sou*.

I have found the groate which I had loost

(Tynd Luke, xv 9)

groats Crushed grain. AS *grot*, particle, cogn with *grit*, cf Du *grutte*, Ger *grütze*. See *groat*, *gruel*.

Grobian Churl. Ger, facet. latinization (*Grobianus*), from *grob*, coarse, surly, cogn with *gruff*.

grocer Orig dealer "in the gross," wholesale OF *grossier*. See *gross*, *engross*². The Company of Grocers, incorporated 1344, were wholesale dealers in spices and foreign produce. For limitation cf *stationer*, for converse cf *costermonger*.

grog Nickname of Admiral Vernon, who wore usually a *program* cloak, and who first (Aug 1740) ordered dilution of sailors' rum. Hence *groggy*, unsteady.

rogram Earlier (16 cent) *rogram*, *grogeran*, etc, F *gros grain*, coarse grain, cf *fingering*. Restored form is used in trade and US. A Ger perversion is *grobgrün*, lit coarse green (see *gruff*).

Item paid for xvj 3 rdes ij quarters of grow-graine chamblet iij li xijs (Rutland MSS 1558)

A grosgrain carpet lay on the asphalt to the edge of the side-walk (O Henry)

groun Earlier *grīne*, ME *grynde*, cf AS *grynde*, abyss, cogn with *ground*, and dial *grindle*, runnel. For change of vowel cf *boil*². Arch sense is later than anat.

aines the grine, or groyne of man or woman (Cotg)

Grolier [bibl] From Jean Grolier, F. bibliophile (†1565).

gromwell Plant. Altered, perh on *speedwell*, from ME *gromil*, *gromel*, OF *gromil* (*grémil*). OF. has also *gremil*, due to influence of *grain*, but the first element is prob. OF *grume*, pip of grape, also grain in gen, ? L *grumus*, hillock, clod, clot. The plant (*Lithospermum*) is noted for its hard seeds. The var *graymill* is ModF *grémil* (vs).

groom Orig (c 1200), boy, male child; cf. OF *gromet*, lad (see *grummet*). Both are of obscure origin (see remark sv *girl*). Mod spec sense has developed from gen sense of servant as in *horse-groom*, *stable-groom*.

groove Du *groef*, trench, cogn with *grave*¹, cf Ger *grube*, ON *gröf*, pit, Goth *grōba*. For fig sense cf *rut*.

grope AS *grāpian*, cogn with *grasp* (qv), *grip*¹.

grosbeak. Bird. F *grosbec*. See *gross* and *beak*.

groschen Coin. Ger, dim of *gross*, great. Cf *groat*.

gross. F *gros*, Late L *grossus*, of obscure origin, said to be unconnected with Ger *gross*, great. Many of the L senses are not found in F, while others are represented by the derived *grossier*, rude, vulgar, etc. For noun sense, bulk, cf *grocer*, *engross*². Spec sense of duodecimal hundred is F *grosse* (= It *grossa*, Sp *gruesa*). Cf *great* hundred, long hundred, Ger *grosshundert* (120).

grot, grotto Earlier *grotta*. F *grotte*, It *grotta*, L, G *κρυπτή*, from *κρύπτειν*, to hide (see *crypt*). OF had *crute*, *crote*, now superseded by the It word. The London street *grotto* (Aug 5) is said to have been orig in honour of St James the Greater, whose shrine at Compostella was one of the holy places of Europe.

grotesque F, It *grottesca* (sc *opera*), fem of *grottesco*, from *grotta* (vs), because imitated from crude designs found in old buildings excavated.

grottesca a kinde of rugged unpolished painters worke, anticke worke (Flor)

ground AS *grund*. Com Tent, cf Du. *grond*, Ger *grund*, ON. *grunn*, Goth *grundus* (in compds). Orig. bottom, esp of the sea, cf *groundling*, *ground-swell*, and Ger *zu grunde gehen*, to founder. Orig sense also appears in *grounds*, sediment,

for which Ger uses *bojen* bottom. Later base surface. With *down to the ground* cf *I d fond*. ME used *all to grownd* in similar sense. Often in mil metaphor (like *I terrain*) e.g. to gain (lose) *yield shift one's ground*. To get in on the ground floor i.e. on a level with the promoters is LS.

groundsel *grunsel* Plant AS *grundesweige* (10 cent.) lit earth swallower appears to be an early gardener's perversion of *gurdesuel* (7 cent.) pus swallower from use of chopped leaves in poultices. Cf hist of *saxifraga festerfew*. Or both forms may be due to folk etym. It is uncertain whether the AS name was applied to the plant which we now call *groundsel* and *Cer gūn el* comfrey (13v). OLG *cunsele* L *consolida* suggest a similar origin for our word. There is also a techn *ground el* foundation etc (11) app for ground sill to which spelling of the plant name has been assimilated.

On the h ly groudsel of sweet Edens a th
(Sylv. Ita dic aft)

group 1 *groupe* It *gr ppo* a knot an entangling a node a knob a bunch (Flor) of Teut origin cf *cropp crupper* In F orig (17 cent.) term of art (cf *attitude costume*)

group 1ish 1ort *garupa* ? from some S Amer native name or related with *garupa* buttock. For perversion of *b eaker*. But quot below 70 years earlier than NED suggests that the word may be of F formation (? from *groupe* ? or *groipe*) and that the Port word may be from L.

The e. great treant a lot of fish whi h beis
fo the most part unk wne to each m u g a e
them a mes a th y best liked on k d they
e Red rocks fish other groopers

(N woods Hermds 16 in Pursh x s. 180)

grouse 1 Bird Orn. pl used collectively. Perh *I grue* or Port. *gron* crane from L. *grus grus* crane used in wrong en e. Bird names are very vague (see *albatross* *heron* *fenelon*) and *grouse* is explained by Littleton (v i) as a young, untamed bird akin to the crane (N vtan) while other early dict. confuse it with the godwit. The earliest NED records for *grouse* (for us 1531 *grouse* 1541) may equally well start for ME *gron* crane. M. quot a double pl perpetuated by a variant as a little earl r (eb was in comm m use as a 13 cent. nickname (h u e sum me *Grue*) Medl *grus* gallina ampestris

may be a latinization of *I grue* (VL *grua* for *grus*)

A br e of groyuses (It of Non Pap re 1523)

g was you g k th fort tet onum palla (Litt.)

to do a bustant or hi t nd (b)

grouse {nil} To grumble OF *gracier* (w lnce *g uidge*) has same sense and is still used in Norm dial but it hardly seems possible to establish connection. The first NED example is from Kipling (189) 111 I have heard the word used by a u ol soldier of the Indian Mutiny pen d Cf US *grouse*

Th	B	TT	ER
Come	yo	g	users
(In	PL	a	Land
		Sh	M
			914

grout 1 Sediment Orig coarse meal AS *grut* cogn with *grit* *gr uis* *Grout* thin mortar is perh the same word

grout 2 *groot* To dig with the snout App coined from *roust* *roof* under influence of *gunt*

grove AS *graf* Cf ML *greis* thicket AS *grāfa*

grovel First in Shaks. Back formation from adj *grovelling* orig ad face downward Cf ML *groof* O *grifa* usu in d h r fu whence M on *grufe* *grovelling* Prob cogn. with *grub* For back formation of *side*

N w d downward gr ff d ow plight
(Hom FR e 1561)

grow AS *grōvan* Cf Du *groven* OLG *gruon* O *grōa* cogn with *gras* *g cen* Has almost supplanted a a (q v)

growl In mod sense from 18 cent. Cf MF *groll* *gu l* to rumble OI *gr ule* to scold Du Ger *grolen* to grumble snarl. All of limit or sim. With *g culery* (P e b Hou e ch viii) Cf *bonheur den Grouler* lout whe ler is 19 cent

groyne Structure to check washing up Cf sand F *groin* snout of p. Back formation from *groyner* to grunt (in m L *gruon* is used in OI of a p n untory. Sail is formerly called Cornan Sp la (r uil) the c ome of *Spa n* (Rob Crus e 1 19)

Voc tur b Gro ne 11 m re et mtr n pced
(N 1 107)

grub ML *grollen* *gruon* etc Cf L *crus* with *grus* Cf *Lee gr* to br d o r OLG *grut* to l uo lnb It co grub digging insect worm etc (see m u e u s) I g a la (u h) *Grut* u re M lton 61 Moorhet is inf alated l v l t rary *grub*

in 17 cent In slang sense of provender (17 cent) often linked with *bud*, drink
 grudge Earlier *grutch*, to murmur, grumble, OF *groucier*, *groucher* (see *grouse*²), of obscure origin, perh imit, cf *growl*, *murmur*

And the *Parisees* and scribis *grutehuden* [*Vulg.* *murmurare*] (*Wyc Iude*, xi 2)

Let them grudge [*Vulg.* *murmurare*] if they be not satisfied (*Ps lxx* 15)

gruel OF (*gruau*), crushed grain, groats, dim of archaic *gru*, of LG origin, see *groats* For pugil to give one his *gruel* see origin of to serve out (s v *serve*), and cf Sc to give one his *kale* through the reek (*Old Mort* ch xiv)

gruesome From ME and dial *grue*, to shudder, cf Dan *gru*, horror, Ger *grauen*, to shudder, *grausam*, cruel, *gräulich*, horrible, etc Ult cogn with *grisly*

I begin to grue at the sound of it (*Caltriona*)

gruff Orig (16 cent) coarse in quality, etc Du *grof*, "crassus, spissus, densus, im-politus, rudis" (Kil), cogn with Ger *grob* (OHG *groob*, perh a compd of OHG. *riob*, rough), which means coarse (tobacco, material, etc) and surly See *Grobian*

grumble Cf F *grommeler*, LG *grummeln* Imit, or perh allied to *grim* Hence *Grumbletonian* (17 cent), orig applied to the "Country party" as opposed to the "Court party" Coined on *Muggletonian*

grume [med] Clot OF (replaced by *grumeau*), L *grunius* See *gromwell*

grummet [naut] Fig use of obs *gromet*, *grummet* ship's boy, common in F & E, 13-18 cents, also Sp *grumete* (see *groom*) Cf *gasket*, with which it is associated in earliest quotations

grommets are little rings which have no other use but to tie and make fast the casketts [gaskets] (*Manwayring, Seaman's Dict* 1644)

grumete garçon ou esclave de galère (Oudin)

gourmette a ship-boy, servant or apprentice, in the dialect of Provence (Falc)

grump Suggested by *grumble*, *grunt*, *dump* Grundy, Mrs Character in Morton's *Speed the Plough* (1798) Several times referred to in the play in the now familiar phrase *What will Mrs Grundy say?* It is curious that to this forgotten author is also due the usu misquoted *Approval from Sir Hubert Stanley is praise indeed*

grunsel See *groundsel*

grunt AS *grunnellan*, frequent of *grunnan*;

cf Ger *grurzen*, from MHG. *grunnen*, also F. *grogner*, L. *grunire* 'Of imit origin'
 gruyère Cheese From name of Swiss town (Fribourg)

gryphon See *griffin*¹

grysbok SAfr antelope Du. *grijs*, grey, cf *springsbok*, etc.

guacho See *gaucha*

guaiacum Resin Sp *guayaco*, *guayacan*, from native lang of Hayti

guana Var of *iguana* (q v)

guanaco Kind of llama Sp, Peruv *huanacu*

guano Sp, Peruv *huano*, dung.

Guarani Native lang of Brazil

guarantee Also *guaranty*. First as noun (= *warranty*), p p fem of F *garantir*, to protect, etc, from OF *garant*, protection, OHG. *werend*, pres part. of *ueren*, to protect. Cf *uerr*, *lawdweh*, *warrant* The verb was orig used (18 cent) in pol sense, e g of powers guaranteeing by treaty the independence of smaller countries, such as Belgium

guard, guardian F *garde*, *gardien* Late (15 cent) substitutions for *ward*, *warden* (q v); cf the correlation of *guardian* and *ward* The noun was orig abstract or collect, as in *on one's guard*, *bodyguard*, etc The *guard* of a stage-coach was armed for the defence of travellers He has been taken over with the *driver*, *coach*, and *booking office*, by the railways

guava Sp *guayaba*, from Wind name of tree

guabas a sort of tree in the West Indies of no value (Stevens).

gubernatorial [US] Of a governor. (q v)

gudgeon¹ Fish F *goujon*, L *gobio-n*, from *gobius*, cf *goby* Fig senses from readiness to swallow any bait; cf *gull*

gudgeon² [tech] Pivot of lunge, socket of rudder pintle (naut) OF *gojon*, ? from F *gouge*, wench, prostitute, with an obscene allusion Cf synonym F *femlot* (*de gouvernail*), also E *male*, *female screw*, *grummet*, *gasket*. See *pintle*, *pivot*

Guebre Fire-worshipper F *guèbre*, Pers *gabr* Cf *giaour*.

Guelder rose From *Guelders* (Prussia), old capital of Guelderland (Holland), formerly Pruss province

Guelph [hist] It *Guelfo*, OHG *Welf* (whelp), name of a Ger princely family, used as war-cry of the anti-imperialists at the battle of Weinsberg (1140), as *Warblingen* was by their opponents See *Ghibelline*

Hence ducal house of Brunswick and formerly royal house of Britain (*Windsor*)
guerdon F OF *guedredon* a mixture of L *donum* gift with OHG *undarlön* return payment cogn with AS *niðfe lean* re quital Cf It *guiderdone* Se with *niðfers widdershins loan*

guerrilla Sp dim of *guerra* war OHG *uerra* (see war) Often wrongly used for *guerrillero* guerrilla fighter

guernsey Seaman's vest orig knitted at *Guernsey* Cf *jersey*

guess Verb ME *gessen* to estimate appraise very common in Wyc for *think* cf Sw *gissa* Dan *gisse* Du *gissen* Prob of Norse origin Ued in US with orig sense (cf *calculate reckon*)

guess [d al] In *another guess* Corrupt of *gates* genitive of *gate* of another way kind See *other*

My method will be *first and a other gates business* this (P pps, Sep 6 1668)

guest AS *gæst* mod *g* for *y* being app due to cogn ON *geitr* Com Teut cf Du *Ger gast* Goth *gasts* com with L *hostis* enemy common let being that of stranger
Gueux [hist] Name assumed by patriots of Netherlands who rose against Spain (16 cent) F beggar of unknown origin Cf *Carbonari*

guffaw Orig Sc Imit
guggle See *goglet* *grigle*

guicowar See *gaikwar*

guide F *guide* Prov *guid* or It *guidare* (replacing OF *gui* r whence ML *gven* to *guid*) Goth *gitan* cogn with Ger *weisen* to show and with E *ait*

guidon Pennon F It *guid* e from *guida* e to *guide* Replaced Ol *guon* (s)

guild gild AS *gield* payment *gegield* a sociation cf *gield* *heall* guild hall Orig idea is contribution to semi-rel later to trade or craft association Init *g* may be due to cogn ON *gill* *gull* *gull* feast or to early adoption by AF & MedL but *y* forms also occur Cf Du *Cer geld* m *ney* Goth *gill* tribute Du *gill* guild See *jield*

Weis me tech f h m a fair burgys
 T witten in y id hall on a dys (Ch c A. 364)

guilder Du coin Corrupt of Du *gilden* (qv)

guile OF cf AS wif trick See *pile*

guillemot Bird F dim of *Guillem* cf *robin* etc In Hakk *wil not* is often used in same sense But it may be partly altered from Welsh *guylog* (ee *gull*) which is app the origin of the word below similarly associated with *William*

S a fowles wh h we call w lookes (Pur h)

guilloche [arch] From F *guillochis* a kind of flourishing in masonry or carpentry (Cotg) perh from surname *Guiloché* derivative of *Guillaume* cf *man* *ard guillo* *tine* and F *guillemet* inverted comma from printer named *Cuille* *iet*

guillotine F from *Guilhotin* name of physician (†1814) who from humanitarian motive suggested its use (1783) instead of the old clumsy method of beheading with a sword The name is a double dim of *Guillaume* e

guilt AS *gylt* VED rejects connection with AS *gelda* to pay for requite (see *guilt* *vield*) although *ys gylt* renders L *debit* in AS version of *Matt* xxii 18 and *Cer schill* means both debt and guilt

gump See *gump*

guinea First coined (1663) from *Guinea* gold and for the purposes of the *Guinea* trade Cf *guinea* *fowl* imported from *Guinea* in 16 cent formerly used also of the turkey The *guinea* *fit* comes from Brazil and quot below gives an earlier and more natural name for the animal It was I imagine so called because brought home by the Guernemen slave ships at the end of their triangular voyage (England to Guinea with trade goods Guinea to Windward and Sinner with slaves the middle passage Wind to England with New World produce) Its F name *cochon d'Inde* is equally vague Cf *gall pot* and hist of *h key* So also maize is often called *Guinea* *wheat* or *T key* *uke* in Hakk and Dutch In sense of company director or jobbing clergyman *guinea* *fit* is a 19 cent witicism

Item f r a tag f th Gwynn y con y sent f B l oyr i j (R ill d MSS 1-09)

gurple F from *gurple* of Teut origin and com with *whip* cf Ger *we fen* to wind thread into a skein (Iudw)

Half oun of whpvedd e d (Holl tom P p r 331)

gurple a grosse black thread (coave ed r whipt about with silk) wh rol corded b t ba da be mad (Cotg)

guise F, OHG *wīsa* (*weise*), manner, whence also It *guisa* See *wise*¹ Sense of style, costume, survives in *disguise*, in the *guise* of, etc., and dial *guiser*, mummer, whence *geezzer*

In their ragged and beggarly guise

(Bunyan, *Mansoul*)

guitar F *guitare*, Sp *guitarra*, G *κιθάρα*, cf *cithar*, *cithole*, *guitern*, kit², *zither*

gulch [US] ? From obs *gulch*, to devour, swallow (of imit origin) on analogy of *gorge*, or perh corrupt of latter

gulden Coin Orig applied to various gold coins in Holland and Germany MHG *gulden* and Du *gulden*, golden

gules [her] Red F *gueules*, pl of *gueule*, maw, throat, L *gula*, ? from open throat of her beast But some derive it from Pers *gul*, rose

gulf F *golfe*, of the sea, *gouffre*, abyss in gen, Late G *κόλφος*, for *κόλπος*, bosom, used as L *sinus*, bosom, in same sense, cf Sp It *golfo*, whence F *golfe*, also Ger *busen*, bosom, gulf The *Gulf Stream* is named from the *Gulf of Mexico*

gull¹ Bird Celt, cf Welsh *gwyllan*, Corn *gullan*, Bret *goelann*, whence F *goëland*, gull

gull² Dupe, etc. ? Obs *gull*, immature fish, also kind of gudgeon, cogn with Du *gul*, small cod, cf *gudgeon* (q v) and verb to *cod* ? Or from *gull*¹, from the bird's ready swallowing of anything thrown to it

gullet F *goulet*, dim of *gueule*, throat, L *gula*

gully F *goulet*, in sense of passage, "gorge" (v s)

gulp Imit, cf Du *gulpen*, to gulp, Dan *gylpe*, to belch, vomit

gum¹ Of the teeth AS *gōma*, cf Ger *gaumen*, gum, palate, ON *gōmr*, palate

gum² Sticky substance F *gomme*, VL *gumma*, for *gummi*, G *κόμμη*, prob of Egypt origin In US for india-rubber and chewing-gum, gum for sticking being called *mucilage* For the antiquity of chewing-gum see *masticate* Up a gum-tree refers to the 'possum in difficulties *Gum arabic* (ME) is exuded by a kind of acacia

Whose subdu'd eyes

Drop tears as fast as the Arabian trees
Their medicinale gum (O¹ v 2)

gumption Orig Sc (c 1700), of unknown origin.

gun First recorded 1339, "instrumenta de latone, vocitata *gonnes*" Perh from female

name *Gunhild*, recorded as applied to a mangonel, "una magna balista de cornu quae vocatur *Domina Gunilda*" (1330-1). *Gunhild*, an ON name of which both elements mean war (cf *gonfalon*), was a common name, with pet-form *Gunna*, in ME, and there are many hist guns which have names of the same type, e.g. the famous 15 cent *Mons Meg* of Edinburgh Cf *Brown Bess*, *Long Tom*, Ger *die faule Gerte* (Brandenburg, 1414) and contemp Ger *Bertha* (Krupp), from the proprietress of the gun factory at Essen A 6-inch howitzer now (Oct 1918) collecting war-loan subscriptions in Bethnal Green is called *Hungry Liz* Connection with ON *gunnr*, war, was even suggested by Lye (1743) Another, and less fanciful, suggestion is that *gun* is for OF *engon*, var. of *engan*, device (cf *gun*¹ for *engn*), a form recorded in the region (Mons) whence the first gun constructors came to England; cf *Mons Meg* (v s), prob made at Mons Perh both sources have contributed, the latter having helped to fix the already existing nickname *Engan* is from OF *enganner*, to trick, of unknown origin. It has a var *engage*, missile, engine, whence early Sc *ganyie*, missile, regularly used in association with *gun* To *stick to one's guns*, *son of a gun*, are both naut The *gunroom* was formerly used by the gunner and his mates *Gunpowder tea* is so named from its granular appearance *Gun-runner*, late 19 cent, was coined on *blockade-runner*

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Hades G *αἴδης* in Homer name of god of lower world later transferred to his king dom Adopted by LXX to render Heb *sheol* abode of departed spirits and introduced into E (c 1600) in connection with controversy on fifth article of Apostl's Creed

hadji Arab *hāji* pilgrim (to Mecca)
haematite *hematite* [m n] L G *αἷμα της* (sc *λιθος*) from *αμα blood*

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haft AS *hæft* handle cogn with *ha e* cf Ger *haft* and *handhabe* in same sense

hag Witch Shortened from AS *hægesse* witch fury from *haga* hedge haw cf synon OHG *hagazussa* (*hexe*) also ON *i vrithr* OHG *zumrta* lit hedge rider (see *town*) The suffix is cogn with Norw dial *tyssa* crone With *ha ridden* oppressed by nightmare cf *p iestridden* These words have affected *bedridden* (q v)

hag [Sc & north] As in *moor hag* ON *hægg* ravine orig blow cut (see *hægle*)

haggard F *h i ard* orig used (v i) of hawk incapable of being tamed App from OHG *hag* hedge haw whence F *ha e* As a l j first applied to the eyes later sense of gaunt scraggy being due to association with *hag*

Esp ev *r hagar este luy qui est de n de hayes* (3^e *février de P* 14 cent)

A d like the h g d beak at every f althe
That comes b f re his ey (T^o *fish & ght ul x*)

haggs Now esp Sc but a common word in ME App by some strange metaphor from F *agasse agace* magpie OHG *agalst* a which usu has initial *h* in LG dialects Cf the two senses of *pie* and also obs *chevet* daw meat pie F *chor ette* daw etc It has been associated with *hach* and F *hacher* to chop (v i)

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hagiography *hagiology* From G *αγιος* holy Cf *ha ioscope* a squint in char h arch

ha ha haw haw Sunk fence F *haha* The suggestion that this is from the exclamation of surprise caused by the obstacle is not very convincing but it may be from the OF hunting-cry *hahas* to rally the dogs A playful elaboration of *hate* hedge seems more lik ly than either

hai(c)k Eastern wrap Arab *hayk* from *hah* to weave

haideuk See *h ydch*

hail Frozen rain AS *ha ol* Com Teut cf Du Ger *h i el* ON *h a l* cogn with C *αχλὺς* small stone

hail To call No v chiefly naut as in to *hail for* Orig from noun *hail* health safety used in greeting as in *hail fellow well met* ON *heil* cogn with AS *hēlu* or from corresponding adj (see *hale* *passail*) Cf Ger *heil* used for L *ate sal e* For cognates see *whole*

Hail [I w] e] thou that art h ghly f vou ed (L k i 29)

i *hail* h p is to c li to her t kn w whence she is or whither b d (S D c 78)

hair AS *hār* Com Teut cf Du Ger *haar* ON *har* Normal *hear heer* has been altered under influence of F *haire* hair shirt OHG *harra* (**harya*) which is common in ME Mod collect has replaced older pl (Gen xlv 29) *Ha rheadth* escape is after Shaks (*Oth i 3*) *Vol to tu n a h a r* was used orig of horses *To keep one s hair on* is mod app playful advice not to *tear one s hair* *Hair of the do that bit you* as homoeopathic remedy is in Phny (*Val Hist xxix 5*) *To spl t ha s* is 18 cent. for earlier to *cut (d vide)* the *ha i*

M *bavel e t t* hair when he ad ed n t bsolut ly to dis vow consel are b t etc. (Sanctott, 652)

hake Fish Prob cogn. with ON *haki* hook from shape of jaw cf *pike* Norw *hak fish* trout and Ger *h ch* pike cogn with AS *haced* pike

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halberd, halbert [*hist*] F *hallebarde*, MHG *helmbarde* Second element is OHG *baria*, broad-axe, first is either *helm*, shaft, handle, also in E. (v 1), or *helm*, helmet A similar doubt exists as to first element of synon *pole-axe* (q v), but the shaft origin seems more natural *Baria* is cogn with *beard*, cf ON *skeggja*, halberd, from *skegg*, beard, also *hist* of *barb*¹

Like mattoles were here wepens wrought,
With long helmes of yren stoute (NED c 130)

halcyon L, kingfisher, altered from G. *ἀλκυών*, as though from *ἄλς*, sea, *κύων*, conceiving, from the belief that the bird hatched its young in a floating nest during the *halcyon days* Really cogn with L *alcedo*, kingfisher, and prob with *aik* Cf L *alcedonia*, calm weather

hale¹ Adj Northern form of AS *hāl*, whole (q v) It has coalesced with ME *hail*, cogn ON *heill* (see *hail*²)

hale² Verb F *haler*, to pull, haul, OHG *halōn* (*holen*), cf synon Du *halen*, perh cogn with G. *καλεῖν*, to call *Haul* is a later borrowing of the same F verb, *hale* surviving in such phrases as *haled to execution*.

half AS *healf* Com Teut, cf Du *half*, Ger *halb*, ON *halfr*, Goth *halbs* Oldest sense of noun is side, as in *behalf*, Ger. *innerhalb*, inside, *mernethalben*, on my account, etc *Half-seas-over*, "almost drunk" (*Dict Cant Crew*), meant orig (16 cent) halfway across the sea *Not half*, orig a long way lacking (cf *too clever by half*), has reversed its meaning in mod slang, a good example of meiosis The *half-butt* and *long-butt* (billiards) have a thick butt end to make up for their length

Scie that these two my sonys sitten, oon at the righthalf, and oon at the lefthalf, in the kyngdam (Wyc Matt xx 21)

A quart for a pene and a pynte for a hapeney (Nolt Dor Records, 1579)

The half hearted and half witted people, which made much the major part of both Houses (Clarendon)

halbut From ME *haly*, holy, and *butt*¹, perh because eaten on holy days, cf F *héllebute*, Du *heilbot*, Sw *helgefundra* (flounder), etc Capt John Smith writes it *holybut*

halidom [*archaic*] AS *hāligdōm*, holiness, relic, sanctuary See *-dom* Cf Du *heilighdom*, Ger *heiligtum* In ME often *-dam*, *-dame*, by association with Our Lady

hall AS *heall*, spacious room or building, cogn with *helan*, to cover, hide, and ult. with L *celare* Com Teut., cf Du. *hal*, Ger *halle*, ON *höll* F *halle*, covered market, is from Ger Sense of entry, vestibule, comes from the time when the entrance hall was the chief living-room *Liberty Hall* is an 18 cent imit. of earlier *Cutpurse Hall*, *Ruffians Hall* *Hall-marled* means stamped at *Goldsmiths' Hall*, London

hallelujah See *alleluia*

halliard See *halyard*

hallo Also *hello*, *hallo*, *hollo*, *hullo*, *halloo*, *holla*, etc Cf F *hold!* and our *hi there!* also OHG *hala*, imper of *halōn* (see *hale*²), as summons to ferryman, but the whole group is mainly natural interjection. In hunting (*view halloo*) perh OF *la lou!* for *loup*, wolf

hallow AS *hālgian*, from *hālig*, holy (q v); used to render L *sanctificare* Noun *hallow*, AS *hālga*, saint, survives in *Hallowmass*, *Hallowe'en*, *All Hallows*

hallucinate From L *hallucinari*, for *alucinari*, to wander in mind, coined, on *vaticinari*, from G *ἀλύειν*, to be distraught, cogn with G *ἡλεός*, mad

halm See *haulm*

halma Game G *ἄλμα*, leap, from *ἀλλεσθαι*, to leap, cogn with L *salire*

halo From L *halos*, G. *ἅλως*, threshing-floor, round disk, cf F *halo*, It alone, Sp *halón*, which point to VL. **halo-n-* First (16 cent) in astron

haloid [*chem*] From G *ἅλς*, salt

halt¹ [*archaic*] Lame AS *healt* Com Teut, cf obs Du. *halt*, MHG *halz*, ON *haltr*, Goth *halts* Hence to *halt* (L *claudicare*) *between two opinions* (1 Kings, xvin 21), *halting delivery*, etc, perh sometimes felt as belonging to *halt*².

halt² [*mil*] Orig in to *make hall*, F *faire halie* (earlier *halt*), Ger *halt machen*, from *hallen*, to hold, stop, cf It *fare alto*, Sp *alto hacer*, also from Ger

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halyard, halliard Corrupt of *halier* (14 cent), from *hale*² For *-yard* cf *lanyard*

ham AS *hamm*, cf. Du *ham*, Ger dial *hamme*, ON *höm* Orig sense prob crooked, bent AS meaning, bend at back of knee, appears in *hamstring*, tendon of hock, now usu as verb

hamadryad L. C. Ἀμαδρυάδς wood nymph fabled to die with tree usu in pl from *dua* together with *δρυς* tree In Chauc In 19 cent applied to Indian serpent (*ophiophagus*) and Abyssinian baboon

hame [dial] Of horse collar Of obscure origin Cf Du *haan* Ger dial *himen* which with obs Ger *hame* shackle for horses and cattle are perh cogn with L *hamus* hook

Hamitic [ling] Of descendants of Ham (Gen ix 2) Applied esp to group of ancient Afr langs including Egypt Cf Japhetic Semitic

hamlet Of *hamlet* dim of *ha nel* (*ha i au*) dim from LC *ham* home (q v)

hammam hammam Turkish bath Arab *hammām* bath In Purch (16 5)

hammer AS *hamor* Com Teut cf Du *hamer* Ger *hamme* Oñ *hamarr* The Oñ meaning stone crag common in place names suggests that orig sense was weapon of stone *Hammer and tongs* is from the ardent blacksmith *Hammerbeam* (arch) is from shape The origin of *ham ner cloth* cover of driver's box is obscure It occurs in 15 cent as name of a material perh for *hammered cloth* ? or cf Dan *kammel* swingle bar of vehicle MHG *hamel* pole With *inder the* (auctioneer's) *hamer* ner cf L *sub hasta*

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hamock L loci persons A hanging bed Brasil bed made to hang up ga st a tree w *huk* a c bin bed in ship (Mason)

Hampden village Protect r of popular rights. From Cras s *Elegy*

hamper¹ Verb In ME also to fetter bind App cogn with Oñ *hamis* to restrain *hamell* stickle cf Ger *hes men* (MHG *hamen*) Analogy of *fastern* (q v) suggests ult. connection with *ham* cf archaic *ham shackle*

hamper² Ba let MF *hanape* OF *ha a* *pur* case to hold *hanaps* goblets OHG *hanpf* (*ahf*) cogn with AS *hanap* c p bowl The name was later applied to a receptacle for documents then to the *hanaper* or *hanber* of Chancery For b *hanap* due to inability to pronounce *hu* cf *As augue*

hamster Rodent Ger OHG *hamist* a corn weevil, field mouse Of obscure origin, prob non Aryan (cf *raf*) The Lith a nian name: *lara*

hanaper [archaic] See *hampe*¹

hand AS *hand* Com Teut cf Du Ger *hand* Oñ *hōnd* Goth *handus* For some extended meanings e.g. that of writing cf L *manus* and F *main* With *a l ha ds* (naut) cf *hand* workman sailor also *green hand* *old hand* to be a good hand etc To *play into the hands* of *shot one's hand* are from cards *Hand over hand* now varied to *hand over fist* refers to rapidly pulling on a rope (naut) To *wa h one's hands* of alludes to Pilate *Handboot* AS *haniboc* was used to render L *m n ale* or Graeco L *e i h dion* but in current sense is from Ger *haniboch* *Handcuff* is app from *hand* and *cuff* as AS *handlof* manacle is not found in ME Archaic *handfast* to betroth alludes to the clasping of hands With *hand-canter* (gallop) controlled by rider cf *four in-hand* and *out of hand* *Handiwork* AS *handwerc* etc (see *anare*) *Hand* has affected *handy* *raft* AS *hand craft* AS has also *handaeort* labour With verb to *handle* cf Ger *hand l* to deal and F *maner* from *man* hand A *hand nail* serves her mistress "ready to hand" cf AS *handlægn* attendant *Handsome* m'ant orig easy to handle cf *toolsome* In *handsome* is that *handsome* does a pro erb frequently cited by ugly women (Crose) the second *handsome* is an adv *Handy* he is Du *handspak* of which second element orig with *poel* alt red on l *rike* cf F *anfect* also from Du F *handke* cf *f* see *kerch* cf I *h* ent res recommend them a an old Par Name vary h d l d th *han*

(Gladston i H 1 C Jan 2 3 6)

handicap From *hand in cap* a kind of lottery game at wh h winners were penalized to the profit of the pool later applied to method of arranging stakes and weights for horse race

Among th pleasures some of us l l to h Jers p sport that I never h ow before

(Pepys, Sep 1 660)

hand craft handwork See *hand*

handie. Noun AS *handle* from *hand* *Handie* to one's name is first recorded in Marryat With to give a *handie* cf F *donner* *p* *uis*

handaw See *hand* on

hands l *hansel* (s *ch*) New Year's gift earnest money etc. Oñ *handal* hand sale used of shaking hand in conclod or bargain But early senses suggest also connection w *hansel* (q v) cf a *chaw*

Dan *hænse*, to pay one's footing n a gild

estrene a New-Yeaes gift, or present, also, a handsell (Cotg)

handsome See *hand*

handy From *hand*, replacing (16 cent) ME *hend*, *hende*, *hendy*, ready to hand, skilled, AS *gehende*, *hendig*, from *hand* (with umlaut) Cf Ger *behende*, handy, from *bei*, by, and old dat of *hand* Some regard the old adj (cf ON *höndugr*, capable, Goth *handugs*, wise) as connected rather with a Teut verb, to grasp (see *hint*) *Handy-man*, in sense of sailor, is from Kipling

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The boat was tossed over the rocks and I ong with two others escaped (the rest drowned), one of the three being demanded what he thought in the present peril, answered, hee said nothing, but "Gallowes chume thy right," which within halfe ʔ yeere fell out accordingly (Capt John Smith)

His [a quack's] flag hangs out in town here, i' the Cross Inn,

With admirable cures of all conditions
(Middleton, *Widow*, iv ʔ)

hangar [neol] F, shed ʔ Cf MedL *angarium*, shoeing forge, ʔ or of Teut origin and cogn with *hang* (cf *penthouse*)

angar an open shed, or hovell, wherein husbandmen set their ploughes, &c. out of the sun, and weather (Cotg)

hanger Wood on hull-side AS *hangra*, from *hang*

hank ON *hōnk*, hank, skein. If dial *hank*, handle of a jug, is the same word (which is likely, cf *hasp*), it belongs ult to *hang*,

cf Ger *henkel*, *hengel*, jug-handle, cogn. with *henken*, *hängen*, to hang Cf also dial *hank*, propensity, exactly answering to Ger *hang* (v 1)

hanker "Scarcely used but in familiar language" (Johns). From c 1600. Cf dial *hank* and Du *hunkeren*, in same sense Prob contains idea of *hang* and *hunger* See *hank*

a hank or fondness animi inclinatio sive propensio (Litt)

hanky-panky ʔ Arbitrary formation, after *hocus-pocus*, cf *jiggery-pokery* in same sense Perh altered from *hokey-pokey* by association with *sleight of hand* Richard Cocks (in Purch) uses *legerdy maine* exactly in current sense of *hanky-panky*

Hansard Offic reports of Parliament, published by Messrs *Hansard*, from 1774

Hanse, Hanseatic [hist]. OHG *hansa*, used by Tatian for L *cohors* (Matt xxvii. 27), cogn with AS *hōs*, troop, and adopted in MHG as name of a guild or confederation of traders powerful in various Ger. ports (Hamburg, Bremen, Lubeck), and established in London as early as 12 cent See *steelyard*

hansel See *handsel*

hansom From name of patentee (1834)

hap ON. *happ*, luck, chance, cogn with AS *gehæp*, convenient Hence verb *hap*, *happen*, and adj *happy*, orig lucky, a sense which survives in *happy-go-lucky* and *happily* For *happy dispatch* see *hara-kiri* It is possible that in *haphazard* the first element was orig obs *hap*, to seize, snatch, F *happer*, Du *happen* This would be a normal formation of the *cutthroat*, *catch-penny* type, while the collocation of the two nouns *hap* and *hazard* seems unnatural Synon Ger *geratewohl* is a similar formation

lapper to hap, or catch, to snatch, or graspe at (Cotg)

I doubt few will be pleased with his [Prince Rupert's] going [in command of the fleet], being accounted an unhappy man (Pepys, Aug 31, 1664)

That action is best, which accomplishes the greatest happiness of the greatest numbers
(Francis Hutcheson, 1725)

haplography Writing only once what should be written twice From G *ἀρλοῖς*, simple. Cf *ditlography*

hara-kiri, hari-kari. Jap. bellycut Englished as *happy dispatch*, perh by some misunderstanding

harangue I earlier *harangue* OHG *aring* (img) circle of audience cf *It aringa* See *rank* ranch For int ha see *hri per*
 a ga so arai g an r thou a declam tion
 (Lbr)

aring : a pulp t rith g or e ering pla a
 liste for hoes or feates f arms (b)

haras Stud farm Adopted in MF but now
 treated as foreign worl F prob con
 nected with Arab *faras* horse whence OI
Aara stallion via some unrecorded Sp
 form

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 a dog on

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 official preceding monarch etc to arrange
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 etc Office of *hri kt harbinge* to royal
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Cayu my h borg r wa coast, b is hospes]
 greetth you w l (Wye Rom x l 23)

harbour ME *herberue* AS *herebeorn* army
 shelter or cogn ON *herher* s Cf *har*
bin er harry borough scabard Orig
 lodging shelter in gen but naut sense
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 harbour a constable (evil designs etc)

I was herberoules e a dy lodged me
 (Tynl, Man 35)

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 hold a dog at or s t a dog on a beast
 (Colt) or F *ha o* hue and cry (cf *tally*
ha jouck)

Harleian Of books and MSS collected by
Ha ley Earl of Oxford (†1724) and his
 son the MSS being acqu red (1733) by
 the British Museum

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quin etc nam of a demon or illd
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 like that of *Herne the Hunter* who is
 perh the same person OF *la raison e*
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wayne s meyne (Lan land) cf also the It
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hawk² To clear the throat *imit*

hawk³ Plasterer's palette *Prob* from *haend* Cf F *oiseau* i hod lit bird

hawker kind of pedlar The form of this word LG *hökler* or Du *hauker* huckster (qv) is due to E *hawker* which in ME not only meant falconer but also itinerant dealer in foreign hawks travelling from castle to castle Verb to *hawk* is a back formation (cf e *lge peddle*)

hawse [na:ʃ] Turler *halse* AS *heal* neck prow of ship Com Tent cf Du Cer ON Goth *hals* cogn with L *collum* *Halse* neck to embrace is still in dial us See also *athu* i i

hawser [na:ʃ] AF *haussier* (14 cent) from OF *haucier* (hausse) to raise hoist (see *enhance*) Has been associated in form and sense with *hauc* (s) F *hausserie* *hawser* is borrowed back from I But some connect *hawser* with L *heliciarius* barge tower from G *haken* to drag and this view finds some support in OF *hausserer* towing path

Lay ag v *usell* *twart way harner* (Ot)

hawthorn See *haw*³

hay¹ Dried grass AS *hæg* cogn with *heu* Com Tent cf D *hoo* Ger *heu* ON *hey* Goth *hau* Hrt *fier* (hay)-asthma *hay fever* (i *rrh*) is irritation caused by grass pollen

Wh the s *unesh* th *mak* h y (H ywood 1546)

hay² [hi:t] Hedge enclosure AS *he* hedge enclro *comu* with *hi*¹ *haw* but the ME word more often represents cogn F *haie* Olig *ha* a Hence *hayward* who protected enclro *ue* against cattle and trespassers common n w as surname

hayse [di:l] Hay ea on (Eng) MF *se* le season

Th great seasonal occupatn, lke *hayse* d b *revel* (Sur 4, Gddes Oct 9 1917)

hazard F *hasard* (12 cent) a dicin_o game (i *chance*) cf Sp Port *a ar* Of Oriental origin The statement of William of Tyre a contemporary of the Crusades that the game was named from the *astle of Asa* i (in *Zarba*) in *Palestina* has a curious parallel in the *hst* of *Boston* (qv) Vulgar Arab *a* *ahr* i *r* i *hr* the die (cf *at m* *ith*) i a less fanciful etymon but

this is a word of doubtful authority in h may have been borrowed from Sp or iron It *zara* a game at dice called *hazard* (Flor) Cf *apricot carat* et

haze¹ Mist Back formation from *haz* (1592) orig naut App connected by some mysterious piece of folk lore with *ter ha* i hare an animal which plays an important part in the folklor Cf *der ha* e *b auet* i *d* *ha* e *broet* lit the hare i *breving* (in his subterranean kitten) i *u* d of a ground mist Cf synonym *der fi* i *s* *brädel* *sich* lit the fox is bathing

haz or *ih* *ek* *fog* i i (Litt)

S h d *tr* i *d* *ch* *se* u w *sl* i *a* t *pf* i *d* *r* *w* *se* (i w.)

d *ha* b *oud* *gi* *mar* *Neders* *huc* *w* *n* i *som* e *ber* d *n* *st* *h* *pl* *tel* *h* *ein* *bel* *über* *den* *dbod* *n* *cht* F *s* *b*

(Bergh us *p* *h* *h* *d* *en*)

haze² [na:ʃ & US] To bully E dial *ha* e to frighten ill treat App connected though reason is quite obscure with *haze* Cf F *trimer* to bully *haze* dial form of *bris* *er* from *brume* mist *haze*

i *haz* or *haz* on *pe* *ter* i i i obtundo (Litt)

hazel AS *hæsel* Com Tent i Du *haz* *el* (uar) Ger *hasel* ON *hisl* *oort* with L *co ulus* (i *cosulus*) *hazel*

Th wlt q *rel* th *man* i *er* *k* *g* *uts*, *ha* *ng* *oth* *r* *son* *bit* *beca* *u* *th* *h* *t* *h* *e* *leges* (R w & J i i)

he AS *he* From the same base orig demonstr *as* *he* *heu* etc. *comu* with L *e* *t* *a* Ger *e* Goth *is* represent an other base cogn with L *i* but th *h* base appears in Ger ad *s* *her* *him* and *heute* to day (cf AS *hæ-dæg*)

he he he Natural interj cf *ha* *hi* *h* *h* *h* and other langs *Ha ha* *he h* are in *Yelma* a *G* *umar* (c 1000)

head AS *hēfod* Com Tent cf Du *hoofd* Ger *haupf* ON *hǫf* *th* Goth *hambith* ult cogn with I *e* *pt* With *hēf* *nit* cf *poll* *ix* *c* *pt* *or* For to *ie* to a *head* see *gather* but there is also association with F *ven* *d* *chef* (see *achie*) With geog sense of *cape*² with en of commander cf *chief* *Head* and *font* is after Shaks (Oth i 3) *He* *d* *o* *er* *heels* is a curious perversion of early *r* *h* *l* *o* *er* *head* used in MF description of Jonah's descent into the whale cf *over* *h* *d* *and* *ea* *s* *by* *the* *head* *a* *d* *er* *s* (should *rs*) To *make* *head* *er* *tail* of is to d *sentance*

beginning and end With to make head
against cf F *tenir tête a* With headstrong,
heady, cf *testy* (q v) Headway is naut;
cf leeway, and to head for (F *mettre le cap sur*)
To head off is to force to change of
direction by getting in front

The water foules han her hedes leyd
Togedre (Chauc *Parl Fowls*, 554)

All the current of a heady fight (1 Hen. IV, II 3)

-head ME suffix *-hede*, cogn with *-hood*
Only in godhead, mardenhead

headborough [hist] Orig head officer of a
frithborh (see frankpledge)

headlong For earlier headling, with adv
suffix as in *grovelling* Cf *sidelong*

Al the drove wente heedlynge [Vulg praecepts] in
to the see (Wyc *Matt viii 32*)

heal AS *hēlan*, from *hāl*, whole Com
Teut, cf Du *heelen*, Ger *heilen*, ON.
heila, Goth *haljan* Cf Sc *heal*, health
See *hale*¹, whole, holy Gradually restricted
in sense by adoption of *cure*

health AS *hællth*, from *hāl*, whole (v s) In
ME also in sense of deliverance, salvation
Cf *wealth*

Myn vghen han seyn thin helthe

(Wyc *Luke*, II 30)

heap AS *hēap* WGer, cf Du *hoop*, Ger
haufen See *forloin hope*. All of a heap is
for earlier *all on a heap* (Shaks), for AS
on heape Cf OF *cheoir à tas*, to fall all
of a heap

hear AS *hieran* Com Teut, cf Du *hooren*,
Ger *hören*, ON *heyra*, Goth *hausjan*,
prob cogn with G *ā-kóueiv*, to hear, and
ult with *ear*¹ Rustic *year* is AS *gehīeran*,
much commoner than simple verb, whence
ME *phere* With *hearsay* cf to *hear say*,
now considered vulgar, and F *entendre dire*

Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear,
hear (2 Sam x 16)

hearken See *hark*

hearse F *herse*, harrow, portcullis, L *harpex*,
harpic, large rake In ME an elaborate
framework to hold candles over bier or
coffin Afterwards applied to a canopy,
the bier itself, and poet to the tomb
Mod use from 17 cent Cf *rehearse*

Underneath this sable hearse

Lies the subject of all verse (W Brov nc)

heart AS *heorte* WArvan, cf Du *hart*,
Ger *herz*, ON *harta*, Goth *harta*, L *cor*,
cord-, G *kardia*, OIr *críde*, Welsh *cradd*,
Russ *serdse*, etc The more elementary
fig senses are found in AS, including that

of seat of intellect, memory, now only in
by heart (cf F *par cœur*) Searchings of
heart is after Judges, v 16 To wear one's
heart upon one's sleeve is after Shaks (*Oth*
I 1). To take heart of grace is a mysterious
pun on *hart of grease* (earlier *herle of gresse*),
a fat hart (? likened to stout heart), sum-
plified by the fact that both words were
usu spelt *herle* in 16 cent

I take herle a gresse, as one doth that taketh a sodayne
courage upon hym. je prens cueur en panse (Palsg)

Heart of oak are our ships, heart of oak are our men
(Song, 1760)

hearth AS *heorth* WGer, cf Du *haard*,
Ger *herd* For fig senses, *hearth* and *home*,
etc, cf F *foyer*

heat AS *hæte*, from *hāt*, hot; cogn with Du
hitte, Ger *hitze*, ON *hite*, Goth *heitō*, fever.
Sporting sense is from ME meaning of
single intense effort *Heat-wave* is US

heath AS *hæth*, heathland, heather It is
uncertain which is orig sense Com Teut,
cf Du Ger *heide*, ON *heithr*, Goth *hæith*.
With *heathen*, AS *hæthen*, cf Ger *heide*,
but the choice of the word may have been
determined by superficial resemblance to
G *ἔθνη*, nations, gentiles Some think
the Goths took it from Armen *hethanos*,
a loan-word from G *ἔθνος* Pagan (q v)
is not a parallel case *Heathenness*, obs
exc in romantic style, which looks like
a formation on F *largesse*, *noblesse*, is AS
hæthennes (see *-ness*)

heathen See *heath*

heather From 18 cent only (orig Sc),
earlier *hathir*, *hadder* Connection with
heath is uncertain, though Ger *heidekraut*,
heather, lit heath-plant, makes it likely.
(cf also OHG *heidah*, heather) To set
the heathes on fire, start a disturbance, is
Sc

heave AS *hebban* Com Teut., cf Du
heffen, Ger *heben* (OHG *heffan*), ON *hefja*,
Goth *hassjan*, cogn with L *capere* Orig
to lift, raise, as in to heave a sigh, to heave
the gorge (*Oth* II 1), whence mod sense of
retching Cf also *heave-offering* (Ex xxix
27) Also intrans, to rise, hence to heave in
sight Now chiefly naut, with correct past
hove

heaven AS *heofon*, heaven, sky, with LG
cognates App unconnected with Du
hemel, Ger *himmel*, ON *himinn*, Goth
himins, which are perh cogn with *home*
(of the gods) Common in pl, after L
caeli, G *οὐρανός*, Heb *shamayim*, in early

Bibl lang but pl. is now restricted to the sky

heavy AS *hefi* from *heate* For fig senses already in AS cf *gravis* To be heavy (fig) appears to be an improvement on to sit heavy (Rich III v 3)

She is a hev [i.e. mo (mfu)] gentlewoman wherefore I can't say (Pamplon Let temp H n VIII)

hebdomadal From *hebdomad* the number seven (cf. *triad*) L G ἑβδομα ἑβδομα δ number se ven seven days Lsp in ref to Oxf. (Hebdomadal Council) Cf *heptarchy*

Hebe Daughter of Zeus and Hera cup bearer of Olympus G Ἥβη youthful prime Cf *Ganymede*

hebetate From L *hebetare* from *hebes* *hebet* dull cf F *hélétér*

Hebrew ME & OF *ebrau* (*hebrau*) MedL *Γεβραι* for *Hebras* is G Ἑβραῖος from Aramaic form of Heb *ibri* one from the other side (of the river Euphrates) With *Hebraic* Late L G Ἑβραϊκός cf F *hebraïque* fem. only As vernacular lang Hebrew became extinct three or four cents BC being replaced by kindred Aramaic or Syriac It survived like Sanskrit as liturgical lang

Hecate G deity identified with Artemis Fem. of *κατος* far-darting epithet of Apollo Since Shaks associated with sorcery

hecatorib L G εκατομβή offering of a hundred oven from ἑκατο hundred βόε cf *holoca st*

heck Grating in various senses Northern form of *hick*

heckle hackle hatchel Instrument for combing hemp Conn with *hack* and *hook* Cf Du *kekel* Ger *kechel* W th mod fig sense of *heckle* orig G (Glad tone's Midlothian campaign) cf hist of *tease* Cf also Ger *du chheckeln* to censure carp at.

hectare F *ec hecto-* and *a*

hectic G *ἥκτος* habitual consumption from *ἥς* habit of body from *ἥν* to have Replaced ME *el k F flague*

hecto Adapted in F metri system from G a hundred to form th multiples

hector From *Hektor* bulging breast of popular drama G *ἥτορ* from *ἥ* to hoist as being the prop of Troy Cf to *out herod Herod*

hedge AS *hecg* cogn with *haer* *haer* ha cf Du *he* Cer *he* *he* Now usu of living (quick self) growth, but in earlier

(and loc) use of any fence (Mark xii 1) *Hed erow* (ee row) occurs in AS *hedde* g in ME replacing AS *h* In compds often disparaging vagabond found by the way sid eg *hed a prie* *hedde school* th latter esp Ir Cf Du *haerpe* earlier *predicant* and obs *haeghrope* (hul) priest without parish Sporting sense of verb in bettin is for earlier to *hedde* n (off) to secure by a hedge (see also *edje*)

Lik took I ha e b d b J n my bet (Buckingham Rehearsal)

hedonism Cyrenaic school of philosophy From G *ἡδονή* pleasure

hedron [math] From C *ἔδρα* seat, base

heed AS *hētan* WGer cf Du *hoert* n Cer *huten* from *hit* care heed For cogn with *hit* *hoo?* common idea being that of protection Noun now only as obj cf verb (g te take etc.)

hee haw IMT cf OF *hainham* (v 1)

I sine M Isaac's cordos versus I populum hoc H Missa est, t h ha nab t popu us vero vice Deo gratias, t c respond b t Hinh m, Minnam, H ham (Fest m f s aorum Be ov is, 3 ent.)

heel Off shot AS *hela* cf Du *hiel* ON *hél* App dim of AS *hok* heel (see *hough*) The gen Arvan name appears in Ger *fe e heel* *Heelap* (cf *supernaculum*) was orig a shoemakers term for one of the layers of which the heel of a boot is composed A cl an (earlier *far*) *pa* of heels describes the view offered to the pursu r To I v by the heels is an allus on to th stocks For *cu nera* a heel s e *deh* *des*

heel [naut] Now usu with over For earbe *hie* A *dad* (still in dis) AS *hēllan* to incline from *hvide* a sl pr *heall* bent cogn with AS *ho* *gracious*, loyal cf Ger *hülle* slope very common in place-names Ger *hulen* (naut) is from L

I a *de* *lra* on th one I a *de* or *st* p a a e other re sal je enclyne do conste (Falk)

hefty Subjective use of LS *heft* convenient to *heft* (lift) which is app from Du *hēfen* (see *h are*) US sense is also affected by Cer *heftig* violent Cf Du *heftig* violent orig h v v

Hegelian OF H *al* Ger philosopher (1783)

hegemony G *ἡγεμονία* from *ἡγεμον* leader cogn with *hēgō* to lead On of predominance of us b 1131 testament b t

h gira Flight of M hammed from Mecca to Medina (ca AD) from which Med m chronology rec ons MedL Arab *h gira*

departure, from *hajara*, to depart, cogn with name *Hagar*

heifer AS *hēahfore*, -*fre*, -*fru*, ME *hayfare*, suggest that this may be for *high-fare* (goer) Another theory connects it with Ger dial *hagen*, *hegel*, bull, and AS *færr*, bull

heigh Natural ejaculation (interrogative), with addition of *ho* indicates weariness, etc

heighday See *heyday*

height AS *hēchthu*, from *high*, cf *heighten* Mod pronounce (v i) was not fixed till 18 cent, and -*th* is still common colloq

The hight and depth of thy eternal ways
(*Par L* viii 115).

Heine [*hist*] Ger, for *Herrlich* (see *Harry*) The Canadians call their enemy Heine and not Fritz (*Daily Chron* Aug 25, 1917)

heinous F *hainus* (OF *hainos*), from *haine* hatred, from *hain*, to hate, of LG origin (cf Goth *hatjan*)

heir Altered from ME *eir*, OF (*hoir*), I. *heres* (VL acc **herem*, for *heredem*), cogn with G *χῆρος*, bereft ME form survives in surnames *Ayre*, *Eyre* For *heirloom*, hereditary tool, chattel, see *loom*¹

This is the ere, cume ye, slea ye him
(*Wic Matt* xxi 38)

helianthus Sunflower From G *ἥλιος*, sun, *ἄνθος*, flower

helichrysm Immortelle From G *ἥλιξ*, spiral, *χρυσός*, gold

Helicon G *Ἑλικών*, mountain in Boeotia, sacred to Muses Cf *Parnassus*

helicopter [*neol*] Device for enabling aeroplanes to rise perpendicularly From G *ἥλιξ* (v s), *πτερόν*, wing

With the development of a helicopter, machines could land and rise from any flat roofed house
(*Daily Mail*, Mar 21, 1919)

hellograph From G *ἥλιος*, sun Orig of photography

heliotrope Orig kind of sunflower (v s) From G. *τρέπειν*, to turn

helium [*chem*] Isolated (1895) by Ramsay From G *ἥλιος*, sun, after *selenium*, *tellurium*

helix L, G *ἥλιξ*, spiral, cf F *hélice*, screw (of steamer)

hell AS *hell*, abode of dead, place of torment, cogn with *helan*, to hide, whence dial *hele*, to cover up, and surnames *Helles*, *Hellyar*, etc, tiler Com Teut, cf Du *hel*, Ger *hölle* (OHG *hella*), ON *hel*, Goth *halja* In AV for *Sheol* (OT), *Hades* and *Gehenna* (NT.) For expletive

and fig uses of *devil*. *Gambling-hell* is after 18 cent F *enfer*, in same sense First NED record for *hell-for-leather* is from Kipling, but my memory of it goes back nearly fifty years Can it be for *all of a lather* (q v) with secondary allusion to *leather* in sporting sense of skin as affected by riding? *Hell-cat*, Sc *hellcat*, are prob suggested by *Hecate* (*Macb.* iii 5)

hellebore Earlier *ellebore*, F *ellebore*, L, G *ἐλλέβορος*

Hellene G *Ἑλλην*, first as pl, in Homer, of a Thessalian tribe named from its chief *Hellenistic* is now used of later G

hello See *hallo*

helm¹ Helmet AS *helm* Com Teut, cf Du. Ger *helm*, ON *hjalms*, Goth *hilms*, cogn with *hele*, to cover (see *hell*), L *celare*, G *καλύπτειν* Also in Rom langs, from OHG Replaced, exc poet, by dim. *helmet*, from OF With *helm-cloud* (lake-country), whence *helm-land*, cf. the "hat" of Mount Pilatus in Switzerland

Hat Pilatus seinen hut, so wird das wetter bleiben gut

The helm wind which blew in the Lake Country 1st week (*Manch Guard* Mar 13, 1918)

helm² Tiller AS *helma*, cf ON *hjálm*, helm, MHG *helm*, handle (see *halbert*), cogn with *helve*

helminthology Study of intestinal worms. From G *ἔλμινθ*, *ἐλμινθ*, man-worm

helot, G *ἑλλοτες* (pl), of *ἔλος*, Laconian town whose inhabitants were enslaved and, according to Plutarch, made to act as awful examples ("drunken helots") to young Spartans Sense of ill-used "outlander" (v.i) dates from Lord Milner's famous speech on SAfr (c 1898)

No Rumanian government could have intervened except for the purpose of redeeming the Rumanian helots in Hungary (*Daily Chron* Nov. 6, 1916)

help AS *helpan* Com Teut, cf Du *helpen*, Ger *helfen*, ON *hjalpa*, Goth *hilpan* Orig strong, as in Bibl *holpen* Spec sense of serving at table (*second helping*, etc) prob began (17 cent) as trans of F *servir*, "to help, stead, avale" (Cotg) *Help*, servant, is recorded (US) for 1645, cf Bibl *help*, as in *an help meet for him* (*Gen* ii 18), for *Vulg adiutorium simile sibi*, whence ghost-word *helpmeet*, becoming later *helpmate* In sense of remedy (*can't help*, *no help*) always with neg expressed or suggested Applied in US to person, so as to avoid the "humiliating" servant

here AS *hēr*, cogn with *he* Com Teut., cf Du Ger *hier*, ON Goth *hēr Herctofore* preserves otherwise obs *tofore*, AS. *tōforan* (cf *before*)

hereditary L *hereditarius*, from *heres*, *hered-*, heir *Heredity* (biol), F *hérédité*, appears to have been introduced by Herbert Spencer Cf *heritage*, *heritor*, F *héritage*, *héritier*

heresy F *hérésie*, from L, G *αἵρεσις*, selection, school of thought, sect, from *αἰρέω*, to take The G word is rendered *sect* in transls of NT

Surreverunt autem quidam de haeresi pharisaeorum (Vulg *Acts*, xv 5)

heriot [leg] Gift to lord on death of tenant of latter's best live beast or dead chattel, orig restoration of mil equipment. AS *here-geatwe* (pl), army gear Second element is *getāwe*, trappings, etc., from *tāwian*, to prepare (see *taw*) Cf Du *verheerewaden*, "to renew fealty and homage to the lord paramount" (Sewel, 1766), from MHG *hergewate*, warlike equipment, from OHG *gūwāt* (*gewand*), attire

heritage, heritor See *hereditary*

hermaphrodite L, G Ἑρμαφρόδιτος, son of *Hermes* and *Aphrodite*, who became one with the nymph *Salmacis*

'Ee's a kind of a giddy harumfrodite—soldier and sailor too (Kipling)

hermeneutic [theol] Of interpretation From G ἑρμηνεύειν, to interpret, prob from Ἑρμῆς (v 1)

Hermes L, G Ἑρμῆς, son of Zeus and Maia, identified by Romans with Mercury Applied as title Ἑρμῆς τῆς μέγιστος, *Hermes* thrice greatest, by early mystics and alchemists to Egypt deity Thoth Hence *hermetic*, dealing with occult science, and with air-tight sealing of vessels, etc used by alchemists

hermetic See *Hermes*

hermit ME also *ermit*, *amut*, F *ermite*, L, G ἑρημίτης, from ἑρημία, desert (cf *eremite*) Cf name *Amitage* Unoriginal *h-* also in OF The famous *Hermitage* wine is from a hill near Valence with a ruin at the top

A solitary churchyard called the *Hermitage*, or more commonly *Armitage*

(*Bride of Lammermoor*, ch viii)

hern Archaic for *heron* (q v)

I come from haunts of coot and hern

(Tennyson, *Brook*)

hernia [anat] L; cf F *hernie*, replacing OF *hargne*. In Chauc

hero Back-formation from *heroes*, L *heroēs*, pl of *heros*, G ἥρως, hero, demi-god, cf F *héros*, It *eroe*, Sp *héroe*. For back-formation cf *satellite Heroi-comic(al)*, first as title of Pope's *Rape of the Lock* (1712), is from F. *héroi-comique*, for *héroïco-comique*, with one *-co-* lost by dissim (cf *idolatry*) *Heroic verse*, decasyllabic iambic, is from It

And you beside the honourable band

Of great heroēs do in order stand (Spenser)

Herodian Jewish partisan of *Herod* family, esp of *Herod Antipas* (B C 4-A D 39) In AS gospels (*Mark*, xii 13) The name is derived from *hero* (v s) See also *outherod*

heroin Drug Ger trade-name disguising connection with morphium

heron F *héron*, OF *harron*, *haigron*, *hegron*, from latinized form of OHG *heigr*, with Scand cognates, cf It *aghiuone*, Sp *avón*, and see *aigrette*, *egret* OHG *heigr* is app connected with MHG *reiger* (*reiher*), *heron*, Du *reiger*, AS *hræga*, while the immediate AS cognate of *heron* is *higora*, magpie, wood-pecker *Hern* (archaic & poet) is very common in place-names and surnames Archaic and dial *heronsew*, *hernshaw*, etc, is OF. dim *heronceau*, *heroncel* Hence, according to Hammer, to know a hawk from a handsaw (*Ham* ii 2), but this phrase (not otherwise known) may be of the type to know a great A from a bull's foot

herpes Skin disease L, G, from ἑρπεω, to creep, cogn with *serpent* Cf *herpetology*, study of snakes

Herr Ger, sir, Mr Orig compar of *hehl*, noble, venerable, cogn with *hoar* (q v)

herring AS *hæring* WGer, cf Du *haring*, Ger *haring*, also F *haring*, from Du ? From AS *hār*, hoar, white, cf *whiting* Fig sense of *red-herring across the track*, in order to throw hounds off the scent (see *drag*), is app quite mod *Herring-pond* for Atlantic is recorded 1686

Herrnhuter Moravian (q v) From first Ger settlement at *Herrnhut*, Lord's keeping, in Saxony See *Herr* and *heed*.

hers See *her*² *Herself*, see *her*¹

herse [archaic] Portcullis, phalanx See *hearse*

Hertzian waves [phys] Discovered by *Hertz*, Ger physicist (†1894)

hesitate From L. *haesitare* frequent of *haerere* *haes* to stick fast

Hesper *Hesperus* L G Ἠσπερος of the evening western cogn with *vesper* (q v) Hence the *Hesperides* daughters of the west who guarded the golden apples in the isle of the blest also *hesperid* in bot terms dealing with the orange

Hessian boots Worn (18 cent) by *Hessian* troops from *Hessen* Germany The *Hessian fly* destructive to wheat was so called because supposed to have been taken to America by *Hessian* troops hired to fight against the colonists during War of Independence (cf *Hanoier rat*)

hest [archaic] AS *hæts* command with ex crecent *t* as in *a nidst* etc See *behest* *h ght*

hetaira Courtesan G ἑταῖρα female companion

heteroclit [gram] Γ ἡτερόκλητε L G ἑτερο κλίσι irregularly inflected from *ερεος* other different *κλίσι* *er* to bend Cf *heterodox* from *δοξα* opinion *heterogeneous* from *γενος* kind

hetman Earlier also *ataman* of the Cossacks Pol from Ger *hauptmann* head man captain The first *hetman* known to Western Europe was *Mazeppa* (†1709)

G eral *Kaledin* has been elected prior *Ataman* UK *e* (Daily CH on Sep 9 19)

heuristic Irreg formation from G *poiein* to find

hew AS *hlawan* Com Teut cf Du *houwen* Ger *hauen* ON *höggva* cogn with *hay* and ult with L *cadere*

hexad The number six C ἑξας *ead* from ἕξ six cogn with L *sex* Cf *hexagon* from *γων* a angle *hexameter* from *μετρον* measure *hexapla* six fold parallel text of OT made by Origen neut pl of ἑξαπλούς six fold *hevaler* *ch* pentateuch (q v) with Book of Joshua

heyday Interj ? From *he h* *hey* natural ejaculation with second element as in Ger *heida* from which it may have been imitated This: lit *h* there but the *da* may also be interjectional cf F *ou-da* The *heyday* (of youth etc) is now understood a *h g day* but the earlier sense of excitement etc e.g. *h v-dv in the blood* (Haml lil 4) seems to have some association with the interj It is not impossible that the exclamation itself is sometimes for *high day* cf F *jour de Dieu* *Hey* is a common ME

spelling of *high* and the surname *Heyday* *Hayday* is certainly for *high day* (cf names *Holiday* *Christmas* etc)

heyd γλ O festum d m (Latt.)

heyduck *heyduke* Polish servant Cf Pol *hayduk* al o in Boh Magyar etc Said to be name of a Hung tribe (cf *slave* *coolie* etc)

hey ho Orig naut (see *rumbalou*)

hi Interj Cf *hey* *hei* *h* *ho* etc

hiatus L from *hiare* to gape Cf *dehiscent* *chasm*

hibernate From L *hibernare* from *hibern* s from *hiems* winter

Hibernian From L *Hibernia* for *Isterna* G *Iþny* from OCelt form of *Erin* whence also AS *Irland*

hibiscus L G βίσκος kind of mallow

hiccough Late spelling associated with *cough* of earlier *hiccip* *hi h t* unit of sound cf F *hiquet* the hickcock or yexing (Cotg) Du *h kken* to sob

hickory For *po h chery* native Virginian name (17 cent)

hidalgo Sp formerly also *hijo dal o* (ie *al o*) son (L *filius*) of some-one (L *al quis*) Cf OSp Port *fidalgo* This formation unknown to other Rom langs may be an unit of Arab *ibn nas* son of people used as complimentary title

hide¹ Skin AS *hȳd* Com Teut cf Du *huid* Ger *haut* ON *hulh* cogn with L *cutis* G *cuvo* and perh with *hide²* Hence *hide* to flog *H d bound* was orig (16 cent) used of cattle then of trees but *fig* use is very early (cf *case hardened*)

h d bound *di* temper in horses when the skin sticks so fast to the back and ribs that you cannot pull it from the flesh with you land I bush try trees are likewise *d* to be *h* bound with a th bark st k too loose

(Diet Rust 1717)

hide² [hist] Measure of land AS *h d* earlier *higd* from *hior* family as in *hiorse* *hiastife* family household hite of land cogn with *hind* and with Ger *heirat* marriage The old popular etym from *hid* prob originated from Virgil's account of foundation of Carthage

M *matius sol m facit de omni* Byrram
T *rimo quantum posse t circumdare toro*
(A 36)

hide³ Verb AS *hȳdan* with cognates in LC & obs Du ? cogn with *hi* or with G *αἶε* to hide

hideous F *hideux*, OF *hisdos*, from *hilde*,
? L *hispidus*, bristly, ult from *hircus*, goat
Cf *horrid*

hie [archaic] AS *higian*, to be intent on,
strive, whence ME *hien*, also reflex., to
hasten, gradually becoming a verb of
motion (cf *hasten*), cf Du *hygen*, to
pant, Dan *hige*, to strive after.

Abraham hiede [*var* hastide, *Vulg* festinavit]
into the tabernacle (Wyc *Gen* xviii. 6)

hierarchy ME *ierarchie* (Wyc), OF, L, G
ieparchia, rule of a *hierarch*, high-priest,
from *iepos*, holy Cf *hieratica* (sc *charita*),
finest papyrus, used in sacred writings

hieroglyphic G *ιερογλυφικός*, from *γλύφειν*,
to carve (vs) First used of Egypt
picture-writing Cf *hierophant*, expounder
of sacred mysteries, from G *φαίνειν*, to
reveal, as in *zycophant*

higgle Thinned form of *haggle* (cf *flap*, *flap*),
representing a less noisy dispute Hence
higgles, itinerant dealer

higgledy-piggledy Earlier also *highly-pigly*
Prob reduplicated jingle on *pig*, with ref
to huddling together. To *pig* (*in*) occurs
in this sense in 17 cent

They ly higgledy piggledy, master, mistress,
children, men and maid servants altogether
(NED 1671)

high AS *hēah* Com Teut, cf Du *hoog*,
Ger *hoch*, ON *hār*, Goth *hauhs*, cogn
with Ger *hugel*, hill, and northern dial
how Fig senses as in F *haut*, L *altus*
Latest application as intens perh is *high*
tea *High and dry* is naut *High and*
mighty was orig epithet of dignity, cf
highness, and Du *Hoogenmoogendheiden*,
"High Mightinesses," offic title of States-
General *Highbrow*, "intellectual," is US
(cf *supercilious*) *High Churchman*, adopted
in mod sense by Newman and Pusey, was
in 17 cent equivalent to Tory, *High-flier*
For *high-flown*, -*falutin'* see below A *high-*
low (boot) is a compromise between a high
boot and a low shoe *High road* is a late
formation on *high street*, *highway*, both AS.
compds With *king's highway* cf F *chemin*
royal *High-strung* is orig from music
High-tored, of lofty principle, etc (now
US), is used by Scott With *high-handed*
cf F *haut à la main*, "proud, stately,
surly, sullen, stubborn, a striker, like
enough to lay about him" (Colg).

high-falutin' [US] Fantastic variation on
high-flown (? floating) See examples in

Thornton, app often quite serious, of which
quot 1 is hardly a caricature Is this type
of oratory due to Red Indian influence?
But, as quot 2 shows, we can do a little
in the same line in this country

He is a true-born child of this free hemisphere!
Verdant as the mountains of our country, bright
and flowing as our mineral licks, unspiled by
withering conventionalities as air our broad
and boundless pearchers! Rough he may be So air
our bairs Wild he may be So air our bufflers
But he is a child of nature and a child of freedom,
and his boastful answer to the despot and the
tyrant is that his bright home is in the settin' sun
(Chuzzleworth, ch xxiv).

They recognized it wasn't frothy turgid rhetoric
which has been seized up to them for years, it was
the dynamite of facts booming like a minute gun
awakening the dormant mental splendours of
those imaginative industrious sons of toil, revealing
to them the sophistical cogwheels of political vote
catching chicanery (Hull Daily News, 1910)

high-flown Associated in sense with *high-*
flying (cf *outspoken* for *out-speaking*), but
really from *flown*, swollen, tumid, pp of
flow (q.v) Cf synon Ger *geschwulstig*,
swollen, earlier also *schwulstig*, from
schwellen, to swell Formerly used also for
drunk (see quot from Milton s v *flow*)

The young gentleman is come in, Madam, as you
foresw very high flowne, but not so drunke as to
forget your promise (Brome, *Mad Couple*, II 2)

eine schwulstige rede oder schreib art a high strain,
a bombast, a tumid, high, high flown, high
strained, bombastick, swelling, swollen or swollen,
speech or stile (Ludw.)

hight [archaic] Only as pp, named, called.
Represents the past tense or passive (or
middle) voice of AS. *hātan*, to command,
and is the only Teut example of that
voice Com Teut, cf Du *heeten*, to bid,
be named, Ger *heissen*, ON *heita*, Goth
hantan It is used as a facetious archaism
by Shaks

This grisly beast, which lion hight by name
(*Dream*, v 140)

highty-tighty See *horthy-toity*.

hilarity F *hilarité*, L *hilaritas*, from *hilaris*,
cheerful, G. *laapós*

Hilary Session of High Court, term at Ox-
ford and Dublin From *St Hilary*, Hilarius,
bishop of Poitiers (†367), whose day is
Jan 13

hill AS *hyll*, with cognates in LG & obs Du,
ult cogn. with L *collis*, hill, *celsus*, high
Hill-top, describing a pretentious type of
novel, is a neol

hillo See *hallo*

hilt AS *hilt* cf obs Du *hell* OHC *hella*
ON *hyllt* also OF *helle* *heute* from Teut
Orig n unknown *Up to the hilt* suggests a
home thrust

him AS *him* dat sing of *he* and *hit* re-
placing in ME acc *hine* which survi es
in southern dial eg *hace* *u* *u* *seed* *un?*
Cf G r *ihm* (acc) *ihm* (dat) Hence *him*
self often in *MI* *his self* *self* being taken
as noun cf *hysself* etc and *his own self*
hind ¹ Female deer fem of *hart* AS *hind*
Com Teut cf Du Ger *hinde* ON *hind*
Origin unknown I rh ong the hornless
as opposed to *hart* (q v)

hind ² [archaic & dial] Foreman or bailiff
of a farm ME *hine* peasant AS *hina*
gen pl as in *hi* *a* *fader* paterfamilias
cogn with *hinde* ¹ (q v) orig sense being
member of household The *dis* excrement
as in *sound* *hine* being still in dial use
Quot 2 shows confusion between this very
respectable word and *hind* ¹ App it was
not known in the speaker's country
though it is in common use as far apart as
Scotlan d and Cornwall

A c rta wain or hvea boy [alet de labo r g]
(Italo s M i gae it a)

So n thing whi h dropped from th i rned and
right hon urabl Lo i Advor t ia t light some
wh t gne ed us Wh n h w s speak g f the
labour s f Scotla d l th k h lled th m
hind I thi k homo rable gentlemen on th
othe side of th Houe would feel v ry m ch
anno ed if w w e to all th m aristocr t c
goat (Joseph Arch J (436)

hind ³ As in *hi* *dleg* *beh* *nd* Earlier *hinder*
as in *hindermost* and dial *hinder end* AS
hinde cf Ger *hinter* as in *hinter* *ber* *hind*
leg *hinte* *land* *Hindmost* is after *foremost*
(q v)

hinder AS *hindrian* to keep back from
above cf Ger *hindern*

Hind [sin] Urdu *hail* from Pers *hind*
India Sanskrit *sindhu* river hence region
of Indus and Sindh Used of a vernacular
Aryan lang of northern India akin to
Sanskrit and in this Dict of such ver-
naculars n gen Cf *Hindi* Urdu *hindi*
from Pers *hind stan* u ed for Urdu
from *Hind istān* (*stān* country as in
Afghanistan etc) is best avo ded as a ling
term owing to possible confusion with
Hind See Urdu

hinge MF *hen* not found in AS but
clearly cogn with *hanna* cf F *penite* *r*
the hudge of a doore (Cotg) from

pendre to hang For fig senses cf *car*
d'al See also *hook*

hinny Offspring of stallion and she ass
L *hinny* cf G *vinos* *vinos*

hinny To neigh whinny ME *henry* I
hennir L *hinny*

hinny ² [S & north] Darling See *honey*
hint First in Shaks in sense of opportunity
chance as in Othello's great peech (1 3)
From obs *hert* to gra p AS *heitan* to
pursue ² cogn with *hunt* or with *ha id*
With to take a *he t* cf earlier to *atch hold*
of a handle (Sir T More)

hinterland Cer see *hind* and *land* Due to
Ger colonial expin ion

The ry modern theore of th H teri d
(D i vve 13,)

hip ¹ Of body AS *hype* cf Du *hup* Ger
hufte (OHG *hif*) Goth *hif* Hence also
arch *h p* On the *hip* is i om wrestling ? or
football *Hip and thigh* (B bl) seems to be
a Hebraism

With th knees to ich him pon the hip [at
football] (St bbes A at Abu c)

hip Of wild rose ME *hefe* AS *hēope* cf
OHG *hufio* thorn bush

hip ² As in *hip* *hip* *hurrah* Earlier also *lep*
Cf Ger *hepp* cry to animals signal for
attack on Jews

hipped Depressed From archaic *hip* *hup*
(c 1700) usu pl short for *hypochondria*
cf *ob* *i* etc Cf Du *hiep* melancholy
for *hypochondria* Perh influenced by obs
hip to dislocate the hip or by wrestling
hip to throw (ee *h p*)

esm sse i hip to put th h p or thigh out of
joint (Cotg)

hippocampus I b G from *ππος* horse
(cogn with L *equus*) and *καμπος* sea
monster

hippocras [archaic] Spiced wine ME
ypocras OF from *Hippocrates* C phy-
sician (5 cent b c) originator of a filter
called Hippocrates sleeve (bag) The f m
prob aims at *hypocras* as though sub-
mixture (see *crasis*)

hippocrene L G fountain on Helicon
from *ππος* *πηγή* fountain of the horse
because made by hoof of Pegasus See
Keats *Ode to Nightingale*

hippodrome F L G *ἵπποδρόμος* race-
course for chariots from *ἵππος* race For
hippogryph fabulous monster It *ippo-*
griso (Aristo) see *griffo*

hippopotamus Late L Late G *πτεροπότος*

from ποταμός, river (cf *Mesopotamia*). Also called *river-horse* (Longfellow, *Slave's Dream*), and in Ger *Nilpferd*, Nile horse. Has replaced ME *ȝpotame*, etc., from OF

hircine Of the goat, L *hircus*

hire AS *hȳr*, hire, wages, with LG cognates, cf Du *huur*. Not known in HG, ON, or Goth. Ger *heuer* is from LG. *Huehing* is a late formation (16 cent), not from AS *hȳling*, servant. In *John*, x 12, Tynd and Coverd have *hired servant*.

hirsute L *hirsutus*, shaggy, from *hirsus*, in same sense, ? cogn with *horrid*, ? or with *hircus*, goat

his AS genitive of *hē* and *hit*, cf OHG *is*, *es*, genitive of *er*, *he*, now replaced by *sein*, genitive of reflex pron. In ref to neuters *his* is replaced by *its* from c 1600, but is still usual in AV and Shaks. With ME *hisen* cf *hern* (see *her*²)

He that takes what isn't hisen,
When he's caught must go to prison

Hispanic Of Spain, L *Hispania*

hispid [biol]. Bristling L *hispidus*. See *hideous*

hiss Imit, cf Ger *zischen*, F *siffler*, to hiss, whistle, L *sibilare*. Wyc uses it (var *whistle*) in both mod senses

Pour qui sont ces serpents qui sifflent sur vos têtes?
(Racine, *Andromaque*, v 5)

hist Natural ejaculation, better represented by 'st, cf *whisht*. Milton uses it as verb, to summon silently

And the mute silence hist along (*Penseroso*, 55)

histology Science of organic tissues. From G *istós*, web, tissue

history Learned form of *story*¹ (q v), L *historia*, G *istoria*, from *istop*, *istop-*, wise, learned, from root of *eidēvai*, to know. In ME not differentiated in sense from earlier *story*

histrionic From L *histrion-*, actor, of Etruscan origin

hit ON *hitta*, to hit upon, meet with, as in mod to *hit on*, later, to reach with a blow, etc., ? cogn with Goth *hinthan*, to catch. Has assumed one sense of AS *slēan* (see *slay*), but there are many traces of orig sense, e g to *make a hit*, to *hit it* (now to *hit it off*), agree, with suggestion of common aim. To *hit the mark*, the *nail on the head*, are both from archery, the *nail*, earlier *pin*, marking the centre of target. For double sense cf Ger *treffen*, to meet, to hit (the mark).

hitch To raise with a jerk, esp trousers. First in late ME., which has also *hatch*, *holch*, in same sense. If the last is the orig, it is F *hocher* (12 cent), in same sense (see *hodge-podge*), used esp in *hocher la tête*. For vowel change cf *bulk*, *butch*². Sense of fastening (esp US) is orig naut (Capt John Smith). Hence also *hitch*, obstruction, orig made by quick jerk of rope round object; cf *clove-hitch* for a special knot (see *cleave*¹). To *hitch one's waggon to a star* is from Emerson

hithe, **hythe** [hist] AS *hȳth*, landing-place. Very common in place-names (*Hythe*, *Rotherhithe*, *Lambeth*, *Erith*, etc.)

hither AS *hider*, from demonstr root of *he*, with ending as in cogn L *ci-tra*. Cf *here*, *thither*

hive AS *hȳf*, ? cogn with ON *hūf*, hull of ship, and ult with L *cupa*, tub

ho Natural exclamation, cf *ha*, *hi*, *oh*, etc. Esp naut, e g *heave ho!* westward *ho!*

hoar AS *hār*, white with age, venerable, cf Ger *hehr* (see *Herr*), ON *harr*, and cogn Goth *hais*, torch. Now chiefly poet and in *hoarfrost*

hoard AS *hord*, treasure. Com. Teut., cf OSax *hord*, Ger *hort* (poet), ON *hodd*, Goth *huzd*. Formerly used in connection with treasure, money, etc (hence surname *Horder*, treasurer), now (1916) of sugar, matches, etc

hoarding From archaic *hoard*, fence, barrier, archaic F. *hourd*, palisade, from LG form of OHG *hurt* (*hurde*), hurdle (q v.) Cf sense-development of *grill* (q v.)

hoarhound See *horehound*

hoarse ME *hors*, *hoos*, etc, AS *hās*. Com. Teut., cf obs Du *heersch*, *heesch*, Ger *heiser* (OHG *heis*), ON *häss*. The -r- is unexplained

hoos raucous (*Prompt Parv*)

hoax Contr (c 1800) of *hocus* (q v.)

hob¹ Clown, goblin. Pet-name of *Robert*. With *hobgoblin* cf. *Robin Goodfellow*. *Hiel* is used for Richard II in *Richard the Redeless*, as *Hob* is for Robert Bruce in a song, temp Ed I. See also *Hodge Robin Goodfellow* is also called in dial *Dobby* and *Master Dobbs*, likewise from *Robert*.

From elves, hobs and furies,
That trouble our d'uries (Beaumont and Fletcher)

hob² Side of fire-place. Earlier *hub* (q v.) Also in various dial senses. Hence *hob-nail*, associated also with *hob*¹

pouch But the fact that *hokuspokus-fihokus* is still used in Norw & Sw suggests that there may be something in the old theory of a blasphemous perversion of the sacramental blessing, *hoc est corpus (filii)* Hence *hocus*, to hoax (q v), later, to drug one's liquor for swindling purposes.

These jugglers *hocus* the vulgar and incautious of the present age (NED 1686)

taschen-spieler a juggler, a *hocus-pocus* (Ludw)

hod Earlier (13 cent) *hot*, F *hotte*, "a scuttle, dossier, basket, to carry on the back" (Cotg), of Teut. origin, cf obs Du *hodde*, Ger *hotte*, "a vintager's dorser made of wood" (Ludw)

hodden grey Used by Ramsay, for rime, instead of *grey hodden* (cf *hawthorn green*, etc), hence by Burns, Scott, and later poets Origin of *hodden*, cloth made by using one black fleece with twelve white, is doubtful, > northern p p of to *hold*, thus wool "holding" natural hue

But Meg, poor Meg! maun w' the shepherds stay,
An' tak' what God will send in hodden gray
(Gentle Sheph v 2)

Hodge Yokel Pet-form of *Roger* (cf *hob*)
See Chauc A 4336, 4345, where the Cook is called *Hogge* and *Roger*

Piano tuners of doubtful fitness will prove poor substitutes for Hodge (Obs Jan 21, 1917).

hodge-podge Earlier *hotch-potch*, which is altered from earlier *hotchpot*, F *hochepot*, from *hocher*, to shake Earliest E sense (c 1300) is fig, of lumping property before division (? by shaking up names in a pot) Mod *hot-pot* is partly suggested by it For F *hocher* cf Du *hutsen*, *holsen*, MHG *hutzen* (see *hustle*)

hodometer, odometer Pedometer From G *ōdōs*, way Cf 18 cent F *odomètre*

hoe F *houe*, OHG *houwā* (*haue*), cogn with *hew* A hard row to hoe is US

hog AS *hogg* In E a castrated swine reared for slaughter, in Sc a sheep up to first shearing, also used in dial of other yearling animals Perh cogn with *hag*, to cut (see *hag*), cf *gelding*, and Ger *hammel*, "a ram that is gelded" (Ludw), from OHG *hamalōn*, to mutilate Hence to *hog* a horse's mane, make it bristle The *whole hog* is perh connected with the story told by Cowper (v 1), which is much older than first occurrence of to *go the whole hog*; we may compare Lamb's essay on Roast Pig

Thus says the prophet of the Turk,
"Good Mussulman, abstain from pork,
There is a part in every swine
No friend or follower of mine
May taste "

But for one piece they thought it hard
From the whole hog to be debarred

(Love of the World reproved, or,
Hypocrisy detected)

hogmanay [Sc & north] New Year's Eve, etc Earlier (17 cent) *hogmynae*, *hagmane* Corresponds in sense with OF *aguillanneuf*, of unknown origin, with innumerable vars and existing dial forms, due to folk-etym, such as *hogmané*, *hoc in anno*, etc, none of which will explain *hogmanay*

au-guy-l'an-neuf [lit to the mistletoe the new year] the voice of country people begging small presents, or new-yeares gifts, in Christmas, an ancient term of rejoicing, derived from the Druides (Cotg).

hogshead From *hog's head* (14 cent), a fantastic name which can only be conjecturally explained Cf LG *bullenkop*, a beer measure, lit bull's head Hence Du *oks-hoofd* (earlier *hockshoot*), Ger *orkhoft* (from LG), Sw *oxhufvud*, Dan. *orshoved*, altered on ox

hoicks Var of *yoicks*

hoiden See *hoyden*

hoist For *hoise*, earlier (15 cent) *hysse*. A naut word found in most Europ langs., cf F *hisser*, It *issare*, Sp *izar*, Norw *hussa*, Ger *hissen* (from LG), Du *hyschen*, etc Our word is from Du, but ult source is unknown, prob LG

They loosed the rudder bands, and hoised up the mainsail (Acts, xxvii 40).

hoity-toity Vars *highty-tighty*, *heighty-leighty*, and the earliest record, upon the *hoity-toity* (1668), suggest the *high ropes* and *tight rope*, or simply a jingle on *high*

hokey-pokey For *hocus-pocus* The suggestion that *hokey-pokey*, ice-cream, is It *o che poco*! O how little! is ingenious

hold AS *healdan* Com Teut, cf Du *houden*, Ger *hallen*, ON *halda*, Goth *haldan* Old p p *holden* still in some leg formulae Orig sense prob to guard cattle Fig senses as those of F *tenir*, which has replaced it in many compds (-*tain*), cf also -*hold*, *holding*, in ref to property, with *tenancy*, *tenure* To *hold with* was orig to side with To *hold water* (fig) is after Jer ii 13, to *hold forth* is after Philip. ii 16, where orig sense is to hold out, proffer *Hold hard* was orig. a hunting phrase With US to *hold up*, from order

to victims to hold up hands cf Austral to *stick up* From verb comes noun *hold* prison fortress etc but not interior of ship (v 1)

hold [hɔ:l] For earlier *hol* *hole* (q v) cf Du *hol* from which F sense may be borrowed Howell (*Tetra* 1) has *hoult* For converse change cf to *but on hole*

hole of a schyppe earl a (Prompt Parv)

hole AS *hol* orig adj hollow Com Teut cf Du *hol* Ger *höhle* ON *hol* Goth *hulundi* cave Also represents inflected forms of AS *hōth* a hollow To *pick holes* in was early to *find holes* i.e. flaws The relation between the *peg* and the *hole* appears in obs to *take a hole* *louse* (15 cent) and mod *tophole* perh from some method of scoring but see *pe* *fn* *Hole-and-corner* is mod but Coverd has *not in corners and holes* (Vilg in fossas) *but openly* (Jer u 34) The better cle of Burnsfather's sketch seems likely to be come a permanent addition to the lang

If I d a hole in his coat I will tll him my mind (Item 1 iii 6)

holiday AS *haliġdag* holy day with differentiation of sound and meaning since 16 cent See *hallow* *holy* *hollyhock*

holla F *hold* cf *hi there* *houpld* and see *hallo*

Holland Prob ODu *holtlant* woodland and not hollow land Hence *holland* (cloth) *holland* (gin) the latter representing Du adj *hollandsch* (cf *Scots*)

hollo *holloa* See *hallo* Hence verb *hollo*(w) to shout

hollow Orig noun AS *hōth* By association with *hol* adj and noun (see *hole*) it became an adj in ME For to *beat hollow* etc earliest to *carry it hol ow* (cf *hollow* v 1 forv) Skinner suggests corrupt of *hollow* That such corrupt is possible appears from the names *Holloubread* *Hollowman* in which first element was orig. *h* *h* *holy*

hollow* Verb See *hollo*

holly Larl *r* *holin* (as in names *Hollins* *Hollingshead* etc) AS *h* *legn* cogn with Du Ger *h* *ist* (OHG *huls*) whence F *houe* and prob with Welsh *celyn* Ir *cuilean* Gael *cuilonn* See also *holi* oak

hollyhock For *holly hock* AS *hocc* mallow cf synon Welsh *hocz* *dent gaid* which is a mixture of F & L (*benedicta*) Cf *herb bennet* *samphire* etc

holm [geog] Small island e p in river Very common in place names ON *holmr* as in *Isle of Axholme* cf LG *holm* cogn with L *ulmen* E *hill* Hence *h* *Imagin* in mod romantic novels of duel on an islet

holm oak Evergreen oak From dial *hol n* holly ME *holl n* see *holly*

Ag in 11th t of Chrlm v ry m house also th p n h h bns, w re decked with h lm, l bays (St w S rley / London 1603)

holocaust F *holocauste* (12 cent) Late L (from *hol* whole *cauer* s burnt from away An early Bible word cf *h* *id* graph wholly written *holophotal* from *phor* *phor* light

holothurian Sea slug From L *holothuria* (Pliny) pl of C *ολοθαρι* kind of zoophyte

holster Du *holster* a holster for a pistol (Hexham) cf Sw *holster* Dan *hølt* app cogn with ON *hult* tr case sheath AS *heol* for hid ng place But the sudden appearance in 17 cent of F & Du *holte* in this spec sense points to association with Ger *holster* a holster (Lud v) from OHG *hulst* case sheath The etym relation of the two is obscure For a similar case cf Du *halfter* *halster* halter

holt [archaic] Wood Very common in place names AS *holt* Com Teut cf Du *hout* Ger *holz* ON *holt* cogn with G *κλαδος* twig Cael *colle* wood

holus bolus Atagulp Facet latinization of the whole *bol* s or as though G *λος* *βωλος*

holy AS *haliġ* from *hāl* whole Com Teut cf Du Ger *heilig* ON *heiligr* Goth *haila* (on inscription only) Ulfila has *uēiks*) Adopted at conversion to render L *sacer* *sanctus* Holy of *holes* is a Hebraism preserved by LXX and Vulg Cf *hallow*

holystone [naut] Soft sandstone for scrubbing decks? For *holev* or *hollow*

hom S. cred palm of ancient Persians Pers *hōm* Sanskrit *sōm*

homage OF (*hom m* s) from *hom* *ne* (OF *ome* *hone*) man L *homo* *homin* cf MF *man* cf *homage* AS *mann-rāden* (see *hatred*)

home AS *hām* Com Teut cf Du *Aem* Ger *heim* ON *heim* Goth *haim* In to go home we have acc of direction (cf L *dom*) and the dat was either used as locative (cf L *domi*) The regular

omission of the art, e.g. *there is no place like home, nearer home*, etc., is partly due to this. With *to bring a charge home* cf *home thrust*. *Home Rule*, for earlier *Repeal*, is first recorded for 1860. For *homestead* see *stead*. *Homely*, plain, ugly (US), preserves a sense once common in E. For fig sense of *homespun* cf quot 2. *Hom sickness* renders Ger *heimweh*, a Swiss compd., expressing the longing of the mountaineer for his native hills, and introduced into other langs by Swiss mercenaries in 17 cent.

It is for homely features to keep home

(*Comus*, 748)

Henceforth my wooing mind shall be express'd
In russet yeas and honest kersey noes

(*Love's Lab Lost*, v 2)

homer Measure (*Is* v 10) Heb *khōmer*, heap

Homeric Laughter, combat, as of Homer's heroes

The battle is of a truly Homeric order

(*Pall Mall Gaz* April 28, 1917)

homicide F, L *homicida*, slayer, *homicidium*, slaying, from *caedere* Cf *manslaughter*

homily F *homélie* (OF & ME *omelie*), Church L *homilia*, G. *ὁμιλία*, converse, from *ὁμιλος*, crowd, from *ὁμοῦ*, together, *ἄλγ*, crowd. Hence *homilectic*.

hominy Shortened from Algonkan (Virginia) *iockahomome*, of which first element means maize

homoeopathy Coined (c 1800) by Hahnemann, Ger physician, from G *ὁμοιος*, of the same kind, *πάθος*, suffering Cf *allopathy*

homogeneous For earlier *homogene*, G *ὁμογενής*, of the same kind, from *ὁμός* and *γένος*. See *same* Cf *homologous*, from *λόγος*, ratio, *homonymy*, from *ὄνομα*, name, *homophone*, from *φωνή*, sound

homoiousian, **homoousian** [*theol*] Holding Christ to be of like (*ὁμοιος*) essence, or same (*ὁμός*) essence (*οὐσία*) as the Father

homunculus L, dim of *homo*, man

hone Whetstone AS *hān*, stone, rock, cf

ON *hein*, whence Norw *hein*, whetstone

honest OF (*honeste* (*honnête*), L *honestus*, cogn with *honor*, honour. In ME as in F, with wider sense of honourable, cf *to make an honest woman of*. For decline in sense cf *respectable*

The membris that ben unhoneſt han more honeſtē
(*Wyc* 1 Cor xii 23)

honey. AS *hunig*, cf Du Ger *honig*, ON *hunang*. Goth has *milith*, for which see *mil dew*, *mealy-mouthed*. For Sc. *hinny*, *hinnie*, as term of endearment, cf *mitther*, *brither*. *Honeycomb* is an AS. compd., though the resemblance to a comb is not obvious. *Honeydew* was formerly synon with *mil dew* (q v). With *honeymoon*, allusive to waning of affection, cf F *lune de miel*, Ger *flitterwochen* (pl), from *flitter*, tinsel. *Honeysuckle*, earlier *honeysuck*, AS. *hunnigsūge*, privet, is a misnomer, as the flower is useless to the bee

Mi honey, mi hert al hol thou me makeſt

(*NED* c 1350)

honk Imit of cry of wild goose or hoot of motor-car

honorarium Late L, gift made on appointment to post of honour. Cf *honorary*, conferring honour without payment, *honorific*, making honour, L *honorificus*

honour OF (*h*)onour (*honneur*), L *honor*, *honor-*, cf It *onore*, Sp *honor*. For sense of courtesy, as in *to do the honours*, *pay the last honours*, etc., cf sense-development of *curtsy*. *Honour bright* is Anglo-Ir. *Honourable* as "courtesy" title sometimes leads to a bull (v i)

The honourable gentleman [Joseph Chamberlain] is a damned liar

(J Dillon, M P, in H of C, c 1900)

honved Hung landwehr, orig national army of 1848, recognized by constitution of 1868 as *landwehr*, from which it was prob translated Hung *hon*, native land, *véd*, defence

hood AS *hōd*, cf Du *hoed*, Ger *hut*, hat, ON *hötr*; cogn with *hat* and ult with *heed*. Hence *hoodman-blind*, blind man's buff (*Hamlet* iii 4). With *hoodwink* cf *blinkers*

-hood AS *hād*, condition, orig person; cogn with Ger *-heit*, Goth *haidus*, manner, cf *-head*

hoodlum [US] San Francisco hooligan (c 1870) ? Perverted back-spelling (cf *slop*) of Muldoon. Cf *hooligan*, *larrikin*

hoodoo [US] Opposite of mascot. Said to be for *voodoo* (q v), and, according to Sir R. Burton, an Afr word from Dahomey

They [the German troops] now look on him [the Kaiser] as their "hoodoo"

(*Sind Ev. Felegr* May 26, 1919)

hoof AS *hōf*. Com Teut, cf Du *hoef*, Ger *huf*, ON *höfr*. To *pad the hoof*, for earlier

to beat the hoof is perh. altered by association with pad in footpad Cf *I battre la semelle* (foot sole) and our policeman's beat

hoof *ut* or *brat ut* o the hoof *t* walk on foot
(Dut Cant Crm)

hook AS *hōc* cf Du *hoek* cogn. with Ger *haken* ON *kaki* To *kaka* (earlier *sling*) *one's hook* is naut. slang for weighing anchor (the mudhook). With *off the hooks* (now used of death) cf *unhooked* (v.1) By *hook or crook* (ML. with *hook o* with *crook*) prob. alludes to instruments used by professional thieves (1) Cf description of Panurge's equipment (Rabelais ii 16)

The hokes [i. w. ca. dines] (y. does
(Co. et. t. x K g vii 5)

Touchant l. j. son [poem] i. th. es. slang
trib. ted. to Vill. j. j. la. se. a. c. rig. r. et.
p. er. a. x. u. ce. se. u. se. u. de. Villon. en. l. art. de. la.
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(V. rot. Pr. f. t. Villon's Hook 153)

To the Duke of Albemarle whom I found mightily
off the hook (Pepys Nav. 26 1664)

hookah Arab *hūqāh* vessel (through which
the smoke is drawn)

hooker [naut.] Earlier also *hooker* *hūker*
Du *hooker* *i* from *hook* hook, or con-
nected with *hooker* huckster because a
small trading ship according to Faesch
much used on canals *Hookboat* is recorded
1262

hook-boat is piscat. i. b. barmis d. t. (Kil)

hooker's h. p. a. d. gg. boat (H. sl. am)

hooligan From lively Ir. family of that name
in the Borough. This information was
given to the author (c. 1800) by a house-
surgeon at Guy's who spent some of his
time in patching up the results. Hence
Russ. *hooligan* (pl.)

hoop Ring AS *hōp* cf Du *hoep*

hoop¹ To whoop F *houper* (12 cent.) from
cry *ho ip* to dogs or horses as in *hoop li*
Hence *hooping-cough* II *hoop* is a later
spelling cf 17 cent. *whoot* for *hoot* (c. 16
quot. s. v. *reclat* n)

hoopoe Bird Farler *hoop* *hoopoo* F
huppe I *pupa* from cry

hoot From 12 cent. Prob. imit. cf *ho. p.*
oot *hue*¹ Sc. *hoots* interj. of disapproval

hop Verb AS *hōppian* cf Du *hōppen*
Ger *hōffen* (usu. *hōffe* i) ON *hōppa* In
MT to dance without any ludicrous sug-
gest on. To *hop the twig* suggests the de-
parting bird. On the *hop* at a d. sad an-
tage appears to be for *on the hōp*¹ (1 v)

With *hop o my thimble* earlier *h. ppe* *i. pou*
my thimble (Palsg.) cf *Tom Thurb*

Why h. p. ye so ye high hills? (P. 1 16 PB)

frat. Hon. a. i. t. t. l. m. m. l. dwarf *h. p. o. m.*
th. m. b. (Cotz.)

hop Plant Du *hop* cf Ger *hopsen* Origin
doubtful but prob. cogn. with F *houppes*
tuft tassel F *ho. blon* hops earlier *hou*
billon is of Teut. origin. Another group
of names for the same plant is repre-
ented by AS *hymel* ON *humall* Late L. *hu. nu.*
ius Magyar *ka. nio* supposed to be of Finno-
Ugrian origin. The cultivation of hops
was introduced from Flanders in 16 cent.
though the occurrence of the word in the
Prompt Par. shows that they were known
earlier as a commodity.

Warrat f. l. l. for charges in b. m. g.
certe a hopsett. rs (P. v. Cow. 1 Ad. 54-55)

Hops d. t. k. ea, carp. and bee
Came to England all in ye r.
(Q. cited in the *Complaint A. gler* b. i.
from Baker's *Ch. on* 12 1643)

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App. a LG word which appears later in
Scand. & HG (*hōffen*). In ME often
merely to expect as still in *hop n. against*
hope Young *hop f. i* has always been
ironic.

Yit ho phing by e b.
Ho ping games i. h. p.
(L. v. g. on *Houp* 6 cent.)

hope² See *forlorn*

hoplite Heavily armed soldier C. *οπλιτης*
from *οπλον* armour etc. See *panopl*

hopscotch Farther Scot. *h. hōppe* s. (17 cent.)
hop score *hop scot* From th. *s. o. ch* (q. v.)

scratch incision which has to be hopped

horary Of hours MedL *horarii* from

hora Cf F *hora* re time table

horde Ong. applied to Tatars and other
Asiatic nomads. Turki *orda* u. du. camp
wh. h. reached Western Europe (16 cent.)

via Russ. & Pol. the *h.* appearing first in

the latter. In most Europ. langs. See

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horehound F. r. *hou. bound* ME. *ho. hounce*
AS *h. i. chune* *h. ne* being a plant name of
unknown origin. For excrec. nt. -d. cf

*bound*² sound. Named from white down
on leaves

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The 23 of Nov (mbe [332] th poore hltre f the City f London wer t k u t Chist Hosp t ill t the house of th Crev Fryers (Wr thed y CA)

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host¹ Army ME also *ost* OF (*hôte* f *L. hospis* enemy (comm with *guesh*) treated in Rom langs as collect cf *it oste* Sp *hueste* Replaced AS *here* and was replaced exc poet and sg by *army* In *Lord of Hosts* (Jehovah Sabaoth) the ref is to the heavenly hosts of angels

He was a host of d b tters in himself (Barke)

host² Landlord ME also *ost* OF (*hôte*) *host* or *guest* *L. hospes ho pit* I ost guest ? for *hosh potis* guest lord cf Sp *hosped* and see *hospod* Archaic *m n host* is chiefly after *m n e host of the Garter* (Merry Wives)

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hostler See *hordel oster*

hot AS *hit* C m Teut cf Du *heet* Ger *heiss* ON *heitr* Hot and cold r parlor

games are from hunting (s ent) *Hot* f usu associated with H nrv Iervs (1403) is much older a r nickname I *hot te* suggests a medieval torture but r m n unknown Fig s n o of *hot bed* is 18 cent hotchlass Machine gun I rom in entor s name which is a var of *Hodgkiss* son of little Roger Cf *gailin navi* hotch pot hatch potch See *hodge poi* hotel F *hotel* hostelry mansion ; f *h tel* D i ho pitul *hôte*-de *the* to n hall) OF *hostel* In 18 cent E for inn ho tel (1 v)

I took p my bod t th wh tel t m then i St i t k w Engl od though ow general u (Huk y M m 16)

Hottentot S Afr int of luckin peech So explained 16 o Cf *barbar in*

houdah See *hordah*

hough [Bibl] Archaic for *hook* AS *hok* heel change of sense being due to *h u h* since AS *hok* n connecting hcl and hook Hence *hough* to hamstring (*fosh* xi 6)

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H and c m n a l l k l d n b b y l (Wy I t)

houp la F see *hoop*

hour ME also *re over* OF (*hōre* f *the*) *L. hora* whence also Ger *uhr* hour lock *Pepl* ed AS *hōr* and *stand* eg th (ven) Canonical *hou* s are in AS *eofo* *hōr*

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hospice F, L *hospitium* (v 1)

hospital OF (*hôpital*), learned form of *hostel*, MedL *hospitalis*, neut of *hospitālis*, from *lospes*, *hospit-*, host, guest In ME usu *spital*, *spittle*, as in *Spitalfields* See

lightning, cf its AS name *thunor-wyrt*, thunder-wort, and F *joubarbe*, L *Jovis barba*, beard of Jupiter

Familiar in his mouth as household words

(*Hen V*, iv 3)

housel [*archaic*] Eucharist AS *hūsī*, cf ON *hūsī*, Goth *hunsī*, sacrifice, offering Unhousel'd, disappointed, unanel'd (*Hamlet* 1.5)

houings Of horse Earlier *house*, F *housse* (13 cent), "a foot-cloth for a horse" (Cotg), Arab *ghūshnah*, saddle-cloth A crusaders' word

house of a horse sandalum, sudaria (*Cath Angl*)

houyhnhnm Coined by Swift (third voyage of Gulliver) Cf *Yahoo*

Hova Member of ruling class in Madagascar Native word

hovel Orig shed, cattle-shelter OF *huvelet*, pent house, suggests OF **huvel* Cf OF *hobe*, cabin, hut, perh from OHG *hoube* (*haube*), hood, which is cogn with E *hive*, L *cupa*, tub Cf fig uses of *hood*, e.g. of a carriage, hatchway, chimney, etc

hoveller Also *hobbler*, *huffler* Unlicensed pilot, predatory boatman, esp on Kent coast ? From *hovel*, as inhabiting cabins on the shore

hover From c 1400, for earlier *hove* Origin unknown At first chiefly naut., of ships standing on and off coast

how¹ Adv AS *hū*, from stem of interrog *who* (q v), cf Du *hoe*, and, with different suffix, Ger *wie* (OHG *hweo*), Goth *hwarwa* *Howsomever* was once a literary word, and *howbert* (cf *albert*) could be used in past (*how were it*)

how² [*north*] Hill ON *haugr*, lit high, cogn with Ger *hugel* (dim), hill Cf *Hoogh* (near Ypres), from Du, and Cape *La Hogue*, from ON

howdah, houdah Pers & Urdu *haudah*, Arab *haudaj*, orig litter carried by camel

howitzer Earlier *howitz*, *howbitz*, Ger *haubitze*, earlier *haufnitz*, Boh *houfnice*, engine for hurling stones Introduced into Ger during Hussite wars (14 cent) Froh Ger come also F *obus*, shell, *obusier*, howitzer

howl ME *houlen*, cf Du *huilen*, Ger *heulen* Imt, like L *ululare*, whence, influenced by Ger *heulen*, comes F *huler* (OF *uller*, *urler*) *Howling wilderness* is after Deut xxxii 10 Colloq *howler* is for *howling blunder* (cf *crying shame*, etc)

howlet [*dial*] Owl Associated with owl, but really a dim of the name *Hugh* Cf F *hulotte* in same sense, and dial *houchin*,

hob-houchin, owl The surnames *Howitt*, *Howlitt*, *Hullett*, *Hewlett*, *Houchin*, *Huichin* similarly represent OF dms of *Hugh* Cf *lobin*, *jackdaw*, *dicky* (*bird*), etc

hoy From 15 cent. Obs Du *hoer* Origin unknown The "Margate hoy" is in Pepys (June 16, 1661)

hoya. Plant From *Hoy*, E gardener (†1821) hoyden, hoiden First applied (c 1600) to boor, clown Prob Du *herden*, heathen, etc For vowel change cf 16 cent interj *hoida*, Ger *heida*

heyden homo agrestis et incultus (Kil)

badault a foolle, dolt, sot, top, asse, coxcombe; gaping hoydon (Cotg)

Hoyle, according to [US] From Edmond Hoyle (1672-1769), writer on card-games and chess Cf *according to Cooke*

hub Prob ident. with *hob*², of which it shares some senses A dial word of which mod use is largely due to O W Holmes

Boston State-house is the hub of the solar system (*Autocrat of Breakfast Table*)

hubble-bubble Imt name, redupl on *bubble*, for *hookah*, which is recorded much later.

hubbub In 16 cent usu associated with Ireland Cf *abu*, war-cry of ancient Irish, and Gael *ub!* *ubub!* interj, of contempt The Irish hubbabwe, which they kerne use at their first encounter (Spenser)

They began to raise a confused shout after the manner of the Irish hubbub (*China Voyage*, 1637).

hubby For *husband*, from 17 cent huckaback Fabric for towels Among many early vars *hagabag* (Sc) suggests redupl on *bag*

huckleberry [US] App corrupt of *hulleberry*, *whorileberry* (q v)

hucklebone Hip-bone, also astragalus Corruptly *knucklebone* Earlier *huck bone*, from which dial *huck*, hip, haunch, is a back-formation Prob cogn with *hook*, in sense of bend, ? or with *hough*, *hock*¹ *astragalus* the play at dice, tables, huckle bone (Coop)

huckster Obs Du *hockster*, fem of *hocker*, "caupo, propola, Ang *houkester*, *huckster*" (Kil) Prob from Du *hoek*, corner Cf Ger *krämer*, huckster, from *kram*, booth, and see *canteen* Dial *huck*, to higgie, bargain, is back-formation like *beg*, *cadge*, *hawk*, *peddle* See *hawker* It may be assumed that the name was orig applied to a woman keeping a small stall (cf. *baxter*, *brewster*, orig of female bakers and brewers)

huddle Orig (16 cent) to pack hastily out of sight Cf ME *hoder* in similar sense and obs *huder-mudder* now replaced by *hug* or *mugger* It may be cogn with *hude* cf AS *hudeles* hiding place Later sense of hurried careless work app influenced by archaic Du *hoetelen* ignaviter aliquid agere (Hul)

Hudibras In style of *Hudibras* mock heroic poem (1663-78) by Samuel Butler
hue AS *hfu* form appearance colour cf Goth *hwa* form Sanskrit *khasi* skin complexion etc Squeezed out from c 1600 by *colour* and no v only poet

hue and cry AF *huc e cry* (13 cent) The first element is usu associated with *huer* to hoot shout but F *d co et d c i* suggests that it may have meant hunting horn It was prob at first a hunting expression Until 1838 it was also the sub-title of the offic Pol ce Gazette (*Oh er Twist* ch xv)

Dunc recumencet e li bus e li cri (Rol 2064)

huff From 16 cent to blow puff play the braggart etc Hence *huff* temper Perh imit. but cf Ger *hauchen* (MHG *huchen*) to breathe At draughts it was once usual to blow on the p ce that was huffed

t h f f a m a d d a g h t e r e n s t e l m d m e p l
 w g h t s e n s o u f f l e r n p i o n i u d e s d a m e s
 (Ludw)

hug From 16 cent. Origin obscure As orig sense was affectionate it may be Norw dial *hygge* to care for love which belongs ult to ON *hugr* courage mood etc cf AS *hycan* to think

huge OF *ahuge* *aho e* in same sense Orig unknown

hugger mugger Orig concealment secrecy developing new senses as *huddle* Earlier (16 cent) *huck r-m cker* replacing *huddler nudd* (see *huddle*) Perh partly suggested by ME *huke hukel* cloak OF *ahuge* With later sense of muddle confusion cf Walloon *ha ewag* in same sense

H and hys wyf d th h v bl ryd h i
 my kyndred in hed rm xet (Pardon I t 3)

N t by h t l l e g h t o b g g r m g e (en cachett) (Florio Mont g)

Huguenot Double dim of *Hugue* Hugh perverted from earliest form *as uenot* (1530) dial form of Ger *l enoss* oath companion confederate *Esidenossen* is still the regular form of address to the Swiss people The nam wa. given to the

men of Geneva when they joined the Swiss Confederation (1538) and thus was at first of pol character *Huguenot* was a French surname long before the Reformation though less common than *Hugues* et (whence E *Hignett*) and the unfamiliar foreign word would be readily assimilated to it ModProv *aganau* keeps rather nearer the orig See *oath* near¹

hulk AS *hule* ship In ME usu associated with heavy unweily ves cl (hence *hulk* in) cf Du *hulk* Ger *holk* also OI *houlique* *hourique* etc Sp *It urca* ? from Teut In view of the early prevalence of the word in WGer derivation from *huc* towed hip from *huc* to drag is very doubtful Connection with *hull* seems more likely, cf obs *hull* hovel AS *hule* cogn with *hull* The *hulks* were old ships used as prisons (Great Expectations ch ii) See also *sheer hulk*

hull AS *hulu* husk shell cogn with *kelan* to hide cf Ger *hülle* covering *hulse* husk For later sense cf *huc* *huc* shell hull of ship also L *carina* ship orig nut shell
hullabaloo Orig Sc & north Prob with vague suggest on of *hovi* bellow *halloo* etc It has many early vars eg *hurley boloo* (1751)

hullo See *hallo*

Hulsean lectures Established at Camb by bequest of Rev John Hulse (†1790)

hum Imit of bee fly etc cf Ger dial *hummen* Ger *summen* and see *humble bee* In *hum* a *d ha* it is rather for hesitating *hen* (cf *ahem*) To make *ti ngs* *hi m* (US) contains suggestion of the *hum* of activity business etc cf *boom* In *hummm* ale it appears to be *ely* intens

H w l d h g t y u t a w e y e b y b u m m s a n d b y
 h y s b t i w l d n t s o b e a n s w e r y d

(Past a Let ii 34)

human Earlier *humim* F L *humanus* cogn with *homo* man Differentiated from *hu* since c 1700 the noun & mainly keeping both senses (cf also *inhuman*) *Humane* st l s *humanist* *humanism* etc date from Renaissance reaching *h* from It via F and imitating L use of *humanitas* in the sense of education befitting a cultivated man *H man laria* is 19 cent For *h in an-e* cf *urban-e*

humble F L *humble* from *hu* *us* ground with silent *h* till 19 cent Cf *lowly*

humble-bee Commonly *humble bee* Not found in IS but probably a native word

cf *Du hommel*, Ger *hummel* (OHG *humbal*, *humpal*), cogn with *hum* as *bumble-bee* is with *boom*¹

humble-pie For *umble-pie*, from *umbles*, earlier *numbles*, entrails, etc of deer, OF *nombles*, by dissim for *lombles*, from L *lumbulus*, dim of *lumbus*, loin For loss of *n*- cf *apron*, *umpire*, etc To eat *humble-pie* was orig a pun, cf dial to eat *rue-pie* (see *rue*^{1,2})

nombles of a dere or beest entrailles (Palsg)

humbug Recorded as noun and verb c 1750 Origin unknown Perh associated by some obscure metaphor with *humming* and *bug*, insect, cf Sp *zumbar*, to hum, to jest, and possible connection of OF *bourde*, *humbug*, with *bourdon*, drone-bee, also similar use of Sp *abejón*, drone (v 1)

abejon a bee that has lost his sting, a drone *Abejon juego* a sort of play among children, at which one cries *buz*, and if the other is not watchful to pull away his head, he gives him a cuff on the ear Thence *jugar con uno al abejon* is to make sport of, or make a jest of a man (Stevens)

humdrum Imit of monotony Redupl on *hum*, with reminiscence of *drum*

humectate From L *humectare*, from (h)umidus, damp

humeral [anal], From L *humerus*, shoulder, cogn with G ὄμος, whence *omoplate*

humid F *humide*, L (h)umidus, from *umēre*, to be moist The *h*- is due to association with *humus*, ground

humiliate From L *humiliare*, from *humilis*, humble *Humiliation*, *humility* are much older words (Chauc)

Humism [phil] Of David Hume (†1776)

hummock Orig naut (16 cent) and written indifferently *ham-*, *hom-*, later *hum-*, and also *hummaco*, as though Sp App cogn with much later *hump*, cf LG *hummrel*, *hümpel* Norw *humppe*, hillock, etc

hummaum See *hammam*

humour F *humour*, L (h)umor-*em*, moisture In ancient and medieval physiology, one of the four fluids, "cardinal humours" (v 1), which determined the individual temperament Later applied to "temper" or mood caused by such "humours," and, in E only, from c 1700, to a *pec* aspect of the ludicrous or jocose The same series of meanings appears in its derivatives, e g *humorous* in Shaks means damp (Rom & Jrl 112), capricious, moody (As You Like It, 112); and Addison was *humorist* for *faradist*.

In every human body
The choler, melancholy, phlegm and blood,
By reason that they flow continually
In some one part, and are not continent,
Receive the name of humours Now thus far
It may, by metaphor, apply itself
Unto the general disposition,
As when some one peculiar quality
Doth so possess a man, that it doth draw
All his affects, his spirits and his powers,
In his confluxions, all to run one way,
This may be truly said to be a humour

(Jonson, *Every Man out of it*
Humour, Induction)

The murmuring and mutinie of such rebellions
and turbulent humorists (Purch 117 46)

hump First in *hump-backed* (17 cent), app due to mixture of earlier *crump-backed* (see *crumpet*) and *hunch-backed* (see *hunch*), but cf LG *humpel*, *humpel*, hillock, knob, hump of camel *Hump*, despondency, may be a playful alteration of *h¹p²* suggested by *dump*, *grump*

humph Grunt of disapproval Better represented by *mph*

Humphrey, dine with Duke Orig to spend dinner-hour near supposed tomb of *Humphrey of Gloucester* in Old Saint Pauls Cf Sc. to *dine with St Giles and the Earl of Murray* (buried in St Giles' Church)

humpty-dumpty Small "dumpy" person (18 cent) App redupl on *dump²* (q.v.) But the antiquity of nursery-rhymes suggests that it may orig have been a proper name, from *Humphrey*

humus L, ground, mould, cogn with G χθών (for *χθόρ)

Hun "A reckless or wilful destroyer of the beauties of nature or art, an uncultured devastator, cf *Vandal*, *Goth*" (NED). AS *Hūnc*, *Hūnas*, cf ON *Hūnar*, Ger *Hünen*, MdL *Huoni*, *Clunni*, app from native name of race, which overran Europe in 4-5 cents, known to Chin. as *Hiong-nu* or *Han* Application to Germans dates from Kaiser's speech (1900) in which he held up to his troops the Hun ideal
Les Huns ont passé là, Tout est ruine et désol
(Victor Hugo)

The majority of good Huns all over the world being old soldiers, the Huns will be particularly well placed at the day of Armageddon
(Ole Luk oie, 1771)

hunch First in *hunch backed* (Rich III, iv 4, 2 Quart), for more usual *hunch-backed* (Folios and 1 Quart). Corgrain has *hulch backed*, and *huel-backed*, *huck-backed*, *hutch backed*, also occur in 17 cent Cf. also *hump backed* With *nunch* (cf

bread) and 19 cent. *hunk* cf Wtlm *hunk* in same sense The relation of this series of words is quite obscure

hundred, AS *hundred* from *hund* the Aryan name (cf OSax *hund* OHG *hundert* Goth *hund* and cogn L *centum* G *hundert* Welsh *cant* Sanskrit *satam*) with suffix *red* reckoning as in Du *hondert* Ger *hundert* ON *hundrað* cf Goth *rathjan* to reckon, *rathja* number an early loan from L *ratio* The ON *hundred* was 120 (see *gross*) Hist. the *hundred* is a subdivision of a county variously explained but certainly in some cases representing a hundred hides of land Cf *Chiltern Hundreds* The *Hundred Days* renders F *Cent Jours* between Napoleon's return from Elba and his second abdication The *Old Hundredth* is the metr version of Ps c

hunger AS *hunwor* Com Teut cf Du *honger* Ger *hunger* ON *hungr* Goth *huggrjan* to hunger *Hunger-strike* orig devised by imprisoned suffragettes is now a normal practice of the incarcerated

Among the prisoners who have gone on hunger strike in Ireland are prisoners convicted of burglary (*Daily Mail* 31a 8 1918)

hunk From c 1800 See *hunch*

hunker Orig Sc (18 cent.) App connected with Du *hunken* Ger *hocken* ON *huka* to squat on one's haunches or hunkers also ON *hakra* to crouch. ? Nasalized under influence of *hunch*

hunks From c 1600 Also *hunx* Dan *hunds* stingy lit doggish. For metath of consonants cf *Mans mixx* Du *hondsch* Ger *hündisch* occur in same sense

hundreds *hündisch* *honts* (A. Jans s)

hunt AS *hunnan* cogn with *hound* and perh also with *hand* and Goth. *hunnan* to seize From AS *hunta* hunter comes name *Hunt* still much commoner than later *Hunter* Happy *hunting ground* app translates some Amer Ind name for heaven

Hunterian Of William († 1833) or John Hunter († 1793) brothers anatomists

hurdle AS *hyrdel* dim cogn with Du *horde* Ger *hurde* cf ON *hust* Goth *hauðs* door cogn with L *cratis* hurdle

G *supra* wker work Much used in ME of defensive works (cf *harding*) Being drawn on a *hurdle* to execution for high treason was not formally abolished till 1870

hurdy gurdy Imat of sound. Cf earlier *hurdy-gurdy* uproar and *hurdyburdy*

hurl From 13 cent Cf LG *hurreln* to hurl push etc Prob connected with *hur* imit of vibration whirring and influenced also by *hurle* and *ahurl* as in obs *hurlpool* *hurlwind* Hence *hurler* Its name for hockey (qv) hockey stick and perh *hurdyburdy* But with latter cf F *hurler* derw reckless person perh connected with *hurle* to howl also Ger *hurlen* precipitately

hurrah Later than *hura* App a cry picked up in Thury Yars War of Norw Sw Dan *hurra* Ger *hurrah* Russ *ura* etc orig Ger perh from *hurra* to move quickly

hurricane Sp *huracán* from Carib whence also Port *furacão* From Sp come F *ouragan* Ger *orkan* Some of the numerous early E forms (from 16 cent) e.g. *hauachana* *furicano* *halecano* are due to folk-etym and it is possible that the accepted spelling owes something to the early theory that the storm was named from its destruction of sugar plantations (q d *hurry cane*)

hurry First in Shaks Cogn with *hurl* (qv) with some earlier meanings of which it coincides. *Hurry scurry* is a redupl suggested by *scurry* (qv)

In th *hurle* nd uprose (Holland's *Lure*)

The multitude w all up on *hurree* (ib)

hurst [*dial*] Hillock also grove Very common in place-names AS *hyrst* cf obs Du *horst* thicket Ger *horst* esp in *adlerhorst* eagles aery ON *hyrstr* rough barren place

hurt OF *hurter* (*hurler*) to collide da h again t cf Prov n ls It. *urto* c Origin uncertain but prob Celt

It onv un schal wadre in the day he hurtith n t (b lg non offendit) (Wyc Joh xl s)

hurtle From *hurt* Ong to strike against Later senses associated with *hurl* (qv) with which it sometimes varies in early MSS

Whan o we f liden into a place of gra el. the hurtid n [was] horten hurtid n l g mpergunt the whilpp (Wyc 40s xxvii, 41)

hurtleberry Now usu *whortleberry* App from AS *hwort-ber* c hart berry used of the buckthorn cf Ger *himbeere* raspberry 1st *hamberry* See also *whortleberry* *huckleberry*

husband AS *hūsbonda*, master of the house, from ON *bōndi*, peasant, freeholder (see *bond*?) Cf *housewife* Senses of tiller of soil (replaced by *husbandman*), spouse, are later Orig sense appears in verb to *husband* (one's resources, etc) and *husbandry*, with which cf *economy*

Gif the housbonde man [*Vulg paterfamilias*] wiste in what houre the thief were to cumme
(*Wyc Malt* xiv 43)

This day, not for want, but for good husbandry, I sent my father, by his desire, six pair of my old shoes, which fit him, and are good
(*Pepys*, Dec 5, 1667)

hush Earliest is *hush*, adj (c 1400), which appears to be ident with interj *hust* (Chauc) In 15 cent texts varies with *hust*, *whist*, etc, natural exclamations enjoining silence, cf *hust* Verb and noun *hush* are back-formations from *hush* regarded as p p Cf also Norw Dan *hysse*, to silence, from interj *hys* For *hushaby* cf LG *hussen*, to lull With to *hush up* (17 cent) cf *hush-money*, and *hush-ship*, used during the Great War of new ships of secret design and purpose (cf *Q-boat*)

husk Late ME App a dim of *house*, perh from Du, cf early sense of Du *hūsken* (v) Approximate parallels are found in Ger & LG, but some regard it as cogn with *hose*, in orig sense of covering Hence *husky*, dry-throated, or as though choked with husks, cf *bur* For US *husking*, jollification accompanying corn-husking, see *bee*

hūsken siliqua, gluma, calyx, theca seminis (Kil)

husky Eskimo dog ? Corrupt of *Eskimo* A Scotsman resident in Canada suggests to me that it may be the personal name *Husky* (? for Hugh), as in *Huskisson*, given by early Sc immigrants Cf *collie*

hussar Hung *huzsar*, freebooter, OSerb *gusar*, *hursar*, etc, Late G *κουρσάριος*, Late L *cursar* us, whence also *corsair* (q v.) Applied in 15 cent to Hung light horse and adopted by several West Europ langs Cf *cossack*, *pandour*, *uhlan* The hussar uniform still bears traces of Oriental origin

The horsemen of Hungary are commonly called hussars, an exceedingly ravenous and cruel kynde of men (NED 1560)

hussars are horsemen, clothed in tygers and other skins, and adorn'd with plumes of feathers (News-reader's Poet's book, 1759)

hussif *Housewife* (q v), in sense of needle case, etc Cf *hussy*

Hussite [*hust*] Follower of John Hus, Bohemian reformer (15 cent), burnt at Constance, 1415

hussy For *housewife*, cf *goody* for *goodwife* For mod depreciation of sense, due to association with ads such as *light*, *saucy*, etc, cf hist of *wench*, *quean*, and growing dislike of the vulgar for the word *woman*

Huswife, Ile have you whipt for slaundring me
(*Look about you*, 1600)

Being so good a hussy of what money I had left her (Defoe, *Colonel Jack*)

husting AS *hūsting*, ON *hūs-thing*, house thing, orig an assembly of the immediate followers of a king or noble, as distinguished from the general thing or *folkmoet*, cf the London *Court of Hustings*, presided over by the Lord Mayor, and held on a platform in the Guildhall, whence election *hustings* (18 cent) See *storting*, *thing*

hustle From 17 cent Orig to shake up coins (lots) in a hat for gambling Du *hutselen*, in same sense, frequent of *hutsen*, to shake (see *hodge-podge*) The sense of jostling, ill-treating, esp in connection with robbery, is E. only, which points to confusion with ME and dial *huspil*, F *houspiller*, "to shake, or towse" (Cotg), OF *housseigneur*, lit to comb (*peigner*) one's jacket (see *housing*) With US sense of *hustler* cf *push* The office Tube hustler started work at Victoria, Jan 1920.

huspilyn, or *spovlyn* spolio, dispolio (*Prompt Parv*)

A "hustler" started work at Tottenham Court Road tube-station yesterday
(*Daily Chron* Jan 20, 1920)

hut F *hutte*, Ger *hutte*, cogn with *hide*. First as mil word

hutch Orig chest, coffer F *huche* (13 cent); cf. MedL *hutica* Perh from Ger. *hut*, keeping

Huttonian [*geol*] Plutonic theory of rocks From James Hutton (†1796).

hutti [*Anglo-Ind*] Elephant (Kipling, *Road to Mandalay*) Hind *hāthī*, Sanskrit *hastī*, from *hasta*, hand, elephant's trunk (cf Pliny, *Hist Nat* viii 10 29).

Hattee, which is likewise elephant in their language (Jourdain's *Journ* 1612)

huzoor. Eastern formula of respectful address Arab *huzūr*, presence

huzza Ori^s sailors shout so perh for hauling-cry *hissa* from *F hissar* to hoist (q v) But cf Ger *hussa*

hyacinth Now differentiated from earlier *jacynth* (q v) F L G *ia* *θos* flower fabled to have sprung from the blood of *Hyacinthus* youth beloved by Apollo *hvaene* *the* *blow* *r* purple *jac* *nt* *o* *hyacinth* *fl* *wer* (Cotg)

Hyades [ast on] Group of stars near Pleiades C *ades* popularly connected with *ev* to rain but perh from *vr* swine L *naene* being *suculae* little pigs Cf *hyena*

hyaena See *hyena*

hyaloid From C *alos* glass

hybrid L *hybrida* *hib* *ida* offspring of tame sow and wild boar ? From C *s i* sow with second element cogn with L *aper* boar

hydra L G *δρα* water snake Fig allusion to the numerous and indestructible heads of the Lernaean Hydra killed by Hercules in Chauc See *other*

hydrangea Coined by Linnaeus from G *ιoup* water *αγγος* vessel in allusion to form of seed-cap ular

hydrant Orig US Irreg formation from G *δwp* water

hydraulic L G *δρα* *λι* *ος* from *δwp* water *αυλος* pipe

hydro Short for *hydrophathic establ h nent*

hydrogen F *hydrogène* coined (1781) by G de Morveau from G *ιoup* water and *γην* to produce Cf *hydrogaphy* study of water distribution *hyd omel* mead G *μela*, honey *hydrophathy* water cure (cf *homosopathy*) *hyd ophob a* G *φοβος* fear because human s iferers how aversion to water *hyd oplane* coined on *aeroplane* *hydrops* l armed form of *drop y* (q v) *hyd ostatic* etc

hyena L *hvaena* G *vaena* sw ne (fem) from *v* pig

hygiene F *hygiène* G *υγι* *ωη* (sc *ἐχη*) from *vy* *ys* healthy whence also *Hygiea* goddess of health

hygrometer From C *υγρος* wet fluid

hylic Material G *υλικ* *s* from *λη* wood timber used by Aristotle for matter Cf *hylo ism* theory that matter has life

Hymen L G *Ἦμη* god of marriage from *vy* membrane (vaginal) ? Cf Sanskrit *sy man* suture Hence *hymenoptera* (Linnaeus) in acts with membranous wings

hymn I G *μνος* song of praise adopted by LXX to render various Heb words

Cf AS *ymen* ME *ymne* now restored on C form

Salms and *ym es* and spiritual songs

(Wyc. Col ill, 16)

hyoid [ana] Shape of G letter *v* See *oid* **hyosine** Iosson (used by Crippen) From *hyoseyanus* G from *υοσσανος* pig s bean whence F *ju quaine*

hypoathral Open to the sky From G *vro* under *αυθρ* air

hypallage [gram] Change of natural order in figure of speech eg *dare classibus austros* (Den iii, 61) for *dare classes austris* G exchange from *vro* under *αλλασσειν* to exchange

hyperbaton [gram] Inversion of natural order G from *υπερ* over (cogn with I *super*) *βαρειν* to step Cf *hyperbola* **hyperbole** C *βαλλειν* to throw *hyper borean* C *βορειας* north (wind) *hyper sthene* (man) F *hypersthene* named by Italy (1803) from G *σθενος* strength because harder than hornblende *hyperstrophy* G *τροφη* nourishment (cf *atrophy*)

hyphen C *υφέν* (adv) together from *vro* under one Hence *hyphenated American* (1915) of Ger origin and preserving Ger sympathies

hypnotism Coined (1842) by Dr J Brand from *hypnotic* (17 cent) from G *υπνος* sleep Cf *bradism*

hypocaust Heating-chamber of Roman house or bath G *vro* *υσων* from *vr* under (cogn with L *sub*) *καυ* *v* to burn Cf *hypochond* (a orig soft part of body) and organs below costal cartilages from G *χ υδρος* gistle hence, in C melancholy supposed to be situated in liver & spleen **hypocritic** of per names G *υποκριτής* *actor* lit one who answers back ult from *υπο* to judge decide *hypodermis* G *δερμα*, skin *hypostasis* essence personality G *υποστασις* to set *hypotenuse* G *υποτιννωσις*, *press* part scm from *τενν* to stretch because subtending the right-angle *hypostasis* putting under supposition, from G *υποστημι* to place (cf *hypothese*) from G *γανω* from F)

hypo- From G *υπο* *to* *hit*

hyrax The (con) of the Bible G *υραξ*, shrew mouse,

hyson, Cantonese form of Chin, *des-ch un* bright spring

hyssop L G *υσσωπος* of Oriental origin cf Heb *z* & Hence AS *yssope*

hysteria Mod formation from *hysteric*, F *hystérique*, L, G *ὑστερικός*, from *ὑστέρα*, womb Cf *mother*, in same sense
O, how this mother swells up toward my heart!
Hysterica passio!—down, thou climbing sorrow
(*Lear*, II 1).

hysteron-proteron [*gram*] Inversion G *ὑστερον*, latter, *πρότερον*, former Cf *pre-posterous*

hythe See *hithe*

I AS *ic* Com Teut., cf Du *ik*, Ger *ich*, ON *ek*, Goth *ih*, cogn with L *ego*, G *ἐγώ*, Sanskrit *aham* Me (q v) is Aryan

iambic L, G, from *ιαμβος*, ? from *ιάπτειν*, to assail, because trad first used, by Archilochus (7 cent BC), in invective verse
? Or from root of *ιδάειν*, to go, with suffix as in *διθύραμβος*, *θρίαμβος*. Cf *trochaic*

iatic From G *ιατρός*, healer, physician

ib, **ibid** For L *ibidem*, in the same place
Iberian [*ing*] Prehistoric race preceding Celts in Western Europe, esp in Spain
From G *Ιβηρες*, the Spaniards (and Portuguese)

ibex L, kind of goat

ibis L, G *ἰβίς*, prob of Egypt origin

Ibsenity Of *Ibsen*, Norw. author (†1914)
Jocular (*Punch*), after *obscenity*

Icarian Of *Icarus*, son of Daedalus The earliest airman

ice AS *īs*. Com Teut., cf Du *ijs*, Ger *eis*, ON *íss* *Iceberg*, ice mountain, may be Du *ijsberg* or Dan *ishjerg*

Icelandic [*ing*] Mod form of Old Norse, from which, owing to centuries of isolation, it differs much less than the cogn Scand langs

Ichabod, to write See I *Sam* IV 21

ichneumon L, G *ιχνεύμων*, from *ιχνεύειν*, to track, from *ἵχνος*, footstep, because it finds and destroys the eggs of the crocodile See *cockatrice*

ichnography [*arch*] Ground-plan From G *ιχνεύειν*, to trace (v s)

ichor F, G *ἰχώρ*, fluid replacing blood in veins of the gods

ichthyosaurus Fossil monster From G *ἰχθύς*, fish, *σαῦρος*, lizard Cf *ichthyology*, *ichthyophagy*, etc

icicle For *ice icke*. From AS *īs*, ice, *gicel*, icicle, cf archaic Dan *isegel*, Norw dial *isyðkul*, from ON *jökull*, icicle *Ikke* alone is still used in dial

Be she constant, be she fickle,
Be she fire, or be she icke (NED 1687)

icon. Image, esp picture, etc of saint as object of veneration in Eastern Church
G *εἰκών*, likeness

iconoclast Late L, Late G *εἰκονοκλάστης*, from *εἰκών* (v s), *κλάειν*, to break. Orig. applied (8-9 cents) to image-breakers in Eastern Church

icosahedron G, from *εἴκοσι*, twenty, *ἔδρα*, seat, base

-ics Adopted from L, G neut pl *-ικά* of adjs in *-ικός*. F treats the ending as fem sing (*dynamique*, *tactique*, etc) exc in *mathématiques*

ictus L, stroke, p p of archaic *icere*, to strike, used as p p. of *ferire*

id [*biol*]. Unit of germ-plasm Coined (1891) by Weissmann on *idioplasm*

idea L, G *ιδέα*, look, semblance, from *ιδέειν*, to see Earlier is dial *idee*, via F Earliest sense in mod langs is archetype, as in Platonic philos, something of which survives in *ideal-ist* Image, conception, are later developments

Withal, I did infer your lineaments,
Being the right idea of your father,

Both in your form and nobleness of mind

(*Rich III*, III 7)

identity F *identité*, Late L *identitas* (5 cent), from *idem*, same

ideology Science of ideas (q v)

ides F, L *idus* (pl)

idiom F *idiome*, language, dialect, L, G *ἰδιωμα*, peculiarity, from *ἴδιος*, own, peculiar

idiosyncrasy G *ἰδιοσυγκρασία*, from *ἴδιος* (v s), *σύνκρasis*, mixture, from *σύν*, together (see *crasis*)

idiot F, L *idiota*, uncultivated person, G *ἰδιώτης*, private person, "layman," from *ἴδιος* (v s). Mod. sense is oldest in E, though theologians, from Wyc onward, have used the word in L & G meaning

idle. AS *idel*, empty, useless WGer, cf. Du *ydel*, worthless, Ger *eitel*, vain Orig sense still in *idle words* (mind, etc) Cf sense-development of *vain* and L *vacuus* *Idlesse* is one of Spenser's sham antiques revived by Scott

The erthe was idel [*ear*, *veyn* with *ynne*, *Vulg manus*] and *voide* (Wyc *Gen* I 2)

ido Artificial language, simplified (1907) from *esperanto* Esperantist suffix *-ido*, son, offspring of

idol F *idole*, Late L, G *εἰδωλον*, image, likeness, from *εἶδος*, form, cogn with *ιδάειν*, to see Used by LXX in mod sense.

In *idolater idolatry* (whence *marisolat y babyolatry* etc) second element is from *λατρεω* to serve. Correctly *idololater* one -ol being lost by dissim (cf *hero comic*)

idyll L G εἰδύλλιον dim of ἰδὼς form picture. Orig short descriptive poem of rustic or pastoral type

e For L *id est* that is

ier F agent suffix L -arius

if AS *gif* Com Teut cf Du *of* (earlier *joft*) Ger *ob* (OHG *oba ibu*) ON *ef* Goth *ibas* Supposed to be oblique case of a Teut noun meaning doubt

igloo igloo Eskimo house

igneous From L *ignis* from *ignis* fire

ignis fatuus MedL foolish fire cf F *feu follet* will o the wisp

ignominy F *ignominie* L *ignom nia* from *in* neg **gnomen* (*nomen*) name Cf *mobl*

ignoramus L *we do not know* Orig leg (v.l.) *ignore* still being used of throwing out an indictment. Mod sense from Ruggle's play (1615) intended to expose the ignorance of the common lawyers with *Ignoramus* as title rôle

ignoramus is a word properly used by the grand enquest, and written upon the bill, when as they must ke their evidenc s d feth or too w k to mak good the p esentment (Cow l)

ignore Orig not to know (v.s.) still the only s use of F *ignorer* (cf *ignorance*) L *ignorare* from *in* neg **gnorare* to know (cf *ignarus*) Current sense is quite mod (v.l.)

Th y began by reviling me they now "gnore in the phrase goes (NED 185)

Iguana Sp from Carib name *iuana* *yuan* etc Hence *iguanodon* fossil dinosaur coined from G *oonos* *odon* tooth after *masodon*

IHS G ΙΗΣ abbrev of ΙΗΣΟΥΣ Jesus transliterated into L characters with error preservation of G *II* (instead of *I*) and hence popularly explained as acrostic for *Iesus Hominum Salvator* or *In Hoc Signo (i nces) In Hac (i uce) Salus* Da it a tem ihis d on (Codex Bezae L. A. vi. 3. 7 cent.)

ilex L *holm-oak* evergreen oak

iliac Of the loins F *il aqua* Late L *iliacus* from *ila* loins entrails confused in *passio* *lia* a with G *iliac* *elac* colic from *la* to roll

Iliad L *Ilias* *Iliad* G *Ilias* (sc *ἱλιος*) poem of *Ilios* Troy

ilk [Sc] Same AS *ilca* from pronoun stem (cf L *is*) and suffix *-ca* (see *like*) Of that *ilk* implies coincidence of name with estate e.g. *Lundie of Lundie* Not ident with *ilk* in *ilka lassie* (*ilka a lassie*) which is northern form of *each* (q.v.) cf Sc *alil* for *which*

ill ON *illr* replacing in early ME some senses of unrelated *evil* Apart from current mod sense for *sick* it is chiefly used as adj and adv in real or virtu l compds (*ill blood will il bred ill gotten* etc)

illacuate To snare From L *illaq ca* c from *laqueus* noose snare See *lace*

illative Inferential From L *afferre illat*

illegitimate Current sense of born out of wedlock is oldest in E (16 cent.)

ilith Coined by Ruskin on *acalith* Cf *coolith*

illuminate Forea l *er illumine* L *illu minare* to throw into light *lumen* *lumen* See *lumen* *nary* *lumen* Hence *illuminat* orig Sp sect of 16 cent later Cer secret society of 18 cent now often used of groups claiming spec wisdom

illusion F L *illusio* n from *illudere* to mock deceive from *ludere* *lis* to play Cf *inducious*

illustrate From L *illu tra* s to throw into lustre (q.v.) hence to elucidate by means of pictures examples etc *Illustratus* is for earlier *ilust* e F L *ilustris*

im See *in* *im*

image F L *imago* m g cogn with *in* *tae* Orig effigy likeness (Gen 1. 7) as in the very image of Cf *ima* *ine* to form a mental image picture to oneself *Imago* perfect stage of insect, is due to Linnaeus

imam *imam* Mohammedan p est. Arab *imam* leader from *amma* to go before

imbecile F *imbecilis* L *imbecillus* weak in body or mind for *imbacillus* *quasi sine baculo* i.e. tottering for lack of support. This etym long regarded as an early myth, is now accepted by competent authorities *imbibe* L *imbibere* to drink in lit. and fig *imbricate* [bot] Overlapping like tiles From L *imbricare* from *imbrax* *imbric* gutter tile from *imber* *imbr* rain

imbrogio It confusion tangle from *brogi* v See *bro* *im*

imbrue Now usu with blood but orig of bedabblement in gen earliest records referring to tabl manners (v.l.) OF *embrace* to bedaub from the same

root as *broth* (q v), cf It *imbrodolare*, "to fowle with broth or dish-wash" (Flor) Early examples show confusion with *imbue* and *brew* No connection with OF *embreuer*, to saturate, which would have given E *embreve* (cf *retrieve*)

With mouth enbrowide thi coppe thou not take
(NED c 1430)

s'embruer to imbue, or bedable himselfe with
(Cotg)

imbue L *imbuerē*, to cause to drink in Earliest as p p, partly due to F *imbu*, L *imbutus*

imburse [archaic] F *embourser*, from *en* and *bourse*, purse (q v) Hence *reimburse*

imitate From L *imitari*, cogn with *image* *Imitative* (ling) is a convenient term to include *onomatopoeic* and *echoic*

immaculate L *immaculatus*, unspotted, from *macula*, spot (see *mail*) Earliest in ref to the Holy Virgin

immanent Contrasted with *transcendent*, *transient* F, from pres part of L *immanēre*, from *manēre*, to dwell (see *manor*).

immediate F *immédiat*, MedL *immediatus*, without anything between, cf *medium*, *intermediate* The adv *immediately* is much older (15 cent)

immemorial See *memory* Esp in time *immemorial*, time out of mind, cf F *temps immémorial*

immense F, L *immensus*, unmeasured, from *metiri*, *mens-*, to measure

immerse From L *immergere*, *immers-*, to plunge into Also occ *immerge* (as *emerge*) See *merge* *Immersion* first occurs (17 cent) in ref to baptism

immigrant From L *immigrare* after earlier *emigrant* See *migrate*

imminent F, from pres part of L *imminēre*, to overhang, from *minēre*, to jut out Cf *eminent*

immolate From L *immolare*, orig to sprinkle with sacrificial meal, *mola*

immortelle F (sc *fleur*) Cf synon *everlasting* Cf F *immortel*, member of Academy

immunity F *immunité*, L *immunitas*, exemption from public service, etc, from *munus*, service, duty Med sense of *immune*, obs c 1660-1880, is a reintroduction from F or G

imure F *emmurere*, to wall in, from *en* and *mur* See *mural*

imp AS *impa*, shoot, graft, from *im-pian*, to graft Like F *enter*, Ger *impfen*, an early loan from a L verb which may be-

long to *-putare*, to cut (**im-putare*), or to G *ἐμφύρος*, implanted, grafted The verb, which was also applied to inserting feathers into hawk's wing, is still in dial use The noun acquired the sense of human offshoot, child (cf *scion*), and then, from common use in *imp of Satan* (hell, wickedness, etc) reached its current meaning Cf *hussy*, *wench*, etc

Heav'ns sacred impe, faire goddesse [Peace] that
renuest

Th' old golden age (Sylv *Handicrafts*)

impact From L *impingere*, *impact-*, to dash against

impair OF *empeirer* (*emprer*), to make worse, VL **in-pejorare*, from *pejor*, worse, or of F. formation from *pire*, OF. *peve*, L *pejor*

impale F *empaler*, from *pal*, stake, L *palus* **impart** OF *empartir* (replaced by *faire part de*), L *impartire*, *impartire*, to give a share of, from *pars*, *part-*, part

impasse F., from *in-*, neg and *passer*. Coined by Voltaire as euph for *cul de sac* **impassible** F, Church L *impassibilis*, incapable of suffering, from *pati*, *pass-*, to suffer, cf *impassive*, not suffering.

impassion It *impassionare* See *passion*

impasto It, thick laying-on of colour See *paste*

impeach Orig to hinder, but Wyc also has it in sense of accusation F *empêcher*, to prevent, Late L *impedicare*, from *pedica*, fetter, from *pes*, *ped-*, foot Current E sense represents rather OF *empacher*, to accuse, for which see *dispatch* *Impeach* replaced earlier *appeach* (see *peach*) 'Soft *impeachment* is after Sheridan, from hist. *impeachment*, accusation and trial before House of Lords at instance of House of Commons

I own the soft impeachment—spare my blushes—
I am Delia (*Rivals*, v 3)

impeccable F, L *impeccabilis*. See *peccant* **impecunious** From L *in-*, neg and *pecuniosus*, rich See *pecuniary*

impede First in Shaks L *impedire*, lit to shackle, from *pes*, *ped-*, foot Much earlier is *impediment* (14 cent.)

impel L *impellere*, from *pellere*, *puls-*, to drive, force Cf *impulse*

impend L *impendēre*, to hang over, from *pendēre*, to hang Cf *depend*

imperative L *imperativus*, from *imperare*, to command, from *parare*, to make ready. First (16 cent) as gram term.

improperiate [*eccl*] To annex profits of benefice to corporation or individual, esp of tithes. From MedL *impropiare*. Cf. *appropriate*, *expropriate*, and see *proper*.
 improve Earlier *impro*, AF *emprouer*, to turn to profit, from *en* and OF *prou*, profit, for which see *prouess*. Earliest E use is connected with enclosing land (see *encroach*). Altered by influence of *prove* and its compds. Etym sense survives in to *improve the shining hour* (Dr Watts), *the occasion*, etc. *Appro*, *approve*, OF *aprouer*, was also used in same sense.

improvise F *improviser*, It *improv(v)isare*, "to say or sing extempore" (Flor), from *improviso*, unprepared, unprovided, cf L adv *improviso*, de *improviso*. See *provide*.
 impudent F, L *impudens*, *impudent*-, neg of *prudens*, pres part of *prudēre*, to be ashamed. In Chauc. Cf *shameless*.

impugn. F. *impugner*, L *impugnare*, to assail, from *pugnare*, to fight. In lit sense in Wyc (Judges, ix 44).

impulse See *impel*.

impunity F *impunité*, L *impunitas*, from *impunus*, unpunished. See *punish*.

impute. F. *imputer*, L *imputare*, from *in* and *putare*, to reckon.

in AS *in*. Com. Teut.; cf Du Ger *in*, ON *í*, Goth *in*, cogn with L *in*, G *in*, Welsh *yn*, etc. As adv it is AS. *inne* (cf Ger *innen*), whence compar *inner*. *Inmost* is a double superl (see *foremost*, *-most*), and *innermost* is a further corrupt (cf *utmost*, *uttermost*). Hence also verb to *in*, esp of reclaiming land, AS *innan*, *geinnan*. With *inly*, thoroughly, from the heart, AS *innlice*, cf. Ger *innig*, in same sense.

in¹. L *in-*, neg, cogn with Teut *in-*, G *in-*, *in-*. Becomes *im-* before labial. Sometimes assumed, e.g. in *infamous*, *impious*, more than mere neg force (cf *dis-*).

in². L *in*, *in*, into. Becomes *im-* before labial. Often restored from earlier *en-*, from F.; cf *enquire*, *enquire*, *injunction*, *enjoin*. See also *en-*.

inadvertent. From obs *adlertent*. See *advert*.
 inamorato, -ta. It. p.p. of *inamorare*, 'to enamour, to fall in love' (Flor). A 16 cent. word from the Grand Tour.

inane L *inane*, empty. Earlier *inane* *inane*, emptiness, *inane*.

inasmuch (as). For *in as much*, cf F *en tant que*.

inaugurate See *augur*.
 inen Peruv, lord, lit.

incandescent. From pres part of L *in candescere*, from *in* and *candescere*, to begin to glow, incept. of *candēre*, to glow.
 incantation F., L *incantatio-n-*, from *incantare*, to sing spells, "enchant".

incarcerate From L *in* and *carcerare*, from *carcer*, prison, ? cogn with AS *hearg*, heathen temple, whence *Harrow*.

incarnadine Orig. flesh-coloured (cf. *carnation*). F *incarnadin*, It *incarnadino*, var of *incarnatino*, from *incarnato*, incarnate.

In mod. poet use as verb after Mach ii. 2.

incarnate From L *incarnare*, to make flesh, *caro*, *carn-*. Earlier is *incarnation*, OF, Church L *incarnatio-n-*, in Christian sense. With fiend *incarnate*, etc, cf fig. senses of *embodiment*.

incendiary. L *incendiarius*, from *incendium*, conflagration (v1).

incense¹. Noun. ME *encens*, F., L *incensum*, p.p. of *incendere*, to set on fire, cogn with *candēre*, to glow (see *incandescent*).

incense². Verb. OF *incenser*, from L *incendere*, *incens-*, as above. For current sense cf to *inflame*.

incentive L *incentivus*, setting the tune, from *incinere*, **incent-*, to strike up, from *canere* to sing. Sense influenced by association with *incendere*, to kindle (v1).

inception L *inceptio-n-*, beginning, from *incipere*, *incept-*, from *capere*, to take. Cf Ger *anfangen*, to begin, from *fangen* to take, catch. *Inceptive* is applied to L verbs in *-scio*, *-scere*, indicating beginning of action.

incessant F, Latd L, *incessans*, *incessant*, from *cessare*, to cease (q1).

incest L *incestus*, impure, from *castus*, chaste.

inch¹ Measure AS. *ynce*, L *uncia*, inch, ounce. Early loan, not found in other Teut. langs. *Every inch (15 cent.) is now an inch* after Shaks.

As, every inch a king (Lear, iv. 6).

inch² Small island (Mach i. 2), Gael *inich*, cf Ir *inise*, Welsh *ynys*, Corn *enys*, all common in place-names; cogn with L *insula*.

inchoate. From L *inchoare*, for *inchoare*, to begin. Hence *inchoative*, sometimes used for *inceptive*, or name for L verbs in *-scio*, *-scere*.

incident F., orig adj., from pres part. of L *incidere*, to fall in, from *cadere*, to fall. Sense of note and happening, vol. *contingent*, etc, is mod.

incinerate From MedL *incinerare* to reduce to ashes See *cinerary*
 incipient From pres part of L *incipere* to begin from *capere* to take Cf *incipit* (here) begun

incision F L *incisio-n* from *incidere* *incis* to cut into from *cadere* to cut For fig sense of *incisive* cf *trenchant*

incite F *inciter* L *incitare* See *cite*

incivism F *incivism* a Revolution coinage See *civism*

inclement F *inclement* See *clement* Limitation to weather is curious

incline ME *encline* OF *encliner* (*incline*) as *decline* (q v) For fig senses cf *to lean*

include L *includere* to shut in from *claudere* to close

incognito It unknown esp in connection with travelling L *incognitus* from *cognoscere* *cognit* to know Hence *incog* (c 1700)

We set out in *og* as h called it (Defoe *R. xana*)

Incoherent See *cohere*

income What comes in Cf Ger *ein kommen* *einkunft* F *revenu* and opposite out goings The *income tax* once assessed at pence in the pound was first levied as a war tax (1799)

incomprehensible See *comprehend* Lat sense in Athanasian Creed

incongruous Not *congruous* See *congruent*
 incorporate See *corporate* Cf *incarnate* and hybrid *embody*

incorrigible F L *incorrigibilis* from *corriger* to correct (q v)

incrassate [biol] Thickened From L *incrassare* See *crass*

increase ME *encrease* AF *encreisser* OF *encreissier* *encreiss* later *encreissier* (replaced by *accroître*) L *increscere* from *crecere* to grow Cf *erescere* Prob in fluenced also by OF *encreissier* to augment from L *crassus* fat

increment L *incrementum* from *increscere* (v s) Fsp in *unearned increment* (J S Mill)

incriminate From MedL *incriminare* from *crimen* *crimen* crime

incubate From L *incubare* to sit on eggs See *covey* *cub* etc

incubus Orig night fiend seeking carnal intercourse with women Late L for *incubo* nightmare from *incubare* (v s) Cf *su cub* etc

These sprites do women schame

Inc by demones ys c 13 ther name (N.E.D. c. 133)

inculcate From L *inculcare* to stamp in from *calcare* to tread from *calx* *calc* heel

inculpate From L *culpa* fault as *incriminate*

incumbent From pres part of L *incumbere* to lie upon apply oneself to cogn with *incubate* Earliest (15 cent) as noun in Church sense app from MedL sense of obtaining holding

incunabula L pl swaddling-clothes from *cunae* cradle Fig infancy hence books produced during infancy of printing (before 1500) This sense dates from Van Beughem's *Incunabula Typographiae* (Amsterdam 1688)

incur L *incurrere* to run into from *currere* to run Lit sense survives in *incur* *incur*

indeed Orig two word Cf *in fact* and Ger *in der tat*

indefatigable OF L *indefatigabilis* from *defatigare* to tire out

indefeasible See *defeasance*

indelible Earlier *indelible* that cannot be put or raced out (Blount) from L *delere* to wipe out

indemnity Orig security against contingent loss F *indemnité* Late L *indemnitas* from *indemnis* unharmed from *damnum* harm damage Cf synon F *dédommagement* lit dis-damage ment War indemnity dates from Germany's extortion of five milliards from France in 1871

indent F *enderter* to give a serrated edge to from *dent* tooth L *dens* *dent* cf MedL & It *indentare* Fsp to separate two halves of document in such a way that their genuineness may be verified by juxtaposition (cf *the checker party*) Hence *indenture* agreement esp in apprenticeship and to *indenture* (orig Anglo-Ind) to write a formal order with counterfoil cf MedL *carta indentata* indenture This verb has absorbed earlier native *indent* from *der* *dint* opposite to *emboiss*

independent F *indépendant* (see *dependant*) As name of rel sect (17 cent) equivalent to Co's *regionalist*

index L fore-finger anything that points out indicates In book sense from 16 cent. Also short for *lex librorum prohibitorum* first published by authority of Pius IV (1564) or *lex expurgatoria* first published by authority of Paul III of Spain (15, 1) both compilations being due to the Council of Trent (1545-63)

India L, G *Ἰνδία*, from *Ἰνδός*, the Indus, Pers *hind*, Sanskrit *sindhu*, river Also poet *Ind*, F *Inde*, and ME *Indie*, still in pl *Indies* Orig of Indus region only (see *Hindi*), later extended to whole peninsula, and vaguely used for East, e.g. *India paper*, *Indian ink* both come from China So also the early explorers thought America the back-door of India, whence *West Indies*, *Red Indian*, *Indian corn*, *india-rubber*, etc *Indian summer*, US for *All Hallows' summer* (1 Hen IV, 1 2), is first recorded 1798 and "is now a literary convention in three continents" (A Matthews) Volney (1803) renders it *été sauvage* and compares F *été de la Saint-Martin* The popular form *Injun* was commonly written c 1800 and survives in *honest Injun*, "the [American] boy's equivalent to a Bible oath" (A Matthews)

indicate From L *indicare*, from *dicare*, to make known Hence *indicative*, first as gram term, F *indicatif*

indict ME *endite*, AF *enditer*, with spec sense of accusing, which does not appear in OF *enditer*, from L *in* and *dicare*, to proclaim For latinized spelling cf *interdict*, *verdict* Cf *indiction*, fiscal period of fifteen years established by Constantine (313), also assessment, etc, L *indictio-n*, from *indicare*, to appoint

You cannot indict a nation (Burke)

For once we can, and do, indict a whole nation (Pall Mall Gaz Dec. 6, 1917)

Indies See *India*

indifferent See *different* Orig. without inclination to either side From idea of neutrality came sense of fairly good (17-18 cent), which has now degenerated to rather bad *Indifferentism* (rel) is via F That they may truly and indifferently minister justice (Prayer for Church Mil 'an)

I a indifferent honest (Hamlet iii 1)

indigenous Earlier *indigene*, F *indigène*, L *indigena* from a prefix cogn with G *ἰδορ*, within, and *gignere*, *gignere*, to beget Cf *indivory*

indigent F, from pres part. of L *indigere*, to lack, from *egere*, to want, with prefix as above

indign [archaic] F, *indigne*, L *indignus* unworthy

indignation F, L *indignatio-n*, anger at what is regarded as unworthy (v.s.), from *indignus* to be angry In Chaucer and Wye. Cf *indignity*, unworthy treatment.

indigo Earlier (16 cent), *indico*, Sp. *indico*, L *Indicum*, of India Earlier name was *anil* (see *aniline*)

indisposed Orig not in order With mod sense (from c 1600) cf. *out of sorts*

indite ME *endite*, OF. *enditer*, from L *dicare*, to dictate Cf *indict*

individual MedL *individualis*, from L *individuus* (whence F *individui*), from *in-*, neg, *dividere*, to divide Cf *atom* *Individualism*, *individualist* are via F **Indo-European**, Indo-Germanic [ling.]. The second is after Ger *indogermānisch*, coined by Schlegel (1808) and regularly used by Ger philologists for *Aryan* (q.v.).

indolent F, Late L *indolens*, *indolent*, from *dolere*, to grieve Cf to take no pains

indomitable After F. *indomptable*, from L *domitare*, frequent of *domare*, to tame See *daunt*

indoor(s) For earlier *within door(s)*

indubitable L *indubitabilis*, from *dubitare*, to doubt (q.v.)

induce L *inducere*, to lead in Cf *induct*, to lead in formally, introduce, L *inducel*, also *induction*, opposed in log to *deduction*, L *inductio-n* being used by Cicero for G *ἐπαγωγή*, leading to (Aristotle).

indulge L *indulgere*, to be courteous, complaisant Much earlier is *indulgence* in gen and spec sense of remission of sin obtained by payment

And purchase al the pardoun of Pampilon and Rome

And indulgences ynowe

(Piers Plowm B xvi. 27)

induna Zulu or Matabele chief Zulu

indurate From L *indurare*, from *durus*, hard **indusium** [bot] L, tunic, from *induere*, to put on.

industry F *industrie*, L *industria*, for **indu-struina*, from *struere*, to build, with prefix as in *indigenous* *Industrialism* in current sense is mod via F

inebriate From L *inebriare*, from *ebrius*, drunk

ineffable F, L *ineffabilis*, unutterable, from *effari*, from *ex* and *fari*, to speak Cf *effigy*

ineluctable That cannot be escaped from F *ineluctable*, L *ineluctabilis* from *eluctari*, to struggle out, from *ex* and *luctari*, to struggle Cf *reluctant*

inept F *inepte*, L *ineptus*, from *aptes* See *apt*

inert F *inerte*, L *iners*, inert, sluggish, ensouled, from *in-*, neg, and *are*, *are*, at

Hen e *inertia* introduced into phys by
Kepl r
inevitable F *inevitable* L *inevitabilis* from
evitare to avoid from *ex* and *vita* e to shun
inexorable F L *inexorabilis* from *exorare*
to entreat from *ora* e to pray
inexpressibles Trousers (18 cent) Cf *un-*
mentionables
inexpugnable F L *inexpugnabilis* from
expugnare to take by attack from *fugare*
to fight
infamous infamy See *fame* For strength
ened sense cf some compl of d
infant ME *enfant* F *enfant* L *infans*
infant unable to speak *fons* Aphet f nt
faunt common in ME survive as sur
names. Earliest sense of baby is extend
d to young child (*infant school*) and minor
(leg) Cf It Sp *infante* child youth
whence It *infanteria* infantry force com
posed of those too inexperienced or low in
rank for cavalry service whence E *in-*
fantry through I Also Sp *infanta* prin
cess spec eldest daughter who is not heir
to the throne
infatuate From I *infuare* from *fatuus*
foolish Cf *dote fond* and F *affole*
assoer to infatuate
infert From L *inficere* infect to dip in
unpregnate from *facere* to make ME
had also adj *infect* F *infecte* tainted etc
which may be the source of the verb Cf
addict
infer L *inferre* to bring in
inferior L compar of *inferus* from *infra*
below
infernal F L *infernalis* from *infernus*
lower (s) Cf It *inferno* hell esp with
ref to Dante's *Divine Comedy*
infest F *infester* L *infestus* e from *infestus*
unsafe hostile
infidel F *infidèle* L *infidelis* from *fides*
faith Earliest of Saracens
infiltration Now much used after F in mil
and pol sense See *filter*
infinite See *finish* *Infinitum* is L *infinitus*
(Quintilian and Priscian) *Infinitum* mal is
mod coinage after *centesimal* etc
infirmary Replaces (from 16 cent) ME
fermery *farnary* aphet forms from OF
enfermerie (*infirmérie*) place for the infirm
OF *e f n* (*infirmus*)
inflammable F from L *inflammare* to set
on fire inflame See *flame*
inflate From L *inflare* e n'at from *flare* to
blow

inflect L *inflect* e from *fletere* *fle* to
bend cf *inflexible inflexion* With gram
sense of latter cf hi t of *ca e declen* m
An *inflectional* lang (Arg 19) is one in wh ch
orig a *lutination* (q) is d caused by
phonetic decay
inflict From L *inflicere* *inflict* See *affect*
influence F Late L *influentia* flowing in
from *fluere* to flow Orig a trol (Chauc)
cf Late L (4 cent) *flatus* (*telorum*)
astral influence
influen s n g u, (d partu lari)
fluere or influent course of the plan ts (Coig)
influenza It influence (s) but also ap
plied to epidemic outbreak and in 143
spec to *la grippe* which was then raging
in Europe and has made periodic visits
since 17th quot below record an earlier
visit Also applied in 19 cent before the
real thing arrived to a bad cold For
specialization cf *plague*
I g t trem old sick was stern rd so
epidemic, a lot only to afflict us in this island
but we suffer on a real E rope like a plague
(Flyn, 17)
influx F Late L *influxus* from *fluere* to
flow
inform ME *enforme* OF *e former* (n
former) L *informare* e to give form to
Mod sense springs from that of informing
the mind To *inform* bring accusati n
appears first in the nouns *informatio* n
former (13 cent) *techno* n n *inform* r
employed with the object of dispensing
with the grand jury The con table usu
begins his evidence in court with *letting*
on inform at on received
infraction See *infraction*
infra dg L *infra* *ignale* n a phrase of
unknown origin
infrangible F unbreakable from L *fra-*
gere to break
infringe L *infringere* *infra* t from *frangere*
to break
infuse See *fuse*
infusoria ModL (*cammaria*) First used
(c 1760) by Ledermüller of Nürnberg
ingeminate From L *ingeminare* e to repeat
from *geminus* twin In mod use after
Clarendon
(Fairland often after a deep still d frequent
sigh would ingeminate the word Peace Pea
(Clarendon *History of the Revolution* 1647)
It is a good (in Clarendon *far as ph ase*) t
ingeminate the word peace
(H H Asquith Sep 25, 1911)

- ingenio** Sugar-mill (see quot s v *estancia*)
 Sp, L *ingenium* See *engine*
ingenious F *ingénieux*, L *ingeniosus*, from *ingenium*, natural ability (v 1)
ingénue F, artless girl (v s), esp on stage
ingenuous From L *ingenuus*, inborn, free-born, frank, etc, whence F *ingénu*, artless Constantly confused in 17 cent with above, *ingenuity*, which belongs to *ingenuous*, being used as expressing both qualities, and now definitely assigned to *ingenious*

I find that men are angry at my ingenuity and openness of discourse (Jeremy Taylor)

- ingle** Sc, fire burning on hearth Gael *aingeal*, fire, light, cogn with L *ignis*
ingot Used by Chauc (G 1209) of mould into which metal is poured App from AS. *gēotan*, to pour, cf Ger *einguss*, in-pouring, *ingot*, from cogn *gessen*, to pour F. *lingot* is from E, with agglutination of def art as in *herre*, ivy (OF *l'ierre*), etc Mod. form, for normal **inyot*, may be a spelling-pronunc of a rare techn word not recorded between Chauc and late 16 cent

ingrained Of habits, prejudices, etc. Lit *died in grain* See *grain*, *engrain*, and cf fig use of *deep*-(double)-*died*

ingratiat Coined in 16 cent from It *ingraziare* (earlier *ingratiare*), from phrase *in grata* (*grazia*), L *in graham*, into favour, grace

ingrat.arsi to engrace, or insinuate himself into favour (Flor)

ingredient From pres part of L *ingredi*, to step in Cf *grade*

ingress As *egress* (v s)

inguinal [anat] L *inguinalis*, from *inguen*, *inguin-*, groin

ingurgitate From L *ingurgitare*, from *gurgus*, *gurgit-*, whirlpool, gulf

inhabit ME *enhabit*, OF *enhabiter*, L *inhabitare*, to dwell in, from *habitare*, to dwell See *habit* ModF has *habiter*, while *inhabité* means *uninhabited*

inhale L *inhalare* Cf *exale*

inhere L *inherere* Cf *adhere*

inherit ME *enherite*, OF *enheriter*, to put in possession as heir, from Late L *hereditare*, from *heres*, *hered-*, heir Orig sense in *disinherit* Both senses are in Shaks.

inhibit In Church law for *prohibit* From L *inhibere*, *inhibit-*, to hold in, from *habere*, to hold

inhuman Opposite of *humane* (q.v.)

Man's inhumanity to man
 Makes countless thousands mourn (Burns)

inhume See *exhume*.

inimical Late L *inimicilis*, from *inimicus*, enemy, not friend, *amicus*.

iniquity F *iniquité*, L *iniquitas*, from *iniquus*, from *aequus*, fair, even, etc

initial F, L *initialis*, from *initium*, beginning, lit going in, from *ire*, to go *Initiation* occurs first (16 cent) of formal introduction to office, society, etc To *take the initiative* is from F *prendre l'initiative*, for mil sense of *offensive*, *defensive* The abuse of initials, for purposes of conciseness, has during the War become such as to necessitate a dict for this new lang

Deux amis se rencontrent et ce dialogue s'engage "Ou es-tu? Que fais-tu?" "R A.T. D'abord employé comme G.V.C., je suis maintenant dans un S.H.R., C.A., au B.C.R." L'autre a compris! Il reprend "Moi, je suis du S.M. de l'A.L.G.P., mais je vais partir dans la D.C.A. du C.F.O." Ce jargon signifie que le premier des deux camarades, appartenant à la réserve de l'armée territoriale, après avoir gardé les voies de communication, fait partie d'une section hors rang et qu'il est commis d'administration au bureau de centralisation des renseignements L'autre compte à une section de munitions dans l'artillerie lourde à grande puissance et entrerait son prochain départ pour la Grèce, où il sera employé à la défense contre les avions au corps expéditionnaire d'Orient (Temps).

inject From L *innecte*, *inject-*, from *jacere*, to throw

Injun Colloq. US. for (Red) Indian. See *India*

injunctio Late L *injunctio-n-* See *injunct*
injury AF *injurie*, L *injuria*, from *injurius*, wrongful, from *ini-*, neg, and *ius*, *jur-*, right, law Usual sense of F. *injure*, offensive speech, survives in *injurious words* (*language*) Verb to *injure* is back-formation

ink ME *enke*, OF *enque* (*encre*), Late L *encaustum*, with accent shifted to prefix, G *ἐγκαυστος*, burnt in (see *encaustic*), from *ἐν* and *καλέω*, to burn; cf It. *inchiostro*, Du *ink*, latter from F Orig purple ink used for signatures by Roman emperors. Archue *inkhorn* (i.e. book) term is 16 cent

inkle Narrow tape. Perh Du *enkel* (earlier *inckel*), single Hence as *thick* (close) as *inkle-weavers*, from narrowness of loom.

inkling From ME *inkle*, recorded once only, to whisper, communicate (the truth), of unknown origin. At first usu. to have an

inlet. Creek From *in* and *let* but recorded only from 16 cent. and prob representing also *jeulet* a common place name in Thames Estuary AS *glean* *ge n* again *t* and *lāt* way *lode*

inmate From *in* and *mate* (q v)

innmost See *in* and *most*

inn AS *inn* from adv *inn* *inn* within

See *in* Formerly used also like *hostel* of univ boarding houses cf the *Inns of Court* (orig Inner and Middle Temple Lincoln's Gray's) belonging to leg societies which have the right of preparing for and admitting to the bar

innate L. *innatus* inborn from *nasci* *rat* to be born

inner Compar of *in* *Inner* man spiritual

man is 45 jocular use bein^o 19 cent

innermost See *in* and *most*

innings Recorded only in pl form (1746) used as sing For formation from *in* cf *outing*

innocent F L *innocens* *innocent* from *nocē* *e* to harm Esp in ref to the *Holy Innocents* massacred by Herod whence *Innocents Day* (Dec 28) formerly *Childermis*

innocuous From L *innocuus* from *nocēre* (v s)

innovate From L *innovare* from *novus* new

innuendo L by nodding to abl gerund of *innuere* from *nuere* to nod Orig in MedL leg phraseology in sen e of *to hint*

ndo th sh t thi wo d is o cly to declare and design the person or thing which we named uncertain before as t say h t *end* th plus tiff is a thief (Blount)

inoculate Orig to bud graft from L *in oculare* from *oculus* eye bud Cf Ger *impfen* (see *imp*) to graft vaccinate In med sense of earlier and cruder form of vaccination first tried on f lions (v l)

On Wed esd th seven persons who had the small pox inoculated upon them for an e periment w e discharged out of N w g la, all in a perfect stat of h lth (*Appleton's Journal* Sep 9 721)

inordinate L *inordinatus* unordered See *order*

inquest VL & OF *enquête* (*enquē*) in quiry VL *inquiesta* (for *inquisita*) from *inquerrere* (for *inquirere*) from *quaerere* to seek Orig accented on second syllable whence *c owner's quest* and u ed of any off c investigation See *coroner*

inquire Restored spelling of ME *enquire*

OF *enquerre* *enquē* *in* *enquis* VL **in querere* (v s)

Wh tever ac ptu k co ld inq re for

For cry why h had a wh refore
(H 4 bras 1. l. 237)

inquisition F L *inquisitio* from *in qui ere* *inquisi* (v s) Used by Wyc for *inquiri* cf *inquisitio* In RC sense established (13 cent.) by Innocent III under the Congregation of the Holy Office and reorganized 1478-83 The office still exists but occupies itself chiefly with heretical literature *Inquisitor* is much older as *inquisitores ad conquis endos et erudendos he eticos* were appointed temp Theodosius I (4 cent.)

inroad Preserves etym sense of *road* riding

Cf *raid* *invasion*

insane L *insanus* madde peevish dot ing (Coop) lit sense of unhealthy having already in L given way to spec sense

inscribe L *inscribere* replacing ME *in scribe* F *inscrive* *inscriv* Cf *describere*

inscrutable Late L *inscrutabilis* See *scrutin*

insect L *insectum* (sc *animal*) from *in-seca* *o* to cut into from *secare* *sect* to cut translating synon G *εστωπον* (see *entomology*) From sectional aspect of body and limbs

insert From L *inserere* *insert* from *serere* to join Cf *series*

insessores [ornith] Perching birds From L *insidere* *insess* to sit on, from *sedere* to sit

inside running Advantage the *inside* track of a curved race-course being s order than the outside

insidious L *insidiosus* from *insidiare* am bush from *insidere* to lie in wait See *insessores*

insignia L neut. pl of *insignis* distin guished from *signum* sign Cf *en-signate* From L *insignare* to introduce tortuously from *signare* to wind bend from *signis* curve Cf to *wrap oneself in* *insipid* F *insipide* L *insipidus* from *sapidus* taste-ful See *savour*

insist F *insister* L *insistere* from *stare* to stand Cf to *stand on one's feet*

insolation Exposure to sun, sunstroke L *insolationem* from *insolare* from *sol* sun

insolent F, L *insolens* insolent orig un accustomed, from *suaviter* to be accustomed

For dirty and atrocious tale I find Sir Walter Raleigh's most lively insolent, and pious in (P-thenham Art of E. E. Poet)

- insomnia** L, from *insonnus*, sleepless, from *somnus*, sleep
- insouciant** F, from *se soucier*, to care, L *solicitare*, to agitate Cf *nonchalant*
- inspan** [Safi] Du *inspannen*, to yoke oxen, etc, from *spannen*, to stretch, span
- inspection** F, L *inspectio-n-*, from *inspicere*, inspect-, to look into Cf *aspect*, etc
- inspeximus** [hist] L, we have inspected (vs) Used of charters confirmed after examination Cf *visa*
- inspire** F *inspirer*, L *inspirare*, from *spirare*, to breathe, cf *spirit* First (*inspiratio*), c 1300 in rel sense, which is adapted from G πνέω, to breathe, πνέμα, breath, inspiration, eg θεόπνευστος, inspired by God (2 Tim iii 16)
- inspissate** To thicken From L *inspissare*, from *spissus*, dense
- install** F *installer*, to put in a stall (q v) In E orig (16 cent) of enthroning a Church dignitary, etc
- instalment** Payment Altered from earlier *estallment*, from OF *estaler*, to fix, from OHG *stal*, stall See *stall*
- Nous avons de nostre grace especial a ly grantez de estaller la dite somme de payer a nous checun an cynk marcz (John of Gaunt's Reg 1372-6)
- instance** Orig urgency, as in *at the instance* of F, L *instantia*, from *instare*, to be present, urge one's case Mod sense from that of scholastic argument brought forward in proof or disproof, as in *for instance* Cf *instant*, orig urgent, also used of point of present time (*the 5th instant*) *Instantaneous* is coined on *simultaneous*
- They were instant [Vulg instabant] with loud voyces, and required that he might be crucified (Luke, xxiii 23, Geneva, 1560)
- instauration** L *instauratio-n-*, from *instaurare*, to restore (q v) Chiefly allusive to Bacon's *Instauratio Magna* (1620)
- instead** In *stead* as two words up to 17 cent, as still in *in his stead*, etc Cf F *au lieu*, Ger *anstatt* See *stead*
- instep** App from *in* and *step*, though this hardly makes sense In 17 cent also *instop*, *instup* ? Rather from *stoop*¹, bend
- instigate** From L *instigare*, cogn with G στίχειν, to prick Cf *stigma*
- instil** L *instillare*, from *stillare*, to drop Cf *distill*, *still*²
- instinct** L *instinctus*, from *instinguere*, to urge, incite, cogn with *instigate* Mod sense of adj, as in *instinct with life*, from c 1800 only

- institute** First as verb L *instituire*, *institui-*, to set up, from *statuere* (see *statute*) As noun, in jurisprudence, esp in ref to *Institutes of Justinian* (533) In sense of society, etc, imitated from F *Institut national des Sciences et des Arts*, established (1795) to replace the royal academies In this sense *institution* is earlier (c 1700)
- instruct** From L *instruere*, *instrui-*, to build See *structure* In E only in fig sense (cf *edify*)
- instrument** F, L *instrumentum*, from *instruere* (vs)
- insufflation** F, L *insufflatio-n-*, from *insufflare*, to blow into, from *sufflare*, from *sub* and *flare*, to blow Esp in rite of exorcism
- insular** L *insularis*, from *insula*, island See *isle*
- insult** F, L *insultare*, to jump at, assail frequent of *insulire*, *insult-*, from *salire*, salt-, to leap To add *insult* to *injury* is a latinism, *injuriarum contumeliam addere* (Phaedrus, v iii 5)
- insuperable** L *insuperabilis*, from *superare*, to overcome, from *super*, over, above
- insure** Differentiated in commerce sense from *ensure*, and partly replacing earlier *assure*, which was used of all forms of insurance in 16 cent
- insurrection** F, L *insurrectio-n-*, from *insurgere*, from *surgere*, *surrect-*, to rise *Insurgent*, obs F (replaced by *insurge*), is later (18 cent)
- intact** L *intactus*, from *in-*, neg and *tangere*, tact-, to touch
- intaglio** It, from *intagliare*, from *taghare*, to cut See *tailor*
- integer** L, untouched, "intact," from *in-*, neg and root of *tangere*, to touch Hence *integral*, *integrity*.
- integument** L *integumentum*, from *tegere*, to cover
- intellect** F, L *intellectus*, from *intelligere*, *intellect-*, to understand, from *inter*, between, *legere*, to pick, choose Cf *intelligence*, *intellectual* The use of the latter word for "a person possessing or supposed to possess superior powers of intellect" (NED) dates from c 1880 In F it is not yet contemptuous Cf *intelligenza*, used collectively for Russian "intellectuals," app from L *intelligentia*
- Ce grand intellectuel [Renan] a donné un très considérable exemple (Faguet)
- The self-styled "intellectuals"—if the war's deep

the 1 effabl term into oblivion it will ha e done some good (Lock *Red Plums*)

intend *Γ* *entend* *e* *L.* *intendere* *intens*
intend to bend the mind on from *tendere*
to stretch. Cf *intendant* admntrator
intense *intend* the latter as noun from *F*
entente in obs sense of intention purpo e
etc as in good (*malicious*) *intend* etc. To
all *intents* and purposes is for earlier (16
cent) to all *intents* constructions and pur
po ss *Intentions* in matrimonial sen.e is
in *Peregrine Pickle* (ch xxviii)

inter *ME* *enter* *F* *intrare* from *terre* earth
L. *terra*

inter *L.* between cogn with *under* In
some words represents obs *entre* from *F*
intercalate From *L.* *intercalare* to proclaim
insertion (of day) in calendar from *calare*
to proclaim Cf *calends*

intercede *L.* *intercedere* to go between from
cede *e* *cess* to go

intercept From *L.* *intercipere* *intercept* to
take between from *capere* to take

intercession See *intercede*

intercourse Earlier *encreous* *se* *F* *entre ours*
from *OF* *entrecountre* to run between from
L. *currere* to run

interdict *ME* *entred* *t* *OF* (*in-erd*) *L.*
interdictum from *interd* *cedere* to decree
from *dicere* *d* *t* to proclaim order First
(c 1300) in Papal sense. For restored pell
ing cf *indict verdict*

interest *ME* & *AF* *interesse* *L.* *infin* to be
a concern to used as noun cf *It* *interesse*
Sp *interés* *Ger* *interesse* Altered under
influence of *OF* *in-erest* (*intéré*) *L.* *in*
terere *t* it concerns used as noun, the change
being also partly due to the fact that the
obs verb to *intere* *s* was charly used as p p
intress'd The *OF* word usu meant loss
as still in *dommages et nrd* *frs* *Interestin*
condition occurs in the last chapter of
Roderick Random

interessé interested or touched in dishonoured,
hurt or hindered by (Cotg)

interfere *OF* *entreferir* from *ferr* to strike
L. *ferrere* *Orig* in *E* (16 cent) of horse
knocking feet together in trotting, as still
in *US*

No *t* tanyprice *H* *ntet res* *a* *dhe* word
broken (*O* *Henry* *Celia* *Gr* *fler*)

interim *L.* adv meanwhile From *inter*
between with adv suffix *m*

interior *L.* compar of *internus* from *i* *tra*
within cf *inferior* *Interior lines* (mil.) are

an advantage in concentrating on any par
ticular point

interjection *Γ* *L.* *interjectio-n* from *inter*
i *cre* *ine* *je* *t* to throw between from
jacere to throw

interlard *Orig* (16 cent) to mix fat with
lean *F* *entrelarder* See *lard*

interloper *Orig* (16 cent) unauthorized
trader (by sea) trespassing on privileges
and monopolies of chartered company
App from *le* *pe* dial form of *leap* Cf
landloper var *abond* *elope* (*γ* *v*) *Interloper*
occurs esp in ref to disputes as to
spheres of influence between *E* and *Du*
merchant venturers

interlude *MedL.* *interludum* from *l* *dus*
play *Orig* farcical episode introduced
between acts of mystery play

intermediate *MedL.* *i* *te* *med* *atus* from *in*
termedius Cf *immediate*

intermezzo *It.* from *mezzo* middle *L.*
med *us* Cf *interlude*

interrupt *L.* *intermittere* to leave of lit.
send put between from *mittere*

intern *Γ* *int* *er* from *terre* res dent
within, *L.* *internus* from *intr* within
Cf *internal*

international App first used (180) by
Bentham in ref to law of nations Cf
internat *malist* which dates from founda
tion (1864) in London of International
Working Men's Association also *F* *inter*
nationale (sc *chan* *o*) re volutionary son.,
internecine *L.* *internecinus* deadly from
necare to kill *inter* having intens force
First used by *P* *utler* to render *L.* *bellum*
internecinum *Mod* sense: due to error
explanation of mutually destructive in
John

Th *gypt* ans worship d dogs, and for

Th *faith* m de int mecin *war*

(*Hand* *Trat*, *t* *a*)

interpellation In mod. sense of interrupting
the order of the day from *Γ* *L.* *inter*
pella *io-n* from *inter* *pella* to interrupt
lit *dn* *e* between from *pellere* to *dn* *e*
But *Wyc* uses the *rb* *interpelle*
interpolate From *L.* *interpola* *e* to furbish
up from *foli* *e* to polish.

interpose See *pose*

interpret *Γ* *interpretor* *L.* *interpretari* from
inter *tr* *es* *inter* *tr* *t* *a* *ent*, transactor
"stickler between two at variance (*Co* *p*)
? *ork* helper in bargain making with
second element cogn with *prothum* price
interregnum *L.* between reign

interrogate From L *interrogare*, from *rogare*, to ask

interrupt From L *interrumpere*, from *rumperere*, *rupt-*, to break

intersect From L *intersecare*, from *secare*, *sect-*, to cut

intersperse From L *interspergere*, *interspers-*, from *spargere*, *spars-*, to scatter

interstice F, L *interstitium*, from *interstitere*, to stand between

interval ME *enterval*, OF *entrevall* (*intervalle*), L *intervallum*, orig space between ramparts, *vallum*

intervene F *intervenire*, L *intervenire*, from *venire*, to come

interview Earlier *entrevue*, F, p p fem of *entrevoir*, from *entre*, L *inter*, and *voir*, to see, L *videre* The journalistic interview, whence F *interviewer*, is US (c 1870)

intestate L *intestatus*, from *testatus*, p p of *testari*, to make will See testament

intestine L *intestinus*, from *intus*, within. Cf *innards*, *entrails*

intimate L *intimatus*, p p of *intimare*, from *intimus* (from *intus*, within), used as superl. of *interior* From the same verb, with sense of driving in, comes verb to *intimate*

intimidate From Late L *intimidare*, from *timidus*, timid

intitule F. *intituler*, Late L *intitulare*, from *titulus*, title (q v)

into For *in* to

intone Church L *intonare*, from *tonus*, tone (q v)

intoxicate MedL *intoxicare*, from L *toxicare*, from *toxicum*, poison, G *τοξικόν*, poison for arrows, from *τόξον*, a bow

I *intorycal*, I *poysoun with venyn.e* je *entoxyque* (Palsg)

intra- L, within

intrados Inner curve of arch As *extrados* (q v)

intransigent F *intransigeant*, adapted from Sp *los intransigentes*, extreme Left, or Republican, party, from L *transigere*, to come to an understanding, compromise See *transaction*

intrepid L *intrepidus*, from *trepidus*, alarmed.

intricate L *intricatus*, from *intricare*, to entangle Cf *extricate*

intrigue F *intriguer*, It *intrigare*, "to intricate, entrap" (Flor), L *intricare* (v s)

First E sense (c 1600), to perplex, puzzle, has recently been re-introduced as a gallicism

intrinsic F. *intrinsèque*, MedL adj *intrinsecus*, from L adv. *intrinsecus*, inwardly Cf *extrinsic* (q v)

introduce L *introducere*, from *intro*, within, *ducere*, to lead

introit Antiphon and psalm sung as priest approaches altar. F *introit*, L *introitus*, entry, from *ire*, *it-*, to go (v s)

intromit To interfere, etc. L *intromittere*, from *mittere*, to send, put Partly refashioned from obs *enternet*, F *entrevettre*.

introspect From L *introspicere*, *introspect-*, look within, from *specere*, to look

intrude L *intrudere*, from *trudere*, *trus-*, to thrust Orig trans, current sense being from reflex, to intrude oneself upon

intuition F., MedL *intuitio-n-*, from *intueri*, to look upon, from *tueri*, to behold

inundate From L *inundare*, from *unda*, wave

inure, enure From *in-*, *en-*, into, and obs *ure*, work, OF *ueure* (*œuvre*), L *opera*, pl of *opus* Cf *manure* For formation of verb from adv. phrase cf *endeavour*

I bring in *ure* je *habitué* (Palsg)

brought in *ure*, or accustomed *assuefactus* (Litt)

invade L *invadere*, from *vadere*, *vas-*, to go

invalid Infirm, sick Spec use of *invalidus*, L *invalidus*, from *validus*, strong, valid, differentiated after F pronunc from 18 cent

invecked, invected [her] Jagged From L *invehere*, *invect-*, to bring in

invective Late L *invectivus*, from *invehere*, *invect-* (v 1)

inveigh Earlier *invey*, *invehe* From pass of L *invehere*, from *vchere*, to bring The sense is to be borne on, carried away (in words) against (v s)

inveh- to rebuke one vehemently, to rate, to rayle, with violent and sore wordes to inveigh against (Coop)

inveigle Earlier *envegle*, AF. *enveogier*, for F *aveugler*, from *aveugle*, blind, VL **aboculus*, for **alvoculus*, white eye *Albus oculus*, blind, occurs in the *Cassel Glossary* (8 cent) For vowel cf. *people*, *beef*, *retrieve*, etc For changed prefix cf *impostume* But the older etym, **aboculus*, is also possible, as *ab oculis*, modelled on G *ἀπ' ὀφθαλμῶν*, is recorded in Late L

ciecare to blinde, to enveagle (Flor)

invent From L *invenire*, to come upon, discover, from *venire*, *vent-*, to come Etym.

sense survives in inventory MedL in *ventorium* orig list of chattels found in person's possession at his death

inverness For *Inverness* cape Cf *ulster*

inverse L *inversus* (v1)

invert L *invertere* lit to turn in hence to turn inside out etc from *vertere* to turn

invest L *investire* to clothe from *vestis* garment For mil sense cf *envelope* In ref to money via It *investire* to lay out or employ one's money upon anie bargain for advantage (Flor) a sense found in 14 cent It and first adopted in L by East India Company (c 1600)

investigate From L *investigare* from *vestigare* to track cf *vestigium* foot print *vestige*

inveterate From L *inveterare* to make old from *vetus* *vetere* old

invidious L *invidiosus* from *invidia* envy (q v)

invigilate From L *invigilare* from *vigil* (q v) Almost obs till revived in connection with examinations

invincible F L *invincibilis* from *sincere* to conquer

invite F *inviter* L *invitare* to invite allure invocation As *invoker* (q v)

invoice Pl of obs. *invoy* F *envoyer* sending as in *lettre d'envoyer* invoice Cf *hodice* For F *envoyer* see *envoy* The form may have been affected by *adice* in business sense

invoke F *invocuer* L *invocare* from *voca* to call

involve L *involvere* to envelope entangle from *volvare* to roll For sense-development cf *imply*

inward AS *innanward* from adv *innan* see *in* and *Inwardness* is a lat 19 cent revival of a 17 cent word

inayala S Afr antelope Native name

iodine Named (1814) by Davy from F *iole* coined by Gay Lussac (1812) from *lilac* violet coloured from *io* the violet, because of colour of its vapour Hence *io* form coined on *chloroform*

Ionian Ionia Cf *Ionia* G *Ionian* Cf *Attic* *Doric*

iota G *iota* name of letter i, corresponding to Heb *yod* *yod* Cf *jot*

Donce transe i caelum i terra, iota unum a t unum apex non praeteribit a legem (1642 Matt 23)

IOU Recorded 1618 Now understood as *I owe you* but perh orig for *I owe unto* followed by name of creditor

specacuanha Port Tupi Guarani (Brazil) *spe-kaa guana* lit small plant causing vomit

ipomoea Creeping plant Coined by Linnaeus from C *ip* *ir* worm *omoeos* like *ipse dixit* L *he* (the master) himself said it translating G *αὐτός εἶπε* used by the disciples of Pythagoras

ir For *in* before *v*

iracund L *iracundus* from *ira* wrath with suffix as in *juvundus* *feundus* et

irade Written decree of Sultan of Turkey Turk *iradah* will desire from Arab

Iranian [in] From Pers *Iran* Persia Includes Zend (q v) and Old Persian with their mod descendants forming one of the two Asiatic groups of the Aryan langs

irre Archaic F L *ira* cf *irascible* *ale* from *irasci* *irai* to get angry

iremcon See *ciremon*

iridescent Coined from L *iris* *irid* (v1)

iridium [chem] Named (1803) by Tennant from *iris* (v1)

iris G *Iris* rainbow also personified as messenger of the gods

Irish From stem *Ir* of *AS* *Iras* (pl) cogn with E *e* cf ON *Ira* (noun) *Irish* (adj) *Irish* stew is first recorded in Byron

irk Now chiefly in *irksome* ME *irken* to weary disgust still used impersonally as prob from adj *irk* weary troubled app cogn with AS *ea* *g* inert cowardly cf cogn Ger *a* *g* *ge* *n* with same sense-development

das d g d geht mich I annoy way with it it irks me it's irksome, tedious, or unportable to me (L *die*)

iron AS *larn* *lærn* *læn* The *s* forms survive in the name *Ironmonger* *Isamor* cf *Ir* iron *monger* Cf *Du j er* Ger *eisen* (OHG *Isarn*) ON *isarn* (later *earn* *jarn* when *e* Sw *jär* *n* Dan *jær*) Goth. *eisarn* With the *f* rms cf *Ir* *isarnum* Cael *i runn* Welsh *haearn* Corn *haern* etc Perh borrowed by Teut from Celt. the Celts having known the use of iron earlier than the Teutons The *s* on *age* the fourth age of Grace L mythology connotes cruelty and oppression. The *iron entered into his soul* (Isa cv 18 *IB*) is *id est ferrum pertransit animam ej* *s* a mistransl of the Heb which mean "his person entered into the iron i.e fetters" Cf *he was laid in iron* (41 15) *Ironclad* first came into gen use during American Civil War (1862-63) cf *men for Ironclad* *s* was a nickname

for Cromwell before being applied to his men, and is stated (1644) to have been first used by Prince Rupert. It is common as an E nickname, from Edmund II onward, and is still a surname. *Iron-mould* is for earlier *iron-mole* (16 cent), from *mole*¹ (q v), cf Du *ijzermaal*. *Iron ration* is adapted from Ger *eiserne portion*, used (1870-1) of a reserve ration enclosed in metal case.

One yron mole defaceth the whole peece of hawne
(*Euphuus*)

The cold comfort of iron rations
(*Daily Chron* Nov 5, 1917)

irony F *ironie*, L *ironia*, G *εἰρωνεία*, dissimulation, affected ignorance, esp that of Socrates

irredentist [*hist*] It *irredentista*, (since 1878) one aiming at the liberation of *Italia irredenta*, unredeemed Italy, the Italian-speaking provinces of Austria. See *redeem*

irrefragable F *irréfragable*, Late L *irrefragabilis*, from *refragari*, to oppose, contest

irrigate From L *irrigare*, from *rigare*, to moisten

irrision Mockery. L *irrisio*-n. See *deride*
irritate From L *irritare*, replacing earlier *irrite*, F *irriter*

irruption L *irruptio*-n-, from *in* and *rumpere*, *rupt*-, to break

Irvingite Sect, "Catholic Apostolic," founded (1829) by *Eduard Irving*, a minister of the Church of Scotland

is See *be*

isabel, isabella Colour (pale buff) From name, ult ident with *Jezebel* and *Elizabeth*. Trad from the colour of under-linen of the archduchess *Isabella*, daughter of Philip II of Spain, who vowed not to change her more intimate garments till Ostend fell (1604), but the *NED* finds it recorded in E the year (1600) before the siege began. Hence *isabelline bear*

isagogic Introductory. G, from *eis*, into, *agōw*, to lead

Isariot Heb *ish-q'riyōth*, man of *Kerioth*, in Palestine. Cf *Judas*

ischiatric Pertaining to the hip, L *ischium*, G. *ισχίον*. Altered, from *rheumatic*, etc., from correct *ischadic*

-ise See *-ize*

-ish. AS *-isc*, as in *Englisc*; cf Du Ger. *-isch*.

Ismaelite From Arab claim to be descended from *Ishmael*, Heb, God will hear, out-cast son of Abraham (*Gen* xvi 12)

Isidorian Of *Isidore*, archbishop of Seville (7 cent)

isinglass Perverted (16 cent) from obs Du. *huysenblas, huysblas*, "ichthyocola, gluten piscium" (Kil), now *husblad*, lit sturgeon bladder, cf Ger *hausen*, sturgeon, OHG. *hūsō*, of unknown origin, used esp. of the great sturgeon of Black and Caspian Seas
isinglass *vischlym, huyzenblas* (Sevel)

Islam Arab *islām*, resignation, from *aslama*, he surrendered himself (to God). Cogn with *salaam, Moslem, Mussulman*

island Mod spelling, due to unrelated *isle*, of *iland* (up to 17 cent), AS *īglard*, pleon for *īeg*, island, orig. watery land, cogn with Ger *aue*, wet land, etc., and L. *aqua*. AS had also *īaland*, from cogn *ēa*, river, stream, which became ME *eland*, absorbed by *iland*, cf Du Ger *eiland*, ON *eyland*, and E *ey* in *Anglesey, Bardsey, Ely*, etc. See *ait, aisle*

isle ME *ile* (cf surname *Iles*), OF *ile, ile* (cf *Lille*, for *l'ille*), L *insula*, OF had also *isle* (*île*), which tended to prevail from Renaissance onward and was adopted in E by Spenser. See *island, aisle*

-ism L *-ismus*, G *-ismus*, cf *-ology*
He was the great hieroglyphick of Jesuitism, Punitanism, Quaquernism, and all isms from schism (*NED*, 1680)

Un marxisme aggravé de léninisme menace de l'emporter sur le socialisme démocratique de l'Occident (*Civilisation française*, May, 1919)

isobar Line showing equal atmospheric pressure. From G *isos*, equal, *βάρος*, weight (see *barometer*). Cf *isothermal*

isolate First (18 cent) in pp *isolated*, "a most affected word" (Todd). It *isolato*, detached, from *isola*, island, L. *insula*. *Splendid isolation* was first used in a speech in the Canadian Parliament, Jan 1860.

isonomy It *isonomia*, G *ισονομία*, from *isos*, equal, *νόμος*, law

isosceles G *ἰσοσκελής*, from *εἶδος*, leg (v.s)

isothermal See *isobar, thermometer*

Israel L, G, Heb *isrā'el*, he that striveth with God (*Gen* xxxii 28)

issue F, pp fem (VI. **caula* for *exula*) of OF, *cissir, issir*, to go out, L *exire*. Cf *value, interview*. Appears first 14 AF *lay* term, result of plea, whence mod *at issue*, to join issue. With fig. senses of *outcome*. The Lord kept thin entre [Vulg. intratus] and thi issu [Vulg. exitur] (*Wyc. Ps* cxvi 8)

-ist F *-iste*, L, G *-istis*, used to form agent nouns from verbs in *-are*. Mod

formations often jocular are innumerable and the sense is often pejorative

The treaty a capitalist, militarist a capitalist imposition (I d Lab Party May 1919)

There are among the Labour party very moderate men, but there are socialists, there are syndicalists, there are dictationists, there are socialist there are both of them

(D Lloyd George Dec 6 1919)

isthmus L. G *isthmus* neck of land spec Isthmus of Corinth where also the *Isthmian games* were celebrated Cf *Olympic*

it AS *hit* neut of same demonstrative stem as *he* (qv) Cf Du *het* Goth *hita* this Goth *ista* Ger *es* represent the parallel stem. Loss of *h* was due to unemphatic position of *him/her* in such phrases as *give him the book ask him the time* in which *h* is only heard in the careful speech of the partially educated. Neut. genitive *his* survived till c 1600 and *its* does not occur in orig. AE. *whi* has *his* *ter* (according to gram. gender) *thereof* and once *it* (Lev xv 5). Nor is *its* found in editions of Shakspeare printed during his lifetime. Colloquial use of *it* for the consummate is US.

We say in acclaiming the Atlantic flight made by Alcock and Brown. This is it.

(W Churchill, Jun 20, 1919)

italic L. G *Italia* from *Italia* Italy. Type introduced by Aldus Manutius of Venice (see *Italine*) and first used (1501) in edition of Virgil dedicated to Italy. Cf *Italiot* member of Greek colonies *Maena* *Craccia* in Italy *Italian* *kanul* plain *slip* writing as opposed to Gothic

itch ME also *yete* *yete* etc AS *grecan* cf Du *yeken* Ger *juken* Goth *yekjan* In Sc still *yuk* *yuke*

item L. adv. in like manner from stem of *is* and adv. suffix *-tem* L. ed in ME in *entones* etc as introductory word

iterate From L *iterare* from *iterum* again orig. comp. formation from same stem as *item*

ithyphallic L. G from *ithus* straight *phallus* phallus (see *phallic*) E p of Bacchic hymns

itinerant From pres. part of Late L. *itinare* to journey from *it* *iter* way journey from *it* to go

itis [d] G r s forming fem. of adjs. in *-itis* and qualifying nouns disease expressed or understood

Brighton L. s. *Pering* ac. *tely* from *j* *z* *us*

(D. E. Press A. 8 1919)

its See *it* *Itself* was orig. *it self* (see *self*)

ivory OF *ivoire* (noire) L. adj. *eboreus* from *ebor* *ebor* ivory cf Sanskrit *ibha* elephant

ivy AS *l* cogn. with Ger *epheu* OHG *eba* *heia* The same first element appears in Du *eikof* *ivy leaf* Origin unknown

iwis ywis [a cha] AS *gewis* certain of which neut. was used as ad. in ME being usu. misunderstood by mod. poets as *I was* I know cf Du *gewis* Ger *gewis* and see *icare* See also *wit* *wot* *wist*

ixia Plant L. G *ixia*

izard Pyrenean chamois F *izard* Gasc *izard*

ize use F *is* Late L. *iza* e G *iz*

izzard izard [choic] Letter *z* Earlier (16 cent.) *evod* Prov. *ezo* *izelo* (whence OF *ed*) from G *izra*

It was b d l k to Fra. h m y from A to izard (O Henry)

jab Sc form of *job* (qv)

jabber Imit. Cf *gab* *gabble* *gibber* etc

Jabberwock Weird monster Coined by Lewis Carroll (*Through the Looking-glass*) Cf *chori*

This per Jabberwock (*Globe* Aug 5 1919)

jabers by [fr] ? Arbitrary alteration of *jasus* Jesus Cf *junmy*

jab ru Samar. bird Tupi-Guarani (Brazil)

jabot Shirt frill etc F wattle of turkey. Origin unknown

jacana S Amer. bird Port *jacana* Tupi-Guarani (Brazil) *jacana*

jacinth F *jacinthe* L. *hyacinthus* cf It *giacinto* Sp *jacinto* See *hyacinth*

jack Personal name used in E as pet form of *John*, via dum *Jankin* *Jackin* but also representing F *Jacques* L. *Jacobus* (see *Jacob*) Used in an infinite number of transferred senses (1) as comprehensive usu. contemptuous name for man e.g. *Jack* and *Jim* every man *Jack* *Jack* of all *trades* *Jack* n office *cheap-jack* (cf *cheap-man*) etc (2) applied to contrivances replacing servant e.g. *booby* *jack* (cf Ger *stiefeln* *boot* *knave* *roasting* *jack*) (3) in familiar names of animals indicating male sex e.g. *jackass* or smallness e.g. *jack snipe* (4) prefixed to word indicating personality e.g. *Jack Frost* *Jack Sprat* Spec. compds are *jack o lantern* *ignis fatuus* (cf *will o the wisp*) *jack-in-the-box* a Mayday survival, *jack-in-the-box*

in 16 cent a sharper, *Jack Ketch*, 17 cent executioner, whose name was introduced into the early Punch and Judy show, *Jack Pudding*, quack's clown (cf *F Jean Potage*, Ger *Hanswurst*, Du *Hanssop*), *jack-straws*, game of splicans, with reminiscence of 14 cent rebel *Jack Straw*. Also applied to many animals and plants, usu with implication of smallness, inferiority. Transferred uses of *F Jean*, *Jacques*, and of Ger *Hans* are also very numerous. See also below *Jacked up*, exhausted, is an obscure fig use of the same phrase meaning hoisted by mech contrivance called a *jack*.

*jack*² [*hist*] Leather jerkin, coat of mail, leather drinking vessel *F jacque*, OF also *jacques*, from name *Jacques*. Cf *It giacco*, Ger *jache*, in same senses. An obs word revived by Scott. Some authorities trace it through Sp to Arab *shakk*, but the Europ association has in any case been with the name.

*jack*³ [*naut*] Ong small flag at bow. From *jack*¹, used in naut phrases to indicate smaller size. Also improp used in *union jack* for *union flag*.

*jack*⁴ Fruit. Port *jaca*, Malayalam *chakka*, jackal Turk *chakāl*, Pers *shagāl*, cogn with Sanskrit *s'rgāla*, jackal, cf *E gipsy jukel*, dog. In most Europ langs. In fig sense (17 cent) from the jackal's relation to the lion, but earlier often *jack-call*, as though a servant at the lion's call.

jackanapes. First recorded as nickname of William de la Pole, Duke of Suffolk, murdered at sea (1450), whose badge was a clog and chain such as were worn by tame apes. But the word must obviously have existed earlier. Perh orig for *Jack of Napes*, name for monkey brought from Italy (cf *fustian-a-napes* for Naples fustian), associated naturally with *ape*. A song of 1432 mentions among imports from Italy "Apes and japes, and marmusettes taylorde."

Jack Napes wolde one the see a maryner to ben
With his cloge and his cheyn (*Pol Song*, 1450).

jackaroo [*Austral*] Green hand, new chum. From *jack*¹, after *kangaroo*.

jackboot. Perh connected with *jack*², the boot suggesting the vessel. Hence *jackbootery* (neol) for bullying form of militarism.

jackdaw. See *daw* and *jack*¹. Cf *dicky bird*, *wagpie*, etc.

jacked up [*slang*] See *jack*¹.

jacket. *F, jaquette*, dim of OF. *jacque*. See *jack*². ? Cf *jerkin*.

Jack Johnson. Large Ger shell (1914). From contemp. negro puglist of large dimensions.

jack-knife. Ong US. Perh for obs *jackleg*, corrupt of Sc *jockteleg*, large clasp-knife, said (1776) to be for *Jacques de Liège*, a cutler. This may be a myth, but has a parallel in *F eustache*, knife carried by an apache, from *Eustache Dubois*, cutler at Saint-Étienne.

jacko. See *jocko*.

Jack Robinson, before you can say. "From a very volatile gentleman of that appellation, who would call on his neighbours, and be gone before his name could be announced" (Grose). Another "explanation" is that the name is corrupted from *Jack! robys on!* in an "old play." Both are of course nonsense.

Jacob. L. *Jacobus*, G. Heb *ya-'aqōb*, one that takes by the heel (*Gen* xxv. 26). Hence *Jacob's ladder* (bot & naut), with ref to *Gen* xxviii 12, *Jacob's staff*, formerly used for taking altitude of sun, *Jacobean*, of James (king, apostle, etc.), *Jacobus*, gold coin of James I. Cf *Caroline*, *carolus*.

Jacobin. Dominican friar. From church of *Saint-Jacques* (Paris), near which the order built its first convent. The *Jacobin* pigeon is named from neck feathers resembling a cowl. The Revolutionary *Jacobins*, extremists, were so called because they took up their quarters (1789) in the old convent of the friars.

Jacobite. Of *Jacob* or *James*, and esp partisan of James II after his deposition (1688), at which date the word was coined.

jaconet. Fabric. From *Jagganāth* in Cutch (India).

jacquard [*techn*]. Loom for lace. From inventor, *Jacquard*, of Lyons (c 1800).

jacquerie [*hist*]. F peasant revolt, esp. that of 1357-8. From *Jacques Bonhomme*, nickname of F peasant. Cf *Hodge*.

Lennin's agrarian decrees have provoked a new outbreak of *jacquerie* (*Daily Chron* Dec 6, 1917).

jac-tation. L. *jac-tatio-n-*, from *jac-tare*, to throw about, reflex to brag, frequent of *jacere*, *jac-t-*, to throw. Cf *jacitation* (med), restlessness, MedL. *jac-tatio-n-*.

*jade*¹. Sorry nag. Hence verb to *jade*, weary application to woman cf *harridan*.

*jade*². Stone. F *le jade*, for OF. *l'jade*, Sp

iyada in *piedra de iyada* colic stone from *iyada* from L *ilia* flanks It was supposed to cure pain in side etc Cf its other name *nephrite* (see *nephritis*)

A kind of green stones wh h the Spaniards call *p ed* as *h jadas* and we use *f r spice* tones (Raleigh)

jaeger Underclothing Name of inventor

jag As noun and verb from c 1400 Orig of jagged or dagged edge of garment Origin unknown

ja so o *dagg of a ga ment* *t a tilfus* (Promp't Paro)

jäger [msl] Ger hunter also rifleman (cf F *chasseur* It *bersagliere*) In F also *yager*

jaggery Coarse brown sugar Ind Port from Canarese *sha hare* Sanskrit *ša kara* See *saccharine suga*

jaguar Tupi Guarani (Brazil) *jaguara* *ja guara* class name for carnivorous beasts

Th l d ns call the leopard *j w ryle* and th lions [pumas] *jaw orow* (Anthony Kn t in Purch x 256)

Jah Heb shortened form of *Jehovah*

jail See *gaol*

Jain Fast Indru sect Hind *jaina* from Sanskrit *gīna* a Buddha saint lit over comer

jalap F Sp *jalapa* for *purga de jalapa* from *Jalapa* Mexico formerly *Xalapa* Aztec *Xalapan*

jalouse F lit jealousy cf It *gelos a* Sp *celosia* in same sense See *jealous*

g losia *jeal* also a w l d w l d (F reyval?) ~?

jam Orig (18 cent) verb (naut) meaning to squeeze block tighten etc. Hence perh sense of squeezed fruit ? From *jamō* (q v) with idea of being caught in door Some identify it with *cham champ* to chew but this seems unlikely With *not all jam* cf *beer and shuffles*

jam? Prince in some parts of India Of un known origin

jamb F *ja nbe* leg formerly used for jamb of door (*jamba e*) Late L *gamba* Cf *gambol gammon*?

jambo Indian fruit rose apple Sanskrit *gambu*

jamboree [US] Spree Origin unknown ? Cf obs *boree* dance F *bourrée*

A Boy Scout jamboree i t b held t Olympia (Daily News Ap 9 1921)

james [slang] Burglar's implement _ See *j mmy*

jangle Of *jangler* to babble harshly dispute etc In later senses as ocated with *jingle* ? Nasalized from L *jaculari* to dart sling from *jaculum* javelin For sense cf *dally* for nasal cf F *jongleur* minstrel *jug ler* (q v)

janissary janizary Orig household troops of Sultan recruited from Chri tian youths (14 cent) massacred and abolished in 1826 Turk ye i *chers* new soldiery F form is F *janissaire* or It *giannizero* Cf *mameluke* For fig sense cf *al warid n yrmidon* etc

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janitor L doorkeeper from *janua* door

Jansenist [theol] Follower of *Cornelius Jansen* bishop of Ypres (†1638) who maintained inability for good of human will

January Restored spelling of MC *Janivers* *Genetier* etc F *janvier* L *januari* (sc *mensis*) month of *janis* (q v) Replaced AS *gēola se ofsterra* later *Yule*

The dullest month all th y r I th m th of Jan ee

Janus Ancient Roman deity presiding over doors (see *janitor*) and represented with face back and front whose temple was only closed in times of peace

Japan Varush lacquer from *Japo* Du *Japan* or Port *Japão* Malay *Japang* Chun *Jih pān* sun rise correspond ng to *Jap* Vs *pon* Marco Polo (†1323) has *Chai pai gu*

jape As noun and verb from 14 cent Obs c 1600 revived by Scott and other 19 cent romantics Earlier sense also obscene which may be the original Origin unknown

Japhetic From third son of Noah Sometimes used (ling & ethn) for *Aryan* Cf *Hamitic Semitic*

japonica ModL *pyris japonica* Jap pear tree

jar To grate sound discordantly vibrate unpleasantly From 16 cent App mit cf obs vars *charre g rre cā rr* etc

jar Vessel F *jarre* Sp *jarro* *jarra* Arab *jarrah* earthen vessel cf It *giara*

jar? See *ajar*

jardinière F lit gard ner's wife

jargon F orig as in F of the warbling or chatter of birds a sense revived by mod

in 16 cent a sharper, *Jack Ketch*, 17 cent executioner, whose name was introduced into the early Punch and Judy show, *Jack Pudding*, quack's clown (cf F *Jean Potage*, Ger *Hanswurst*, Du *Hanssop*), *jack-straws*, game of spelicans, with reminiscence of 14 cent rebel *Jack Straw*. Also applied to many animals and plants, usu with implication of smallness, inferiority. Transferred uses of F *Jean*, *Jacques*, and of Ger *Hans* are also very numerous. See also below *Jacked up*, exhausted, is an obscure fig. use of the same phrase meaning hoisted by mech. contrivance called a *jack*.
jack² [*jist*] Leather jerkin, coat of mail, leather drinking vessel. F *jacque*, OF also *jacques*, from name *Jacques*. Cf It *giacco*, Ger. *jache*, in same senses. An obs. word revived by Scott. Some authorities trace it through Sp to Arab *shakk*, but the Europ. association has in any case been with the name.

jack³ [*naut*] Orig. small flag at bow. From *jack¹*, used in naut. phrases to indicate smaller size. Also improp. used in *union jack* for *union flag*.

jack⁴ Fruit Port *jaca*, Malayalam *chakka*. *jackal* Turk *chakāl*, Pers *shagāl*, cogn. with Sanskrit *s'rgāla*, *jackal*, cf E gipsy *jukel*, dog. In most Europ. langs. In fig. sense (17 cent.) from the jackal's relation to the lion, but earlier often *jack-call*, as though a servant at the lion's call.

jackanapes First recorded as nickname of William de la Pole, Duke of Suffolk, murdered at sea (1450), whose badge was a clog and chain such as were worn by tame apes. But the word must obviously have existed earlier. Perh. orig. for *Jack of Napes*, name for monkey brought from Italy (cf *fustian-a-napes* for Naples fustian), associated naturally with *ape*. A song of 1432 mentions among imports from Italy "Apes and japes, and marinusettes tay-lede."

Jack Napes wolde one the see a mayner to ben
 With his cloge and his cheyn (Pol. Song, 1450)

jackaroo [*Austral*] Green hand, new chum. From *jack¹*, after *langaroo*.

jackboot Perh. connected with *jack²*, the boot suggesting the vessel. Hence *jack-bootery* (nool) for bullying form of militarism.

jackdaw. See *daw* and *jack¹*. Cf *dicky bird*, *merpie*, etc.

jacked up [*slang*] See *jack¹*.

jacket F. *jaquette*, dim. of OF. *jacque*. See *jack²*. ? Cf *jerkin*.

Jack Johnson. Large Ger. shell (1914). From contemp. negro pugilist of large dimensions.

jack-knife Orig. US. Perh. for obs. *jackleg*, corrupt of Sc. *jockleleg*, large clasp knife, said (1776) to be for Jacques de Lige, a cutler. This may be a myth, but has a parallel in F. *eustache*, knife carried by an apache, from *Eustache Dubois*, cutler at Saint-Étienne.

jacko. See *jocko*.

Jack Robinson, before you can say. "From a very volatile gentleman of that appellation, who would call on his neighbours, and be gone before his name could be announced" (Grose). Another "explanation" is that the name is corrupted from *Jack! robys on!* in an "old play." Both are of course nonsense.

Jacob L. *Jacobus*, G. Heb. *ya-'aqōb*, one that takes by the heel (Gen. xxv. 26). Hence *Jacob's ladder* (bot. & naut.), with ref. to Gen. xxviii. 12; *Jacob's staff*, formerly used for taking altitude of sun; *Jacobean*, of James (king, apostle, etc.), *jacōbus*, gold coin of James I. Cf *Caroline*, *carolus*.

Jacobin Dominican friar. From church of Saint-Jacques (Paris), near which the order built its first convent. The *Jacobin* pigeon is named from neck feathers resembling a cowl. The Revolutionary *Jacobins*, extremists, were so called because they took up their quarters (1789) in the old convent of the friars.

Jacobite Of *Jacob* or *James*, and esp. partisan of James II. after his deposition (1688), at which date the word was coined.

jaconet Fabric. From *Jagganāth* in Cutch (India).

jacquard [*tech.*] Loom for lace. From inventor, *Jacquard*, of Lyons (c. 1800).

jacquerie [*jist*] F. peasant revolt, esp. that of 1357-8. From *Jacques Bonhomme*, n'cl name of F. peasant. Cf *Holze*.

Levin's agrarian decrees have provoked a new outbreak of jacquerie (Daily Chron. Dec. 6, 1917).

jacitation L. *factatio*-n-, from *factare*, to throw about, reser. to brag, frequent. of *jacere*, *fact-*, to throw. Cf *jaculation* (med.), restlessness, MedL *factitatio*-n-.

jade¹ Sorry nag. Hence verb to *jade*, weary out. ? Cf. Sc. *yaul*, ON. *jalja*, weary. For application to woman cf *harridan*.

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Ploughshare wāb en ry all bit type of ins l— hunt rs carriage-horses mal-*s*, *jean ts* (*Daily CA on March 3 917*)

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soumes à plé si occront les sarras s*
(J will)

*I or my est t l th w n a pa ty
And k myn emes t l l f n bal*
(Ch T l n 465)

jerboa Jumping, roilient Arab *yarbu* in muscle from its jumping powers

jereed Eastern javelin of wood used in exercises Arab *ja id* middle-rib of palm leaf Also *djereed* *Lurid* etc

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t till th beard we e gro t* (VED 635)

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jeroboam Large wine-bottle Frol suggested by earlier *ja k jond n* Cf *porum*

*Tb y a p led h gh ou th deck ach looking h h
double jeroboam f ch pag*
(*Daily CA on Mar 3 1918*)

poets (e.g. *Ancient Mariner*, v 16) Cf *It gergone*, Sp *gerigonza* App from same imit root as *gargle*, cf obs *jaigle*, to warble, etc., OF *jaigouille*

Ful of jargon [var *gigoun*] as a flekked pyc (Chauc. E 1848).

jargonelle Pear F, orig applied to an inferior and gritty variety, which Evelyn advises nobody to plant From *jargon*, kind of stone (v 1)

jargoon [unn] F *jaigon*, Port *zarcão*, Arab *zargūn*, from Pers *zar*, gold (? or *āzar*, fire), *qūn*, colour, cf *It giargone*

jarl [hist] ON, earl (q v) Applied by mod historians to the nobles of Scandinavia, Orkney, Shetland, and the Western Isles

jarrah [Aushal] Mahogany gum-tree From native *jerihyl* (West Austral)

jarvey, **jarvie** [slang] Coachman From name *Jarvis* (*Gervase*, *Jervis*), perh in allusion to *St Gervase*, whose attribute is a whip or scourge

jarvis a hackney coachman (Grose)

jasey, **jazy** [archaic] Wig made of worsted Said to be a corrupt of *Jersey*, because made of Jersey wool

He looked at the wig, it had once been a comely jasey enough (*Ingoldsby*)

jasmine, **jessamine** F *jasmin*, OF also *jessemijn*, with forms in most Europ langs, all from Arab *yās(a)mīn*, Pers *yāsmīn*, *yāsmān*, cf G *ἰάσμινον* *ῥώπον*, a perfume, prob oil of jasmine

jasper OF *jaspre* (*jaspe*), L *jaspis*, *jaspīd-*, G *ἰάσπις*, an Oriental word, cf Heb *yashpeh*, Pers & Arab *yashp* Confused with *diaper* in MedL, *diasprius* being used for both, whence It Sp *diaspro*, *jasper*

jaundice With intrusive -d- from ME *jaunes*, F *jaunisse*, from *jaune*, yellow, OF *jaïne*, L *galbinnus*, from *galbus*, ult cogn with *yellow* In early use often treated as pl. *jandies*, *janders*, by analogy with *measles*, *glanders*, etc

jaunt Orig to exercise a horse, make him prance, take fatiguing exercise ? OF *jambeler*, to kick the legs about, from *jambe*, leg Sylvester uses it of the prancing of a horse in a passage in which *la jambette* occurs in the orig We find also *jaunce*, for which Cotg gives *jancer un cheval*, "to stirre a horse in the stable till hee sweat withall, or (as our) to jaunt," but this is not otherwise recorded in F, and is prob an error due to E *jaunce* The latter seems

to be a corrupt. of *jaunt* due to E fondness for this ending, cf. *enhance*, *snaphaunce*, and Skelton's *cormoraunce* for *cormorant* See also *jounce*.

El fossé les unt fait ruër,
Chevals e humes jambeter (Wace, *Roman de Rou*)
Spur gall'd and tir'd by jaunching Bolingbroke
(*Rich II*, v 5)

jaunt a tedious, fatiguing walk (Bailey)

jaunty Earlier (17 cent) *genty*, *jenitee*, *janty*, etc., adapted from F. *gentil* (see *gentle*) *Genty* is still used in Sc

With a jantee pair of canvass trowzers
(*Motteux' Rabelais*, iv 48)

javelin F *javeline*, for more usual *javelot*, AS. *gafeluc*, Welsh *gaslach*, fork, dart By some connected with the gen Celt word for fork (Gael *gobhal*, Ir *gabhal*, Welsh *gasf*).

jaw ME *joue* App related to *jowl* (q v), but of obscure origin and hist Form due to association with F *joue*, cheek (for vowel, cf. *paw*) Prob an earlier form was *chaw*, though this is only recorded later

My tong shall speak out of my chaws
(Tynd *Job*, xxxiii 2)

jay¹ Bird F *geai*, cf ONF *gai*, Prov *gai*, Sp *gayo* Origin unknown The analogy of *robin*, *jackdaw*, etc., suggests that it may be L *Gaius*, a name which was used very much as *Jack* is in E to designate persons familiarly In F the *jay* is also called *jacques*, *richard*, *cola* (*Nicolas*), and in Du *wouter* (*Walter*)

jay² [slang] Fool Orig US, from *jay*¹, but associated in E c 1890 with *j* for *Juggins*

jazz "A number of niggers surrounded by noise," kind of ragtime dance introduced from US (Nov. 1918) From negro jargon

jealous OF *jelous* (*jaloux*), Prov *gelos*, L *zelosus* (see *zeal*), cf It *geloso*, Sp *celoso*

I have been very jealous (Vulg. zelo zelatus sum for the Lord God of hosts (1 Kings, xix 10))

James Footnan From Thackeray's *James de la Pluche* (1846), representing a mincing pronunc. of *James*

jean Fabric Earlier also *jenes*, *geanes*, etc., F *Gènes*, Genoa, place of origin In US *jeans* Cf *cambric*, *muslin*, etc

Jeddart justice [hist] Hanging first and trying afterwards, said to have been the practice at *Jedburgh* (Roxburghshire), also called *Jedworth*, *Jedwood*, *Jeddart* See *lau*¹

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jeroboam Large wine-bottle Prob so, gested by earlier *jack jordan* Cf *gorum*

They are rled high on the deck ach looking like a double jeroboam of champagne (Daily Chron M 3 1913)

jerry Familiar form of *Jeremiah*, exalted of the Lord. Some of its slang applications, *jerry-hat*, *jerry-shop*, may be connected with the Tom and Jerry of Egan's *Life in London* (1821), which enjoyed great popularity. Earlier is *jerry-sneak* (name of character in Foote's *Mayor of Garratt*, 1763). For sense of chamber-pot of *Jordan* (q.v.) I conjecture that *jerry-built* may be for *jury-built*, the naut *jury*, as in *jury-mast*, being used of all sorts of makeshifts and inferior objects, e.g. *jury-leg*, wooden leg, *jury-rigged*, *jury meal*, etc. Its early connection with Liverpool, where *jerry-building* is recorded in a local paper for 1861, makes naut origin likely.

Jerry German Army slang

Smudges of flame showed where Archie was talking to Jerry (*Daily Chron.* July 13, 1918)

jerry-mander See *gerrymander*

jersey Orig knitted at *Jersey*. Cf *guernsey* *jerusalem* [slang] For *Jerusalem pony*, facet for donkey, in allusion to entry into Jerusalem. See also *artichoke*

jess Of hawk. ME *ges*, OF *gez*, *jez*, pl. of *jet*, cast, from *jeter*, abnormally from L *jacitare*, frequent of *jacere*, *ject-*, to throw. With double pl. *jesses* cf *bodices*, *lettuces*, *quinces*, etc.

jesses for a hauke get (Palsg.)

jessamine, **jessamy** See *jasmine*

Jesse window [arch] Adorned with the *Jesse tree*, genealogical tree showing descent of Christ from *Jesse* (Is. 53. 1)

jest F *geste*, as in *chanson de geste*, song of exploits, L *gesta*, neut. pl., from *gerere*, *gest-*, to perform, carry out. Sense of epic narrative developed into that of mocking tale, joke, etc. To *break a jest* was suggested by *breaking a lance*. Cf. to *crack a joke*

Item, to Wallase that tells the geists to the King, xviii (See *Treas. Accts.* 1491)

Settyng furth the jestes, actes and deedes of the nobilitie (NEP. 1545).

Jesuit Member of *Society of Jesus*, founded (1533) by Ignatius Loyola to combat protestantism. Fig. sense of *Jesuitical* is due to casuistry approved by some of the order.

Jesus L, G. 'Ihsous', Aramaic *Jeshua*, *Joshua*, Jah is salvation. See also I.H.S. *Jesu* is the OF. obj. case.

jet Black substance. OF. *jalet* (*jaie*), L. G. *γὰρ* from river *Gager*, in Lycia. Cf. *azte*.

The *jeat* or *jeates*, carrieth the name of a river in Lycia (Holland's *Phrygia*).

jet² Of water, etc. F, from *jeter*, to throw (see *jess*).

jetsam OF. *jetaison*, from *jeter*, to throw (see *jess*). Earlier *jethison*, now usu. as verb (see *Jonah*), to throw overboard, also fig. See *flotsam*

jettison See *jetsam*

jetty F *jetée*, pp. fem. of *jeter*, to throw (see *jess*)

jeu F, L. *jocus*, game. In *jeu de mots* (*d'esprit*)

Jew OF. *jueu*, *giu* (*giuf*), L. *judaeus*, G. 'Ioudaios', from Heb. *y'hudah*, Judah, lit. celebrated. *Worth a Jew's eye* alludes to medieval extortion practised on Jews, while verb to *Jew* suggests extortion the other way round. With *Jewry*, district allotted to Jews, OF. *juerie*, cf. *ghetto*. *Jew's ear*, fungus, is a mistaken rendering of MedL. *auricula Judae*, Judas' ear, so called because commonly found on the elder (Judas tree), the tree on which Judas Iscariot trad. hanged himself. *Jew's harp* (Hald.) was earlier *Jew's trumpet*, the reason for the name being unknown.

jewel AF. *juet*, OF. *joel*, *joel* (*joyau*), VL. **jocellus*, from *jocus*, game, etc.; cf. It. *giocello*, Sp. *joyel*. Derivation from *gaudium*, joy (cf. *gaud*), is less likely owing to phonetic difficulties. The regular MedL. is *jocale*, *jocaha*, and the etym. of *juet* (q.v.) furnishes a parallel.

jezail Afghan musket. As *gingall* (q.v.)

Jezebel Haridan, esp. with painted face. From the wife of Ahab (2 Kings, ix). The name means "oath of Baal" and is the source of *Isabel*, *Elizabeth*.

jheel [Anglo-Ind.]. Pool left by flood. Hind. *jhil*

jib¹. Sail. Perh. from *jib*², it being a sail which fills from side to side according to wind. Hence *cut of one's jib*, orig. sailor's impression of "strange sail" at sea.

jib². To swing (yard, sail) from side to side. Var. of *gybe* (q.v.). The jibbing of a horse is prob. a naut. metaphor. The word is not found in this sense till 19 cent., so can hardly be OF. *giber*, to hie! (cf. L. *gimber*).

jibbah, **jubbah**. Eastern mantle. Arab. *jubbah*, whence also F. *jupé*, *jupon*, ML. *capra*, It. *grubba*, Ser. *juppa*.

jibe. Var. of *gybe*, *gybe* (q.v.)

jiffy. From 18 cent. Origin unknown.

jig. Cf. F. *gigue*, dance, OF. *gigue*, fiddle, It. *giga*, fiddle. Of Teut. origin; cf. Ger. *gige*,

fiddle O' *gigja* prob cogn with *gig* (q v) Hence *jigger* of many small mech. devices in some cases e.g. at billiards and golf app equivalent to *thingumbob thing amjig* etc

*jigger*¹ Implement See *jig* Cf *ji sau*
*jigger*² Corrupt. of *chigoe* (q v) Hence perh *In jiggered* first in Marryat But this may be rather a fantastic euph. per version of an uglier word

jiggery pokery *jackery pokery* Sc. *joukery* *pankry* etc from *jouk* trick Cf *hanky* *panky* *hocus focus* and obs *hickery* *puckery*

jig saw [US] From verb *jig* in sense of rapid varying motion

In machinery the narrow band saw that works up and down cutting tracery and fret work out of wood is known as a *jigger*

(*Nat. & Querier* Nov 17 1894)

Jill Companion of Jack ME *Gille* short for *Cilian* popular form of *Juliana* a favourite ME name which became practically equivalent to girl woman Also in many rustic plant names

For *J. knoe* for *Gyll will I turne my face*
(*Tow. lev. Myst. c. 1460*)

Our wooing d. th. n. t. d. lik. an. old. pl. y. j. ck
bath. not. Gill (*Love's Lab. Lost v*)

Jilt Earlier *gillet* *jilet* dim. of *Jail* (v s) Also *jill flirt* *gillian flirt* etc The sense has become softened like that of *flirt*

Hee hathe apoynted to meet this *gyll* t. th. t. t. your house (*Harman Caveat 1567*)

bagas a baggage, q. an. *jyll*, punk *flirt* (Cotg.)

Jim-crow [US] Negro From popular negro song with refrain *Jump Jim-crow*

miny Disguised oath cf Ger *jem ne* Du *jemen e* prob for *Jesu Domine* as Ger *ach ja* is for *ach Jes u* See *gemini* *criminy* *Crim. n.*, *j. muni*!

Did you er h. ar such a bluminy pimsu y
Story as Leigh H. nt s R. muni! (Byron)

Jim jams [slang] Delirium tremens Arbitrary formation

miny From *James* In many slang senses of *gemmy*

Jungle Imut. cf *tnkle chink* etc Assoc. created with *jungle* in redupl. *jingle* *jangle* but not orig. connected with that word though now felt as expressing a lighter form of same so nd. cf *slip flap*

Jingo From 17 cent. Perh. Basque *Jinko* *Jainko* God It may have been picked up from Basque sailors who were always employed as harpooners by the early whalers

(see *harpoon*) The *In oldsbj* d. rivation from St Gen-ulphus sometimes styled the living Jingo from the great tenaciousness of vitality exhibited by his severed members is a joke Pol. sense (first in *Daily News* March 11 1878 and fixed by George Jacob Holyoake's letter March 13) is from music hall song (v s) popular with Russophobes in 1878 Cf *chauvin*

By *ji go* [Rab. par. D.] q. th. Pan. rge. th. man talk somewhat like

(Mott. R. delais iv 56)

We don't wa. t. to fight, But by *ji go*! f. d.
We e. got the hip w. v. g. t. th. men We ve. got the money too (G. W. Hunt)

H. who app. l. to his co. trymen to arm in their own d. *ceis n. ta Jingo*

(R. Blatchford, Dec 23 1909)

He [Lord Roberts] is a mere jingo in opinion and haract. r. and he interp. is th. h. d. interests of th. tion and Empire by the rud. l. t. and f. ars wh. b. haunt the un. magnati. sold. er's b. ain

(*Nation* Oct. 6 92)

I am if you lik. *J. go* a word wh. ch. by the w. y. I was th. first person. er to write—t. th. di. t. (on of my) t. uncl. Geo. ge. Jacob. Holyoak
(H. B. Tomley *Jok. Bull.* Nov. 1 1917)

junks high According to *VED* orig. Sc. of frolic at drinking party and app. connected with verb to *jink* dance dodge et. But the verb is much later and quot. be low suggests that the *high* may have been orig. an adv. and the whole phrase a parallel to mod. *up j. nkins!*

Th. noble and ancient ecce. t. on f. Ro. ad. R. tun. H. y. j. l. ks. and Wh. ppung th. S. k. in great re. q. ent with our merry sa. lers in Wappi. g.

(T. Brown. c. 1700)

jinn Arab. pl. of *jinn* whence *j. nnes* and the *genie* (q. v.) of the Arab *an Nights*

jinnicksha Jap. *jinn riksha* man strength vehicle which has been facetiously compared with *Pill man ca* (Lule) Now usu. *rickshaw*

jirgah [4w. lo. Ind.] Council of elders Afghan. from Pers. circle of men

jiu jitsu See *ju jitsu*

job Verb To peck etc. Now usu. *jab* Expressing the sound or effect of an abruptly arrested stab (*VED*)

*job*¹ Piece of work From 17 cent. orig. contrasted with what is continuous. Perh. ident. with obs. *job* lump cartload (cf *job lot*) which may be ult. related to *gob* *gobbel* Suggestion of dishonesty undue influence as in *jobbery* is already in Pepys With good (bad) *job* cf. similar use of *busi. ness*

Job Type of patience (*Job*, 1 22), or poverty (*ib* 1 21) Cf *Job's comforter* (*ib* xvi 2)
 Cf Ger *Hiobspost*, bad news
jobation [*slang*] Lecture like those addressed to *Job* by his "comforters" (v s)
 In dial corrupted to *jawbation*
jobbernowl [*archaic*] Blockhead From ME *jobard*, fool, and *noll*, head *Jobard* is F, from OF *jobe*, patient fool, prob from *Job*
Jock Highland soldier, esp of Argyll and Sutherland regiment Sc form of *Jack* (v 1) *Jocky*, Scotsman, occurs repeatedly in *Rump Songs* (1639-61)
jockey Dim of *Jock*, northern form of *Jack* (v s) Orig horse-dealer as well as professional rider, "a cheat, a trickish fellow" (Johns) Hence verb to *jockey*, to swindle, with which cf *cozen* Pepys (Dec 11, 1668) speaks of "the knaveries and tricks of jockeys," i.e. horse-dealers
 Jockey of Norfolk, be not so bold,
 For Dickon, thy master, is bought and sold
 (*Rich III*, v 3)
jockeys rank horse coursers, race-nders, also hucksters or sellers of horses, very slippery fellows to deal with (*Dict Cant Crew*)
jocko, jacko Chimpanzee Made by Buffon (1766) from native WAfr *ucheko*, *nschiego*, whence also *chego*
jockteleg [*Sc*] See *jack-knife*
jocose, jocular L *jocosus*, *jocularis*, from *jocus*, game
jocund OF *jocond*, Late L *jocundus*, altered, on *jocus*, from *jucundus*, pleasant, from *juvare*, to please, help, cf It *giocondo*, Sp *jocunde*
 The herte of Nabal was jocounde, for he was drunkun greeth (*Wyc 1 Sam xvi 36*)
jodel See *yodel*
joe [*archaic*] Port coin From *Joannes V* (†1750), cf *louis*, *carolus*, etc
Joe Manton Gun by gunsmith of that name, (†1835)
Joe Miller. Stale jest, chestnut From *Joe Miller's jests, or the Wit's Vade-mecum* (1739), named after, but not compiled by, *Joseph Miller*, actor and wit (†1738)
joey¹ Fourpenny-piece From *Joe*, for *Joseph*
joey² [*Austral*] Young kangaroo Native *joë*
jog App imit of movement, but partly suggested by earlier *shog*, which is cogn with OHG *scoc*, swing, oscillation
 Will you shog off? (*Hen V*, ii 1)
 While he [Hobson the carrier] might still jog on and keep his trot (*Milt*).

Johannine Of *John* (apostle or Baptist)
johannisberger Wine from *Johannisberg*, vineyard near Wiesbaden

John L *Joannes*, *Johannes*, G Ἰωάννης, Heb. *yōchānān*, *Jah* is gracious Cf F *Jean*, OF *Jehan*, It *Giovanni*, Sp *Juan*, Ger *Johann*, etc The fem is *Joan*, or, through F., *Jane* Used, with *Johnny*, in many stock epithets (cf *Jack*), e.g. *John Barleycorn*, *John Chinaman*, *Johnny Raw*, *silly Johnny*, etc With *John Doe* and *Richard Roe*, fictitious plaintiff and defendant in ejection action (abolished 1852), cf *John a' Nokes* and *John a' Stiles*, i.e. John of the oaks and John of the stiles, also fictitious leg parties. *John Bull* appears first (1712), with *Lewis Baboon*, etc, in Arbuthnot's satire *John Company* is from Du *Jan Kompanie*, name by which the Du East India Company and government are known in the East to natives, who cannot conceive an impersonal body *John Dory*, fish, for earlier *dory* (q v), was perh suggested by a popular song (printed 1609) on a famous privateer

They [the goods] were taken out of the said galeon by one John Dorye of Dertmouth
 (*Privy Council Ads*, 1516)

Johnian Of *St John's College*, Camb, also *Johnian hog* (Grose)

John o' Groats Supposed site of house on Duncansby Head, regarded as extreme north of Scotland

join F *joindre*, *joign-*, L *ungere*, cogn with *jugum*, yoke *Joint* is the pp, L *junctus* *Joint-stool* is for *joined stool*, made in parts by a joiner, cf *joyned stockes* (Purch), for *joint stock* With hist to *join battle* cf *attack* (q v) To *join up* dates from the Great War

And middle natures, how they long to join,
 Yet never pass the insuperable line

(Pope, *Essay on Man*, 1 228)

jointure [*leg*] Now limited to wife's or widow's estate, but orig holding of property for joint use of married couple

joist ML. & OF *giste* (*gîte*), from *gésir*, to lie, L *jacere* For sense-development cf *sleeper* (railway), for sound-change cf *bois*. See *gist* F *gîte* is still used of the main beam of a loft

Also every giste tre of square 711 ynche and more
 (*Contract for Newark Bridge*, 14th c)

joke From 17 cent Prob It *gioco*, L *jocus*; cf Du *jok* It can hardly have been taken

straight from L. unless it was univ. slang *Joker* appears to have been used by thimble ringers before being applied to a card.

jokul *jökull* [geog.] Snow mountain in Iceland. See *icicle*.

jolly ME also *jolif* OF (*joli*) cf It *gi lito*. Supposed to be from ON *jól* Yule but this is very doubtful. The OF & ME meanings are very wide and intense e.g. *jolly good hiding jolly well mistake* can be paralleled in ModE. Older form survives in name *Joliffe*. *Jolly* marine occurs first in Marryat.

jol jollie g y trim fin gallant neat b dso se feat well f honied m m compt polit also lively merry b m jound (Cotg)

Here we took n hes t j lly thicke esse b t n t past foote l g (*Howe's* 1595)

jolly boat Prob a naut. corrupt of earlier *jolyuat* (15 cent) *jollyuat* u ed app in same sen c. This may be Lind *galivat*. Port *galcata* galliot dim of *galley*. The objection that *galivat* is a ship-name not a boat name is hardly serious in view of the whimsicality of naut. nomenclature. The same objection might be urged again t *galley* in the sense of rowing boat on the Thames and elsewhere or agst *sn frigate* which for the Elizabethans was a rowing boat, pinnace cf also *skiff* ult ident with ship.

Th So era gn with her grete bot and jolyw tt
(*N o A dr* 475-97)

That day the P ga us jolly was going ou b for w te (H kl x 4)

Havi g tried th current s ndr t ymes with o jolly boat (P ter M dy 534)

jolt App. corrupt of earlier *jot jut* an unit word l ke jo. It may have been affected by obs *joll joul* to bump.

W hat ned t how to jolle me with thy sibwe a qu i est il besos g de me be rt r de ton could?
(Pal g)

huster to knock push, jarre jolt (C lg)

jolthead [archaic] Earlier *jolthead* an older word than *jolt* which it may have influenced. Evidently in some way related to *joul* the f rm *cholthead* esp. recalling the *chole* forms of the latter (VED)

tes de bous a jolith ad jbernell, codsbe d gm th ad bok leal (Cotg)

Jonah Bringer of ill luck (*Jonah* 17) Hence to *Jonah* throw o erboard (Meredith)

R th b i the Jonah whose petticoat g ould d more tha anythi g else t then b p

(D Ty Cæron Jan 16 1917)

Jonathan brother Sud to have been orig. applied (after 2 Sam 1:26) by Washington to *Jonathan Trumbull* Governor of Connecticut.

jongleur F minstrel juggler Nasali ed from OF *jogle* acc of *jogliere* L *joc* i *lut* r jester from *jocus* jest.

jonquil F *jo quile* Sp *junquillo* dim of *junco* L *junci* s rush From its rush like lea es.

jordan Chamber pot in ME also a hemist vessel. Prob an application of the baptismal name *Jordan* very common in ME. (hence surnames *Jordan Judd Judh* etc.) and also in F (*Jo rdain*) It (*Gior dano*) and other langs Cf *jack in je ri jori m*.

Jordan almond Folk etym from ME *jarline almaunde* (Prompt Parv) from F *rd n garden*.

jorum Large drinking bowl esp bo l of punch. From name *Joram* (2 Sam 11:10) *Jeroboam* (q v) is used in similar sense. Both prob suggested by *jack jorian* j g etc.

Joseph [archaic] Ladie 18 cent riding cloak. From name *Joseph* Heb *jōph* perh with obscure allusion to Gen xxxix 12 Cf *benjamin*.

joshua [d al] Bumpkin yokel 3 Dum of *Joseph* (cf *Hodge*) 3 or playful variation on *bumpkin* sugge ted by dial joss to lump. Hence perh joss fellow.

joss Chinese god etc Japanese *j s* from OFort *deos* (*deus*) god taken to China by sailors. For application to China cf *mandarin* for travels of a *aga*.

jostle juttle Frequent of *jostle* (q)

I eis ver d la joste to try on another t j th g (Hollyba d, Toss JF Torcu 15)

jot L *iota* (read as *jo a*) G *iura* name of smallest letter () cf It *iota* Sp *jota* F p in *jot or ttle* (M tt v 18) and *not a jot*. Hence verb to j t down with small abbrevs orig Sc. See 101.

Oca [Tyut. ott otital (Wye Wal 1)]

jounce [archaic] To bump jolt etc Var of obs *junc* for which see *jaunt*.

joy n r s or griff jont l mury repture
(Prompt Parv)

journal F (*su l re registre* etc) I *journal* s from *diurn* s from *des* day Cf *diary* d *urnal* the latter i mery also as noun (v.1) *Journalism* was not adopted from F *jo rnal sme* till 1833 *journalistic*

(late 19 cent) is after *Chinese, Portuguese*, etc

In every Mercurius, Coranto, Gazet or Diurnal
(Blount).

By "journalism" we mean writing for pay upon matters of which we are ignorant (Leslie Stephen)

journey F *journée*, day, esp day's happenings (work, march, etc), VL **diurnata* (v s), cf It *giornata*, Sp *jornada* Etym. sense survives in *journeyman*, one who works by the day, cf synon F *journalier*, Ger *tagelöhner* The OF senses are all found in ME, but the earliest (13 cent) is that now current

All the lordes that dyed at the jorney [battle of St Albans] are beryed at seynt Albones

(Paston Let 1 336)

joust OF *jouster* (*jouter*), VL **juxtare*, from *juxta*, against, close to, cf It *giostrare*, Sp *justar* The normal L. form is the earlier *just*, which survives in name *Juster* See *adjust*

jovial F, It *gioviiale*, "borne under the planet Jove" (Flor), L *jovialis*, from OL *Jovis*, *Diovīs*, cogn with L *deus*, G *Zeús* (see *Jupiter*) Cf *mercurial*, *saturnine*

The load-stone, the very seed and ingendring stone of discoverie, whose soever Joviall brain first conceived that Minerva (Purch)

jowl Jaw Of obscure origin In gen sense equivalent to ME *chawil*, AS *caefl*, jaw, cogn. with Ger *kiefer* In sense of fat pendulous throat it appears to be ME *cheole*, *chel*, throat, cogn with Ger *kehle* (cf *jollop*, dewlap, in her) Now chiefly in ref to aggressive under-jaw, whence dog-name *Jowler*, and in *cheek by jowl* *chawylbone* mandibula (Prompt Parv)

jolle, or *head* caput (ib)

Bee thou [Elijah] my coach-man, and now cheeke by joule

With Phoebus chariot let my chariot roule
(Sylv iv 1).

joy F *joie*, L *gaudia*, neut pl taken as fem sing, from *gaudēre*, to rejoice, cf It *gioia*, Sp *goia* Joy-riding is US (1909) Cf *joy-stick* (aeron).

To control one [war-machine] the pilot has to manipulate but a single lever, which we call the "joy stick" (Bishop, *Winged Warfare*)

jubbah See *jibbah*

jubilation L *jubilatio-n-*, from *jubilare*, to shout, as in *jubilare Deo*, with words of Ps c

jubilee F *jubilé*, Late L *jubilaeus* (sc *annus*), G *ιωβηλαῖος*, from *ιωβηλος*, jubi-

lee, Heb *jōbēl*, orig ram, hence, ram's horn used as trumpet. The form, *ju-* for *jo-*, is due to early association with L *jubilare* (v s). Orig applied to the Jewish year of Jubilee (Lev. xxv), but in early use for other celebrations, usu in connection with fifty years

Our sextene and oure fermerer,
That han been trewe freres fifty yer,—
They may now, God be thanked of his loone!
Maken hir jubilee (Chauc D 1859)

Judaism L, G *ιουδαϊσμός* See *Jew*

Judas L, G *Ἰούδας*, Heb *y'hidāh*, Judah, a common name among the Jews Now usu reserved for the traitor Hence *judas*, small grating through which one can watch without being seen, also *judas tree* (see *jew's ear*).

judge F *juge*, L *judex*, *judic-*, from *jus*, law, *dicare*, to proclaim; cf It *judice*, Sp *juex* *Judgmatic-al*, chiefly US, is coined on *dogmatic* Day of judgment is used by Wyc alternately with day of doom
judicature F, MedL *judicatura*, from *judicare*, to judge (v s) Cf *judicial*, *judiciary*, *judicious*. *Judicial murder* is 19 cent.

The judicial murder of Captain Fryatt
(A. J. Balfour, Aug 4, 1916).

judy Pet-form of *Judith*. As applied to woman of ridiculous appearance it refers to the wife of Punch. She appears to be of E origin and not from the It puppet-play.

jug¹ Vessel Pet-form of *Joan*, also of *Judith* Cf *jack*, *goblet*, etc So also ME *jobbe*, *jubbe*, used by Chauc for a drinking vessel, is prob from *Job*, often *Jubbe*, *Juppe* in ME, whence mod names *Jubb*, *Juppe*. It is even possible that *jug* is altered on the female name from the earlier *jub* The *jug*, or *stone-jug*, i.e. gaol, is from thieves' cant

Pro j pare jobbes de my galonibus
(Earl of Derby's Exped 1390-93)

jug² Note of nightingale Imit, cf *bulbul* It was also used for the bird (v 1), perh by association with female name (see *jug¹*)

jug, a nightingale. *philomela* (Litt)

juggernaut Hind *Jagganāth*, Sanskrit *gagan-nātha*, from *gagat*, world, *nātha*, lord, title of Krishna, eighth avatar of Vishnu, and esp his idol at Puri (Orissa), annually dragged in procession in enormous car under which devotees are supposed formerly to have thrown themselves Hence

the "wordes of the naturall language of Java" in *Drake's Circumnavigation* (Hakl 133) ? Is it possible that this "worde of the naturall language" is simply Port *junco*, reed, rush (see *junket*), used attributively of the reed sails (v 1)

jonks, or *jonqus* are vessels very common in the East-Indies Their sails, often-tunes, are only of reeds and of matts (*Gent Dict*)

junker Ger, young lord, MHG *junc-herre* (see *heri*) Cf *jungfer*, maiden (*jungfrau*). See also *youunker* The offensive sense of *junker*, *junkerism*, dates chiefly from Bismarck's bullying methods, but the *Junkers* had qualities worthy of respect The Prussian Junkers have proved themselves more fit for rule than any class in all history Their virtues are Spartan, their minds narrow but incorruptible, and their bravery and patriotism undoubted (Gerard, *Four Years in Germany*)

junket Orig rush-basket, from L *juncus*, rush Later, preparation of cream, etc., served in rush-basket (v 1) Sense of feast, picnic party, etc., seems to be due to association with obs *junkery*, perh from F *joucher*, to spread, orig to strew rushes He tok a jonket of reshen and putte the litl faunt with ynne (Wyc Et 113) Pertrych and his felaw here gret visage and kepe gret junkeryes and dyneres (*Paston Let Supp* p 24) *guncata* a kinde of fresh cheese and creame, so called because it is brought to market upon rushes Also a junket Also a prettie worke made of bents or rushes (Flor)

junta Sp, assembly, council, L *juncta*, p p fem of *jungere*, to join Esp in connection with council formed (1808) to resist Napoleon For incor *junto*, implying intrigue (as *camarilla*), cf *salvo, bastinado*, etc

jupe [Sc & north] See *jibbah, jump*²

Jupiter L, orig voc, Father Jove, cf G Ζεύς *πάτερ* *Jupiter pluvius* is mod and jocular after *Jupiter tonans*

jurassic [geol] Of oolitic limestone as *Jura* mountains

jurat Official in Cinque Ports and Channel Islands OF, MedL *juratus*, as *jury*

juridical From L *juridicus* Cf *judge, jurisdiction*

jurisdiction Reconstructed from ME *jurisdiction*, F *jurisdiction*, L *jurisdicho-n-*, lit declaration of law, *jus, jur-* See *judge* Cf *jurisprudence*, science of law, *jurisconsult*, learned in law, *jurist*, law practitioner

jury OF *jurée*, p p fem of *juror*, to swear, L *jurare*, from *jus, jur-*, right, law Cf *juror*, OF *jureor*, L *jurator-em*, one who takes oath Orig the jurors were rather

of the character of witnesses, selected on account of their special knowledge of local events, character, etc

jury-mast An obscure naut witicism. Cf synon F *mât de fortune*

I was left all alone, and let me drive in the sea five days before I could make my jury mast (Capt Thompson, 1592)

jusquaboutiste F, neol coined from *jusqu'au bout*, up to the end.

I or my own part I am a Jusqu'aboutist (G B Shaw, *Daily Chron* Jan 12, 1918)

jussive [gram]. From L *jubere*, *juss-*, to order Cf *imperative*

just F *juste*, L *justus*, from *jus*, right, law Adv sense, precisely, exactly, springs from adj, but in such phrases as *just against* (*by, behind*, etc), it may partly represent OF *joste*, L *juxta* (see *joust*)

justice F, L *justitia*, from *justus* (v.s) Use as title, *justice of the peace*, is very early (12 cent) The Lord Chief Justice took over in 13 cent the functions of the earlier *jushciar-y*, MedL *justitarius*

justify F *justifier*, Church L *justificare*, to make just *Justification* is in Wyc (Rom v 16)

justle See *jostle*

jut Corrupt of archaic *jet*, to project (see *jetty*) Perh affected by obs *jut*, to push (see *jolt*)

Piers, jutties, wallies or branches against the rages of the sea (NED 1547)

porger to jut, to jettie, or butte forth (Flor)

Jute [hist] Late L *Juti, Juliae* (Bede), inhabitants of *Jutland*, cf. AS *Eolias, Géatas*, ON *Jólar*

jute Fibre from bark of Indian tree Bengali *jhōto, jhuto*

juvenile L *juvenilis*, from *juvens*, young (q v)

juxtaposition F, coined from L *juxta*, be side, and *position*.

k- Many words, esp. of foreign origin, are spelt both with *k-* and *c-*, and some not included here may be found under the latter initial

kaama Hottentot name for *harlebeest*.

Kabyle F, Arab *qabāil*, pl of *qabila*, tribe

kadi See *cadi*

Kaffir Arab *kāfir*, infidel, name given to Bantu tribes by Arab traders and raiders

They [the Arabs] call the conquered Caffars, mis-believers or if you will hereticks (Purch)

kafkan See *caftan*

kaid See *caid*
kail See *kale*
kaimakam Turk Arab *qā'im miqām* standing (in the) place Cf *lieutenant*
 Th Turks there k makams and th r l shas, one and 1 l g and bagg ge (Glad tone 3 6)
kainute [mi:] Named (1865) by Zinchen from G *auos* new in ref to its recent formation
kaiser OHG *keisar* cf AS *casere* ON *keisari* Goth *keisar* L *Caesar* cognomen of Cōrus Julius adopted as title by Teut & Slav langs (cf *csar* *tsar*) as *imperator* was by Rom langs Cf Lithuanian *karalius* king Ukrainian *karolus* from *Caolus* (*Charlus*) Charlemagne *ka ser* the earliest L loan word in Teut (temp Augustus)
kajawah [4u lo-Ind] Camel litter for women Urdu Pers
kaka New Zeal parrot Maori name Cf *kakapo* owl parrot Maori *kika* parrot fo night
kakemono Wall picture Jap *kake mono* hang thing
kale **kail** Northern form of *cole* cabbage Often used in Sc for soup food (eg to give one his *kail* through the *reek* make it hot for him) The *kailyard school* of literature dates from Ian MacLaren's *B's do the Bonnie Brier Bush* (1894) the title of which comes from old song "There gro vs a bonnie brier bu h in our *kail* yard"
kaleidoscope Coined (1817) by inventor Sir David Brewster from C *kalos* beautiful *idos* shape
kali See *alkali*
kali an kalhan P rsian hooksh Arab *qalyān qalyūn*
kalmia Amer shrub From *ka m* pupil of Linnaeus
kalmuck Tatar *khal'm* apostate (from Buddh m)
kamerad [mil] To surrender From Ger cry of *ka nerad* comrade
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kampong See *co found*
kamptulicon Obs. name f r floor-cloth Trade name co need from G *put* s flex ible o los thick App ousted by *linoleum*
kamsin See *khamsein*
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kangaroo Ascribed by Capt. Cook (17 0) to natives of Queensland but not kno en now in any Austral lan^o (cf *boomerang*) It prob originated in a mi understanding of question and answer Hence *kangaroo closure* (parl) which progress s by leaps
kanoon Kind of harp Pers or Arab *qanun*
Kantian [*phios*] Cf *Imman* cf Kant Ger philosopher (†1804)
kaolin China clay F Chin *kao ling* high hill name of mountain whence orig ob tained
kaput Ger done for I *capot* (qv)
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 Cf *assagai kraal* It is described as a corrupt Du word in 1673
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karroo Barren plateau of S Afr Hottentot
kartel cartle [S Afr] Bed in or waggona S Afr Du Port *catel* a sort of bed in Malabar (Vieyra) Tamil *kattil* bedstead Cf *sjambok*
 I th after p i was hide cartl or bed (A Solomon *Muses*)
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kava Intoxicating drink (Polynesia) From native nam of plant from root of which it is made
kavass Armed servant etc Turk Arab *qawass* bowmaker from *qaws* bow
kayak Eskimo man's boat cf *oomiak* Recorded 17 cent
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kedgerree Ong vegetable c rry Hind *kach* S San krt *k sa* a dish of rice and sesamum Earlier (1 cent.) *kerckere kist very cutchery* etc.

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(Sewel)

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keep Late AS *cēpan*, with no known cognates Orig trans, to seize, hold, observe, etc, intrans senses being from earlier reflex, e.g. to *keep* (oneself) silent
n^{tc} Camb sense of residing is recorded in *jurat* With *keep* of a castle cf It *tenere*

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kelpie [Sc] Fabulous water-horse ? G^l *colpach*, heifer, steer, colt, prob from O^l *hālfr*, calf

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Long before Prussia swam into the ken of civilisations (Daily Tel Nov. 9, 1917)

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- kiln** AS *cýlen* L *culina* kitchen whence also ON *kylina* Cf *míll h íchen*
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- N lth by lot of dest y
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- The ky stood rowtin i th loan (B m Tw Do)
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- They bld on good m r r w and kincke fingers i geth r (P reh)
- kinkajou** Paoon like animal F *q i ayo* from Algonkin (N Amer Ind) name for *wolverine* *carcajou* [i v] wrongly transferred by Buffon
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- kiosk** F *k osqe* Turk *kinshh* pavilion Pers *k shh* palace portico In Purch (16 3)
- kip** Hide of small animal also (earlier) bundle of hides Obs Du *kip* *kipp* bundle e p of h des
- kip** [s i n] Common lodging house Dan *kippe* mean hut alehouse
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As hy g. gotup a. et knapped g. nzer
(*Werk. of I. m. il. 12*)

A snapsack made of ribbles of trees to carry b s.
provant (Purth. 180)

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With *knē* AS. *cnelore* cf Du *knien*
Fast *knē* for earl. er *knē* is 19 cent.

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knall report of gun, crack of whip
A d. w. h. knell is knoll d. (*Mach. v. 8*)

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chevalier The usu. MedL. equivalent is
miles *kn gith* in mod. sense is in Wyc.

And suddenly ther is in ad. w. th. t. u. g. el. mal.
titud. of heavenly knyghthod (W. c. L. k. i. 3)

knut. AS *cnutan* cogn. with *knut* (11 v.) To
knut the b. o. w. is in Chauc. (A. 1128)

knob. Cf. Ger *k obbe* *knüttel* and see *k f*
In S Afr. *k obbe* is bludgeon first element
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Bu. huan lang. *knobstok* is used in
various senses in labour parlance but the
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knock AS *cnucian* *cnucia* cf O' *knok*
Prob. imit. Mod. slang sense of surr. c. n. g.
etc. was popular. ed by Chevalier's son
Knock d. en in the O. J. K. at Road. To
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button O' *knop* knob button

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knut is from practice of attaching knotted
string to log line to indicate naut. mile
A *porter's kn* was a double shoulder pad

knot Bird Linnæan name *Ca tu* is
due to Camtens baseless conjecture
that the bird was named from *cnut* or
Cannu king of Denmark Orig. unknown
knout Russ. *knut* perh. from Sw *knut* knot
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saak with which cf. F dual *snaf* pro-
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A lyi g group et knapped ginger
(*March fien* III. 1)

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prov nt (*Purch.* 160)

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One is knave wild a d the other in yd hilde
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And so his kn ll is knoll'd (*Maab* v 8)

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Knock d m n the Old Kent Road T
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 gum L G *ladāron* from *lydo* mastic
 Pers *lādān*

labefaction From L. *labefacer* to cause to
 totter *laba e*

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 the u of F *butant* for OF *bu* L *b d*
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 rare to work cf I *labo* *alo e* It Sp
Laboratorio *Elaboración* is also found (17
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 w th *labare* to sink totter For med sense

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 ploughing This is also the oldest E sense
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labu er t labor t labour painf li tra vll
 thoro ghly t work cti doe th g f li
 and fin ly (Coig)

labret Savage ornament for hj Dum from
 L. *labrum*

laburnum L (Pliny) cogn with *labrusca*
 old vine

labyrinth L G *lab y rinthos* spec the Cre
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lac¹ Re in Hind *लक्ष* Prakrit *lakhha* San
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lac lakh [An lo-Ind] One hundred thou
 sand now e p of rupees Hind *लक्ष*
 Sanskrit *lakhā* Cf *cro e*

Ditt Mill and Chog Lall and Amir th a d--
 h i k b of my in d (h p ing Tod t w dm f)

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 coffee etc w orig applied to sugar app
 in sense of accessory cf *t mmm* ³ s of a
 leg of mutton

Lx all th se f tk so ght w in hir l
 (Ch w A 3)

lacerate From L *lacerare* to tear from
lacer torn G *la pos* from *lax* s a rent

lacertian lacertine Of the lizard L *lace* *la*
 whence *lace* t upper arm (cf *muscle*)

laches [leg] Negligence F *laches e* from
lache lax I *laxus* Cf *r hes*

lachryma Christi It wine L for It *lacr* *m*
di Cristo tear of Ch n t Cf Ger *Lebtrau*
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And he knowelechide, and denyede not

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A truly respectable house where there were skittles and knurr and spell

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knut [*slang*] See *nut*

kobold Ger, "a familiar spirit in mines and houses" (Ludw) Spec application of the personal name *Kobold* See *cobalt, goblin*

kodak Trade-name coined arbitrarily (c 1890) by G Eastman

koel Indian cuckoo Hind *koīl*, Sanskrit *kokila*, cogn with *cuckoo* (q v)

koepenick [*col*] Military impostor The "Captain of Koepenick," a Berlin cobbler named Voight, succeeded (1906), with the help of a second-hand uniform, in persuading the local military to help him raid the bank A good example of the docility of the Prussian soldier

"This young man," said Mr Wild, "is indeed a sort of miniature Koepenick" (*Ev News*, May 28, 1917)

koh-i-noor Pers *kāh-i-nūr*, mountain of light Added to E Crown jewels on conquest of Punjab (1849)

kohl Powdered antimony for darkening eyelids Arab *kul'l*, *koh'l* See *alcohol*

kohl-rabi Turnip-cabbage Ger., It *cavoli rape*, pl of *cavolo rapa*, cole rape Cf F *chou-rave* and see *cole, rape*

kola See *cola*

koodoo, kudu SAfr antelope Native (Kaffir) name

kookri See *kukri*

koolah Austral marsupial, "Australian bear" Native name

kopje [*geog*] Du, dim of *kop*, head, as in *Spion Kop* Du *kop*, Ger *kopf*, are from L *cupa, cuppa*, bowl, "cup" (cf F *tête*

from L *testa*, tile, potsherd) For the true Teut name see *head*

koran Arab *qorān*, reading Cf *alcoran*

koromiko New Zeal shrub Maori name

kosher Food prepared according to Jewish law Heb *hāshēh*, right

kotal [*Anglo-Ind*] Mountain pass Pushto (Afghan) *kōtal*

kotow, kow-tow Chin *k'o-t'ou*, knock head (as sign of submission) See Doyle's *Pivvate of the Buffs*

kotwal See *cotwal*

koumiss Fermented liquor from mares' milk Tatar *kumiz*

kourbash, courbash Arab *qurbāsh*, Turk *qubāch*, whip Hence also, via Ger Slav Turk, F *cravache*, riding-whip

kowhai New Zeal plant Maori name

kraal SAfrDu, Port *crral*, cf Sp *corral* (q v) Cf *assagai, sjambok*

krait, karait Snake Hind *karait*

kraken Myth sea-monster Norw, first in Pontoppidan's *Naturhge Historie* (1752)

krantz [*SAfr*] Over-hanging rock-wall, etc Du *krans*, garland, coronet

Kremlin At Moscow Spec application of Russ *krem'l*, citadel, of Tatar origin

kreutzer Ger *kreuzer*, from *kreuz*, cross, with which the coin was orig stamped

kriegspiel Ger, war game, second element cogn with AS *spilan*, to play From *knig* (cf Du *knig*) comes Ger *kriegen*, to get

kris See *crease*

Krishnaism Worship of *Krishna*, later incarnation of Vishnu

krone Coin (cf *crown*) Usu in pl *kroner* (Dan.)

Kroo, Kru WAfr name for negro race skilled as sailors, *Kroomen*

krypton [*chem*] Discovered and named (1898) by Ramsay G *κρυπτόν*, hidden

kudos G *κῖδος*, praise, renown, used in univ slang

Ku-klux-klan [*hist*] Secret society in Southern States after Amer Civil War (see Conan Doyle, *Five Orange-pips*) G *κύκλος*, circle, and *clan*

kukri, kookri Goorkha knife Hind *kukrī*

kultur Ger (18 cent) Ident in origin, but not in sense, with *culture* (q.v) The latter is expressed by Ger *bildung* The *Kultur-kampf* was the struggle of Bismarck against the Papacy

The vast distance between civilization and kultur was clearly revealed (Freitag-Loringhoven).

kūmmel Ger from L. as *cumin* (q.v.)
 kunkur Also *conk* Indian limestone
 Hind *kankar* Prakrit *kakharan* Sanskrit
karkaram Cf the *Karakoram Mountains*
 kuphar Cotacle on Euphrates Arab *quffih*
 circular basket Cf *goufa*

kursaal Ger cure hall See *cure*¹ *saloon*
 kvass Fermented drink Russ *kva* leaven
 Their drink is *lik* our penny al d is allied
 quass (Chaucer 1353)

kyanize To impregnate timber with pre-
 servative Process patented (1832) by
 J H Kyau

kylun Porcelain monster Chin *ch'iu*
 male female

kyloe Small West Highland cattle ? From
 Sc *kyle* narrow strait in West of Scotland
 Gael *ca* I from *caol* narrow

kyrie eleison G *Kyrie* *Ω η ο* Lord have
 mercy Cf *di ge paternoster* etc See
almes church

L Fifty From Roman symbol resembling
 but not identical with L

la Interj See *lau*²

la² [mus] See *gami*¹

langer SAfrDu *la er* camp Du *le er* cf
lea uer

labarum [hist] Imperial standard of Con-
 stantine the Great (337 A.D.) with Chris-
 tian symbols added to orig Roman G
 λ *basov* of unknown origin

labdanum MedL form of *ladanu* resinous
 gum L G *ladā* from *Λαδων* mastic
 Pers *ladin*

labefaction From L. *labefacere* to cause to
 totter *labare*

label OF (cf F *lambeau* shred) narrow
 strip fillet (her) ? dim from OHG *lappa*
 shred rag, cf *lappet* Current sense is de-
 veloped from that of strip of parchment
 to bear seal attached to document

labial MedL *labialis* from *lab* um lip
 Hence *labialization* (phon) influ-ence of
 labial consonant on adjacent vowel eg
 the u of F *butant* for OF *bev* L *bib*
 is rounded by influence of lip-con-
 sonants b and v

labile Easily displaced L *labilis* from *labi*
 to slip Cf *lapse*

laboratory MedL *laboratorium* from *labo-*
 rare to work cf F *laborato* e It Sp
laborato io Elaboratory is also found (17
 cent.)

labour I L *l bor-em* toil distress ? cogn.
 with *laba* e to sink totter For med sens

cf *travail* Pol sense from c 1880 *Labour*
 lost is in *Piers Ploum* With *laboi* of love
 (t *Thess* 1 3) cf It *con amore* F *labour*
labourer like their Rom cognates are
 chiefly used of agricultural toil esp
 ploughing Thus is also the oldest F sense
 of the verb still conspicuous in *Al* and
 may be the source of nant to *labour* pitch
 and roll heavily To *labour* a point
labou ed style are aphet for obs *elabour*
 F *elaborer*

labo t el b t Labour p f lly t a ll
 thor ably t worke lly d x It g f ll
 d fin ly (Cots)

labret Savage ornament for lip Dim from
 L *labrum*

laburnum L (Pliny) cogn with *labrusca*
 wild vine

labynnth L G λ β η ος spec the Cre-
 tan labyrinth of Daedalus See *cl* Prob
 not from G origin.

lac¹ R sun Hind *lakh* Prakrit *lakhā* San-
 skrit *lakhā* Cf *shella lake² lacquer*

lac² lakh [in lo Ind] One hundred thou-
 sand now esp of rupees Hind *lakh*
 Sanskrit *lakhā* Cf *crore*

Ditt M ll and Ch g lall and Am v t and—
 l lakhs f yiri d (k pl q lod Am dme t)

lace OF *la* (lacs) L *lacinus* noose cf
 It *laccio* Sp *lazo* (see *lasso*) With to lace
 beat cf *le h²* Lace a dash of spirits in
 coffee etc was orig applied to sugar app
 in sen e of accessory cf *trimmings* of a
 leg of mutton

Lo all thieef lk so ght w In ll l
 (Chu 4 195)

lacerate From L *lacera* to tear from
lacer torn G *la pos* from *lax* a rent
 lacertian lacertine Of the lizard L *lacerta*
 when e *laceris* upper arm (cf *muscle*)

laches [leg] \ gligence F *lachesse* from
 It *he lux* I *luxus* Cf *riches*

lachryma Christi It w ne I for It *lacrima*
d Christi tear of Christ Cf C r *lebsu*
milch Virgin's milk a Rhine wine *Lacry-*
mat y shell causing partial blindness is
 a product of Kultur L *lacrima lac umi*
 is a Sab ne form for OL *lacrumia* cogn
 with G *laxp* and F *tear*

lacinate {bot & zool} Jagged From L
lacies is *lappet* etc

lack¹ Need First (12 cent) as verb Cf
 obs Du *laken* to be wanting with IC
 cognate also ON *laka* inferior *Lack*
lustre is after *As You Like It* u 7

lack² Interj. Only in archaic good luck!
 Perh connected with *alach* (q v), but cf *lawks*
 lackadaisical From despondent *lack-a-day*,
 for *alach-a-day* See *alach*
 lacker See *lacquer*
 lackey, lacquey In 16 cent esp running
 footman, camp-follower F *laquais*, perh
 orig adj., as in *valet laquais* (15 cent), cf
 Sp Port *lacayo* OF *alacays* (whence obs
 Sc *allahey*), Catalonian *alacayo*, suggest
 Arab origin with def art prefixed Sard
allecayu, a striped fish, E *lackey moth*, also
 striped, may point to costume as orig
 sense (cf *tiger*)
 laconic Of Spartan brevity G *λακωνικός*,
 of *Laconia* or *Lacedaemonia*
 lacquer Earlier (16 cent) *lackei*, OF *lacie*,
 Port *lacre*, sealing-wax, var of *laca*, lac¹
 lacrosse F *jeu de la crosse*, the crook (see
crosier) The Canadian game is mentioned
 in 1763
 lacrym- See *lachrym-*
 lacteal From L *lac*, *lact-*, milk
 lacuna L, pit, hole, from *lacus*, lake Cf
 Ger *lucke*, lacuna, cogn with *loch*, hole
 See *lagoon*
 lacustrine [*scient*] Irreg formation from L
lacus, lake, after L *paluster*, from *palus*,
 marsh
 lad ME *ladde*, servant, varlet ? Corrupt
 of ON *liði*, follower, from *lið*, people,
 host I am led to make this unphonetic
 conjecture by the fact that the surname
Summerlad is undoubtedly for ON *sumar-*
liði, viking summer adventurer, a com-
 mon ON personal name, found also
 (Sumerled, Sumerleda, Sumerluda, etc) in
 E before the Conquest The corresponding
Winterlad once existed, but is now app obs
Ladda also occurs, like *boy* (q v), as sur-
 name earlier than as common noun An-
 other conjecture is that it may be for Norw
askeladd, male Cinderella in Norw fairy-
 tales, or *tusseladd*, nincompoop, in which
 the second element means hose
 ladanum See *lbdanum*
 ladder AS *hlæd(d)er*, cf Du *ladder*, *leer* (dial
leder), Ger *leiter*, cogn with to *lean* and
 ult with G *ἀλῆμαξ*, ladder Fig of means
 of rising, e g to *draw up* (*lick down*) the
ladder, educational *ladder*, which has been
 defined as "the broad highway into a cul-
 de sac"
 lade¹ Mill-race, watercourse AS *lād*, way,
 course, cogn. with *lead*², *leat*, *lode*

lade² To load. AS. *hladan*. Com Teut., cf
 Du Ger *laden*, ON *hlatha*, Goth *hlathan*
 (in compds) Now usu. replaced, exc
 p p *laden*, by *load* (q v) See also *last*²
 la-di-da, lardy-dardy ? Imit of affected, *haw-*
haw, type of speech. Dates from the sixties,
 but its great vogue was due to a music-hall
 song of 1880—*He wears a penny flower in his*
coat, La-di-da!
 Last May we went to Newmarket, we had a festiue
 dry,
 With a decentish cold luncheon in a tidy one horse
 shay,
 With our lardy-dardy garments we were really "on
 the spot"
 And Charley Vain came out so grand in a tall white
 chimney-pot (A C Hilton, *Light Green*, 1873)
 Ladin [ling-]. Rom lang of the Engadine
 It *Ladino*, L *Latimus* Cf *Romansh*
 ladle. AS *hlædel*, from *lade*², in obs sense
 of baling. Cf *shovel*
 lady ME *levedy*, AS *hlæfǣige*, from *hlāf*,
 loaf, and an obs verb, to knead, cogn.
 with *dough* (q v.) Orig meaning was some-
 thing like housewife Cf *lord*, *daisy*. Ap-
 plied already in AS to the Holy Virgin;
 hence *Lady Day*, *Lady chapel*, *lady-bird*
 (cf Ger *Marienhäfel*, lit Mary's chafer),
 and many plant-names (*lady's garter*, *bed-*
straw, etc) In the oldest of these compds
 (e g *lady smock*) the absence of 's is a sur-
 vival of the AS genitive of fem nouns,
 cf *Thursday*, from *Thor* (m), but *Friday*,
 from *Frea* (f.) The *lady* of a lobster is
 supposed to resemble in form a seated
 female figure The loafer who says *Carry*
you bag, lady? preserves the Chaucerian
 method of address, which has now given
 way to the borrowed *madam* *Old lady of*
Threadneedle Street, for Bank of England,
 is due to Cobbett, who likened the directors
 to Mrs Partington
 lag As noun and verb from 16 cent Of
 obscure origin, but app connected with
delay (q v.) In childish sense of *last* it may
 be an arbitrary perversion of that word
 (*fog*, *seg.*, *lag*, first, second, last, in game
 counting), and this accounts for some
 meanings In sense of convict under sen-
 tence of transportation it comes from an
 obs *lag*, to carry off, steal (Tusser) It has
 also been associated with *lack*.
 Superfluous lags the veteran on the stage
 (Johnson, *Vanity of Human Wishes*).
 lagan [*hist*] Goods or wreckage lying on bed
 of sea OF, MedL *laganum*, prob cogn.
 with *lie*¹ Cf *flotsam*, *jetsam*

lager beer Ger *Is er bier* brewed for keeping from *Is* er store + lent in origin with *Isa* er *Isa* uer (q v)

lagoon F *lagune* It. *laguna* L. *lacuna* from *lacus* lake Lsp in ref. to Venice

laic Late L. *laicus* See *lay*²

laity [ar laic] Northern var. of *laithly*

lair AS *lægar* couch burial place etc. cogn with *lie*¹ Cf *Is er leauer* Now usu. of wild beast but still applied to a pen or shed for cattle on their way to market

laird Sc form of *lord* cf *luddy* for *lady*. Regularly written *lard* in *Poivy Council Acts* c. 1350

laissez aller *laissez faire* F let go let do. The latter in pol. sense now somewhat discredited was originated by F free trade economists of 18 cent

lary AF *laid* from *lay*² (q v) after other words in *te* ty cf *duty*

lake¹ Of water F *lac* L. *lacus* C *λακος* put pond Prob. confused also with dial *lake* stream AS *lacu* cogn with *leak*. The *Lake school* (Coleridge Southey Wordsworth) is mentioned by *Edinburgh Review* in 1817 *Lakeland* was app. coined by Southey

lake² Pigment Var. of *lac*¹ (q v)

lakh See *lac*²

lame Cf AS *lēm* an to lame cripple but the verb not being recorded in ME *lām* is perh. of imit. origin (cf *baiz* *slim*)

lama. Buddhist priest. Tibetan *blama* with silent b. Quot 2 (from Yule) shows an odd confusion with *llama* (q v) See also *Dala lama*

A *dalama* h. priest who th. y call *Dala Lama* or *Lama lamolow* (VED 1 1)

The 1 h. 4 priest at himself as *erently* It is twelve Peruvian bef. reb. C. d. *Llama* (Not *lucrow* d. 1 *Academy* M 7 1879)

lamantin [rool] F manatee (q v)

Lamarckian Of *Lamarck* F biologist (†1829)

lamasery F *lamaserie* Buddhist monastery irreg. from *lama*

lamb AS *lamb* Com. Teut. cf Du *lam* Ger *lamm* ON Goth *lamb* *Lamb* of God after *John* 1 29 is found in AS With fig. ironic appl. in *Airs* s. *Lamb's* (Monmouth's Rebellion) from Paschal Lamb on their banner cf *Nottingham Lambs* i.e. roughs

lambent From pres. part of L. *lambere* to lick used also of flames playing over surface ? Later sen. s. associated with G *λ μνν* to shine

lambrequin [archaic] Scarf worn over helmet In US scalloped drapery I in both senses obs Du *lamperkin* dim. of same origin as *label*

A pair of Cobblers *lamb eq* ins. yeast rila 1 Chan. the 3, 1 tched 1378 (*Thid* CA on N v 6 919)

lame AS *lama* Com. Teut. exc. Goth. which has *halts* only (see *halt*) cf Du *lam* Ger *lahm* ON *larie* Orig. of gen. weakness of limbs paralysis Cf Ger *gelähmt* paralysed

lamella [biol] Thin plate L dim. of *lamina*

lament F *lamentier* L. *lamenta* s. from *lamentum* n. cry of mourning from imit. *la*¹ Cf *laire* to bark

lamia L. witch sucking children's blood G *Aaj* a vampire etc In Wyc (*f* xxxiv 15 *Lam* iv 3)

lamina L. plate layer whence F *lame* blade etc

Lammas [archaic] Harvest festival (Aug. 1) with consecration of loaves AS *hlafmæsse* loaf mass With latter *Lammas* ne'er cf *G rek* calends

lammergeyer Ger *lammergeyer* *lamb*-vulture Second element prob. belongs to Ger *gier* greed (see *yearn*)

lamp F *lampe* L. C *λ μ π* s. from *λ γ* π to shine To *shell* of the *lamp* was said by Pytheas (Plutarch) of preparation of speeches by Demosthenes *New la ips* for old is from story of *Aladdin*

lamps¹ [et] Mouth-di. a e of horses F (in OF also meaning throat as in *hum c e le lampas* to wet one's whistle) App. connected with *lampe* to guzzle nasalized form of *laper* to lap (q v)

lampas Chinese flowered silk Cf F *lam pas* in same sense Origin obscure It may be from *lampas*¹ the pattern being compared to the swellings of the disease (cf *fr e* *frill* *tripe*)

lampion F It *lampione* from *lampa* lamp

lampoon F *lampoon* from *lampons* let us guzzle used as refrain of scurrilous songs Cf *lamose* For F *erh* *lamp* see *lam* as

lamprey F *lamproux* cf MedL *lampreda* whence AS *lamprede* limpet OHG *lamp freis* (*lamprele*) lamprey Jarler is MedL *lampetra* explained as lick rock L *lam bere* and *felra* from lampreys habit of clinging to stones by a sucker The use of the same word for the limpet (v s) makes this plausible Earliest E. ref. is to death of Henry I

lance *F.*, *L. lancea*, of C.H. origin; cf. *It. lancea*, *Sp. lanza*, *Du. lins*, *Ger. lance*, etc., partly replacing Teut. *spār*. *Lance-corporal* is a half adaptation of obs. *lance-pesade*, *OF. lancee* (wide *lancepessade*). *It. lancea spezzata*, broken lance, exact application of which is unknown. To break a lance is from the tourney. The *Lancers* (dancers) was introduced by Laberde (1836).

Lanceet is *F. dim. lancelette*.

lanceolate [*reant*]. Late *L. lanceolatus*, from *lanceola*, "small lance".

lancet See *lance*.

lancinating Acute (of pain). After *F. lancinant*, from *L. lancinare*, to rend, pierce.

land AS *land*, *Conn. Teut.*, cf. *Du. Ger. ON. Goth. land*, cogn. with Welsh *llann*, enclosure, church, Breton *lann*, heath, whence *F. lande*, moor. With *how the land lies* (naut.) cf. coast is clear, *Landfall*, sighting of land, is from *fall* in sense of hap. The Ir. *Land league* was founded by Parnell (1879). *Landlord*, AS *landlǣford*, land owner, has reached sense of innkeeper via that of master of the house, host. For naut. *landsmen* (earlier *landsmen*) as opposed to *seamen* cf. *huntsman*, *steward*, etc. Verb to *land* is for earlier *len*, AS *landan*, from *land*. Some lie senses, e.g. to *land a fortune*, are app. from angling. To *land* (a person) *one in the eye* is for earlier *lend*, used playfully for *give*. The *linning* of a flight of stairs is characteristic of our love of naut. metaphor. So also a sea-plane "lands" on the water.

If thou dost any more, I shall lend thee a knock.
(Richard.)

landamman [*list*]. Swiss magistrate. *Ger. landintman*. See *ambassador*.

landau First built (18 cent.) at Landau (Bavaria). *Ger. term* is *landauer* (wager). Cf. *berline*.

Im geschlittenen wagen (carriage in Landau perfected (Cox) the *Hermann und Dorothea*, i. 36).

landdrost SAfrDu, magistrate. *Du. drost*, steward, bailiff, etc., earlier *drossak*, cogn. with *Ger. truchsess*, "the royal server, taster, or foretaster" (Ludw.), usu. rendered in MedL by *dapifer*. The two elements are cogn. with *die* and *sit*.

landgrave *Ger. landgraf*, land count.

landloper *Du. landlooper*, wastrel, adventurer. Cf. *elope*, *interlope*. Also confused with *landlubber*, for which *lubber* (q.v.) alone is found earlier.

landrail Bird. See *rail*.

landscape Earlier (16 cent.) also *landship*. *Du. landschap*; cf. AS. *landscipe*, land, *Ger. landschaft*, landscape. See *ship*. For introduction of *Du. art* words cf. *enamel*, *lay-figure*. Orig. of background of portrait (q.v.).

The use of oil was at first in landscape, for oil and ball of shadow; for in statue, see enamel, and better in the 15 (O. church, characters).

All that which by a picture is a part of the body or arm, or the face, landscape, picture, or by work (Blond).

A boat has been used in this independent decoration of some of our finest city scenes.

(O. Jan. 18, 1920).

landsturm. *Ger.*, land storm, reserve next to *landwehr*. *Orig. Swab.* (17 cent.) for the *lande en armes*.

landtag. Legislative body of *Ger. state*. Cf. *richstag*, *diet*.

landwehr. *Ger.*, land defence (see *wehr*), theoretically force for home defence.

lane. AS *læn*, cogn. with *Du. laan*, *ON. lön*, *Norw. laan*. All orig. in sense of narrow street, as in *city*.

It is a long lane that has no turning.

(Hobbes, *Tr. p. to Cels.*, 177).

langrage, **langridge** [*mut*]. Kind of case-shot. On *cartridge*, for earlier *langrel* (Capt. John Smith, 1627), chain shot. *Perh. ident.* with *Sc. langrel*, long, lanky.

langrel is a shot which goes in with a shackle to be shortened when put into the piece, and to fly out at length when discharged (See *Diet.* 1708).

lang syne. *Sc.*, long since (q.v.). In E. after Burns' song (1788).

language. *F. language*, from *langue*, *OF. langue*, *L. lingua*, tongue.

langue d'oc [*ling*]. Lang. of South of France, so called from *oc*, yes, *L. hoc*, thus, the North using *oui*, *L. hoc* and *OF.* derivatives of *ille*.

languish. *F. languir*, *languiss-*, *VL. *languire*, for *languere*, with incept. *languescere*; cogn. with *laxus* and ult. with *E. slack*. Cf. *languid*, *languescent*, *languor*.

laniard. See *lanyard*.

laniary. Of teeth, canine. *L. lanarius*, from *lanus*, butcher, *lanare*, to tear.

laniferous. From *L. lanifer*, wool-bearing, from *lana*, wool.

lank. AS *hlanc*, slender, flaccid. Ground-sense of flexible appears in cogn. *Ger. lenken*, to turn, bend. See *flank*.

lanner [*archaic*]. Hawk. *F. lanier*, perh. ident. with *OF. lanier*, slothful, as this hawk is called *tardarius* in MedL. *OF.*

lanier meant orig wool weaver and became a term of reproach in Merovingian times. But the hawk's name may be *L. lanarius* tearing (see *lanuary*) from the bird tearing its prey. At any rate it has been connected with the shrike or butcher bird (v. 1). The male is *lanneret* orig a dim

♂ a sp rrier a kid of 1 set ha ke called a k eek or in m rth (Fr.)

lanolin [chem] Fatty matter from wool. Coined (1835) by Liebreich from *L. lana* wool *oleum* oil.

lansquenet Mercenary soldier card-game. *Ger. landsknecht* soldier of the country. *lands* knight orig contrasted with Swiss mercenary. For formation cf *yoman*. Often *lanshecht* lance knight as though from *lance* and thus wrongly explained by Scott (*Quentin Durward* ch xvii).

T. H. an Llan for the end t t him. If 1 1) la eq n t se t north wales (P. 17 Cou. 1 Acts 1345)

lantern *Ger. lan-erne* *L. lanterna laterna* from *G. λαμπτήρ* from *λαμπεῖν* to shine altered on synonym *lucerna*. *Lantern* (16 cent.) is folk etym. from material formerly used as transparent casing. In arch used of a structure to admit light. *Lantern jaws* having hollowed appearance of old fashioned lantern is suggested in *Piers Plou.*

Hongur b f l t e d t h B r i t i e r (B ton) bout both l bekes

He l k d h k a f t m a l b l y f f t (A v o 63)

lanthanum [chem] Discovered and named (1839-41) by Mosander. From *Gr. λανθάνω* to lurk because hidden in certain rare minerals.

lanthorn See *lantern*.

lanuginous [biol] From *L. lanugo lanugin* down from *lana* wool.

lanyard *lan ard* [naut] Readoption (17 cent.) of *F. lanière* thong whence already *ME. lainer* (Chauc. A 2504). OF *laniere* of uncertain origin but perh metath of OF *naslere* of Teut. origin cf *Ger. nestel* strap OHG *nestila* whence Walloon *nêlê* thong. For-yard cf *kalya d whinyard* (also *panyard* for pannier in P. pys).

Is yer f l a t h e r 1 n l e (I 16)

Laodicean [theol] Lukewarm after *Rev. iii 15-16*. From *Λαοδία* (Latakia) in Asia Minor.

lap ¹ Fold pendent part of garment as in *dim. lappel* *lapel* AS *lappa* cf. *Du. lap*. *Ger. lappen* OH. *lepp* clout rag. See also *label*. In ML used both of the garment folded at breast and used as receptacle e.g. *lap (boson) of the Church* and of the skirt part used for nursing child e.g. *brought up in the lap of luxury* *lap-dog* *lappings* held on shoemaker's lap. Hence (?) or from *MF. nappen* to wrap verb to *lap* enfold envelope wrap whence again noun *lap* circuit as in racing Cf *overlap* exceeding the circuit. For in the lap of the gods see *hne*.

lap To drink with tongue AS *lappian* with cornates in obs. *Du. & OHG* cf *Ger. löffel* (OHG *l f f e l*) spoon. *F. laper* is from Teut. Cogn. with *L. lambere* to lick *G. λανν*. Hence dial *lap* liquor as in *callap* poor stuff.

lapel See *lap*.

lapdary *F. lapidaire* *L. lapidarius* from *lapidis lapul* stone. In Wyc. With *laps* *dat on* pedantic for stoning to death cf *decollation deforestation*.

lapilli Fragments of stone ejected by volcano. It pl. of *lapilla* little stone (v. 5).

lapis lazuli MedL stone of azure. See *azure*. **Lapp** Inhabitant and lang (akin to Finnish) of *Lapland* fabled home of wizards dealing in winds and storms cf sailors opinion of the Finns. Sw *Lapp* perh orig term of contempt cf MHG *lappe* simpleton. Native name is *Sápmi*.

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lappel Dim. of *lap* (q. v.).

lapse *L. lapsus* from *labi laps* to slip glide whence also *collaps* *elapse* *relapse*. Cf *lapsus linguae* (calami). Also *lapsarian* in several Reformation compels connoting different varieties of Calvinists.

Laputan Chimerical, esp of extracting sunbeams from cucumbers. From Swift's *Isle of Laputa* (in *Gulliver's Travels*) a satire on the Royal Society.

laping ME *lappewinke* (Gower) AS *Alhapewince* leaper + inker where *win* has the sense of titling waverling (cf OHG *rinkan* in same sense). From waverling sight. Mod. *larm* is due to folk etym. (*lap* and *win*).

lar Usu in pl *lares* (q. v.).

larboard Altered, on *st. boat* (q. v.) from ME *ladeborde* *latheborde* *u. l.* from *lad* to load Cf *port* which was replaced it.

lance F, L. *lancea*, ? of Celt origin, cf It *lancia*, Sp *lanza*, Du *lans*, Ger *lanze*, etc., partly replacing Teut *spear* *Lance-corporal* is a half adaptation of obs *lance-pesade*, OF *lancepessade* (*anspessade*), It *lancia spezzata*, broken lance, exact application of which is unknown To *break a lance* is from the tourney. The *Lancers* (*lance*) was introduced by Laborde (1836)

Lancet is F *dum lancette*

lanceolate [*scient*] Late L *lanceolatus*, from *lanceola*, small lance

lancet See *lance*

lancinating Acute (of pain) After F *lancinant*, from L *lancinare*, to rend, pierce

land AS *land* Com Teut; cf Du. Ger ON Goth *land*, cogn with Welsh *llann*, enclosure, church, Breton *lann*, heath, whence F *lande*, moor With *how the land lies* (naut) cf *coast is clear* *Landfall*, sighting of land, is from *fall* in sense of hap The Ir *Land league* was founded by Parnell (1879) *Landlord*, AS *landhlāford*, land-owner, has reached sense of innkeeper via that of master of the house, host For naut *landsman* (earlier *landman*) as opposed to *seaman* cf *huntsman*, *sleersman*, etc Verb to *land* is for earlier *lend*, AS *lendan*, from *land* Some fig senses, e.g. to *land a fortune*, are app from angling To *land* (a person) *one in the eye* is for earlier *lend*, used playfully for *give* The *landing* of a flight of stairs is characteristic of our love of naut metaphor So also a sea-plane "lands" on the water

If thou dost any more, I shall lend thee a knock.
(Fielding)

landamman [*hist*] Swiss magistrate Ger *landamtman* See *ambassador*

landau First built (18 cent) at Landau (Bavaria) Ger term is *landaui (wagen)* Cf *berline*

Im geöffneten wagen, er war in Landau verfertigt
(Goethe, *Hermann und Dorothea*, 1. 56)

landdrost SAfrDu, magistrate Du *drost*, steward, bailiff, etc., earlier *drossate*, cogn with Ger *truchsess*, "the royal server, taster, or foretaster" (Ludw), usu rendered in MedL by *dapifer* The two elements are cogn with *dice* and *sit*

landgrave Ger *landgraf*, land count landloper. Du *landlooper*, wastrel, adventurer Cf *elope*, *interlope* Also confused with *landlubber*, for which *lubber* (q.v.) alone is found earlier

landrail Bird See *rail*³

landscape Earlier (16 cent) also *landskip*. Du *landschap*, cf AS *landscipe*, land, Ger *landschaft*, landscape See *-ship* For introduction of Du art words cf *easel*, *lay-figure* Orig. of background of portrait (v1)

The sins or other women shew in landscape, far off and full of shadow, hers in statue, neere hand, and bigger in the life (Overbury, *Characters*)

All that which in a picture is not of the body or argument thereof is landscape, parergon, or by work (Blount)

A limit has been reached in this impudent desecration of some of our finest city scapes

(Obs Jan 18, 1920)

landsturm Ger, land storm, reserve next to *landwehr* Orig Swiss (17 cent) for the *levée en masse*

landtag Legislative body of Ger state Cf *reichstag*, *diet*²

landwehr Ger, land defence (see *wehr*), theoretically force for home defence

lane AS *lane*, cogn with Du *laan*, ON *lön*, Norw *laan* All orig in sense of narrow street, as in City

It is a long lane that has no turning

(Foote, *Trip to Calais*, 1778)

langrage, **langridge** [*mil*] Kind of case-shot On *cartridge*, for earlier *langrel* (Capt John Smith, 1627), chain-shot Perh ident with Sc *langrel*, long, lanky

langrel is a shot which goes in with a shackle to be shorten'd when put into the piece, and to fly out at length when discharged (Sea Dict 1708)

lang syne Sc, long since (q.v.) In E after Burns' song (1788)

language F *langage*, from *langue*, OF *lengue*, L *lingua*, tongue

langue d'oc [*ling*] Lang of South of France, so called from *oc*, yes, L *hoc*, this, the North using *oil* (*ou*), L *hoc* and OF derivatives of *ille*

languish F *languir*, *languiss-*, VL **langui* for *languēre*, with incept *languescere* cogn with *laxus* and ult with E *sic* Cf *languid*, *languescence*, *languor*.

laniard See *lanyard*

laniary Of teeth, canine L *lanarius*, *lanus*, butcher, *lanare*, to tear

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larceny From F *larcin*, OF *larcin*, L *latrocinium*, from *latro*, thief. Final -y may be due to *felony*, *perjury*, *robbery*, etc. *Petty larceny* was orig. theft of property of less value than twelve pence.

larch Ger *lärche*, introduced into E by Turner (1548), early Teut. loan from L *larix*, *laric-*, whence also Du *lariks*, It. *larice*, Sp *lárice*.

lard F, bacon, L *lardum*, cogn. with G adj *lapnós*, fat. Hence verb to *lard*, orig. insert, or stick on, strips of bacon in cooking, make rich (*larding the lean earth*, 1 Hen IV, ii 2), fig. to decorate; cf *interlard*. *Larder* is OF *lardier* or *lardoir*, storehouse for bacon.

lardy-dardy See *la-di-da*.

lares Usu. with *penates* (q v). Pl. of L *lar*, tutelary deity of home.

large F, wide, fem. of obs *larsc*, L *largus*, abundant, copious. For current changed meaning cf. *wide*. Earliest E sense is bountiful (cf *largesse*). With *at large*, free, cf. F *élargir*, to set at liberty, hence to *talk* (*quote*, etc.) *at large*, i.e. without restriction, *gentleman at large*, etc.

largo [mus.] It., in broad, majestic style (v s).

lariat Tethering rope. Sp *la reala*, with agglutination of art. See *reala*.

larix Larch (q v).

lark¹ Bird. Earlier *laverock*, now poet., AS *lāwerce*. Com. Teut., cf. Du *leeuwerik*, Ger. *lerche* (OHG. *lērahha*), ON. *lēvirh*, also Port. dial. *larcera*, from Teut. The bird has remarkably long hind-claws, hence plant-name *larkspur*. *Larkheel*, used of plants and also of negro heel, occurs as ME surname.

lark² Spree. Altered (c. 1800) from northern dial. *lark*, sport, and further elaborated to *skylark*, which appears much later. *Lake* is ME *larb*, ON *leikr*, play, cogn. with AS *lāc*, contest, etc., OHG. *leich*, melody, dancing-song, Goth. *laiks*, dance.

How this larkell laylus with his lorde (NED. 1440)
la, he, play ludus (Mansp. Voc.)

Larking about to wakes and fairs
(Heart of Midlothian, ch. xxxiii.)

larrikin Austral. hooligan or hoodlum. First

at Melbourne (c. 1870), but given as a Cornish word by Jago (1882). From *Larry*, common Ir. form of *Lawrence*, cf. *Hooligan*. The mythical derivation from the Ir. policeman's statement that *the prisoner was a larrikin* (*larking*) in the street first appears in the *Melbourne Argus*, Nov. 17, 1888.

Larriker (St. Lawrence), "He is as lazy as Larrence" (Jago, Corn. Gloss.).

Larrikins mischievous (sic) young fellows, larkers (ib.).

larrup [dial.]. To thrash. Suggested by *lather*, *leather*, and *wallop*.

larum Poet. for *alarum* (q v).

larva L., spectre, also mask. Hence "disguised" insect, current restricted sense being due to Linnaeus.

larynx G. *lάρυγξ*.

lascar. Shortened from Urdu *lashkarī*, military, Pers., from *lashkar*, army (v i). Cf. *lascarine*, native policeman, via Port.

The rebels are very strong and will fight it out, and about 10 days hence the Laskar may set forward (Peter Mundy, 1632).

No lashkar has yet assembled
(Hes'm Gaz. May 22, 1919).

lascivious Late L. *lasciviosus*, from *lascivia*, from *lascivus*, sportful, wanton.

lash¹. Of whip. First as noun (14 cent.), blow, flexible part of whip, whence verb to *lash*, beat. But earlier sense of verb, to move violently (cf. to *lash out*, *lasher* on Thames), is as old as noun. Contains notions of *slash* (q v), also of F *lâcher*, in sense of letting fly, and is perh. partly unit (cf. *dash*, *swish*, etc.). Analogy of dial. *lace*, to flog, suggests connection in some senses with OF *laz*, thong (see *lace*).

lash² [naut.]. To bind, secure. OF. *lachier*, var. of *lacier*, to lace. *Lace* (q v) was earlier also in naut. use, while *lash* is found in MD in gen. sense of *lace*.

lashings [Anglo-Ir.]. Abundance, esp. of drink. For *lavishings*. Cf. name *Candish* for *Candish*.

Some horsekeeper lasheth out provender so
(Tusser)

lashkar See *lascar*.

laspring Young salmon. Interpreted in Act of Parliament (1861) as *last spring*, but prob. for earlier *lax pin* (16 cent.). See *lax¹*, *pink¹*.

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lituo the latine toong, latine also clere, bright, open, easie, broad, wide (Flor)

Le latin, ce n'est pas pour nous une langue étrangère, c'est une langue maternelle, nous sommes des Latins. C'est le lait de la louve romaine qui fait le plus beau de notre sang (Anatole France)

latitat [*leg*] L, he lies hidden. Writ summoning concealed culprit to appear before King's Bench

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Latonia Of *Latona* (G *Leto*), mother of Apollo and Diana

latrine F, L *latrina*, for *lavatrina*, lavatory
latten [*archaic*] Mixed metal resembling brass. F *laton*, cf *It ottone* (with loss of *l*), Sp *laton*. In most Europ langs, but of unknown origin. Besides *laton*, *alaton*, Oudin has *alatron morisco*, which suggests a possible Arab corrupt of *electum*, commonly used in MedL of a mixed metal

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laud OF *laude*, L *laus*, *laud*-, praise. Earliest (14 cent) in *lauds*, first of the canonical hours, ending with *Ps cxlviii-cl*, sung as one psalm and called *laudes*, from int *laudate* in many verses

laudanum Var of *labdanum*, *ladanum* (q v), used by Paracelsus of a quack ch'ir, perh with a suggestion of *laud* (v s), and later applied to opiate of which his remedy was prob composed

Laudian [*hist*] Of *William Laud*, archbp of Canterbury (†1645)

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laugh in one's sleeve cf F. *rire sous cape*. In *laughing-stock*, the second element may be the stump or "butt" used as target (but see *stock*). *Laughter* (cf Ger *gelächter*) has the same rare suffix as *slaughter*

launce Sand-eel. Also called *lant*, the words being of about same age (c 1620), so that *launce* may be a pl (cf *bodice*, *quince*, etc.)

Or *launce* may be from *lance*, in allusion to shape, in which case *lant* may be a false sing

launch¹ Verb. ONF *lanchier* (*lancer*), to hurl, from *lance* (q v), orig meaning in E (Chauc). But naut sense appears c 1400 and is responsible for fig senses, e.g. to *launch forth*, *out*. With to *launch an enterprise* cf to *float a company*

The dog died game enquired if his hearse was ready, and then, as old Rowe used to say, was launched into eternity

(Gill) Williams, *Letter to George Selwyn*, 1765)

launch² Boat. Sp *lanchar*, pinnace. Cf Port *lanchara*, Malay *lancharan*, from *lanchâr*, quick

laundress Fem of *launder*, earlier *lavender* (whence name *Lavender*), F *lavandier*. Late L *lavandarius*, from *lavare*, to wash. For lengthened *launderer* cf *poulterer*, *caterer*. Verb to *launder* is a back-formation

And laveth hem in the lavandrye

(*Piers Plowm* C xvii 330)

laureate L *laureatus*, crowned with laurel (q v). First E *poet laureate* was Ben Jonson, though title was only conferred officially (1638) on his successor, Davenant. In much earlier use in wider sense

Fraunceys Petrarch, the laureat poete (Chauc E 31)

laurel By dissim for *lauier*, *lover*, OF *lorer* (*laurier*), from L *laurus*. Cf *poplar*. For fig senses cf *palm*

With laurer crowned as a conquerour

(Chauc A 1027)

laurustinus ModL, from *laurus* (v s) and *tinus*, the latter a L. name for the same shrub

lava It, "a streame or gutter sodainly caused by raine" (Flor), from *lavare*, to wash. Applied by Neapolitans to lava-streams of Vesuvius and hence adopted by most Europ langs.

lavabo [*eccl*] L, I will wash, from *Ps* xxvi 6, repeated by celebrant in ritual washing of hands

lavatory L *lavatorium*, from *lavare*, to wash. Current sense (Blount) is latest

Thow shalt make a brasun lavatory [Coverd laver] with his foot to wasshe with (Wyc *Ex* xxx 18)

lave *l* *laver* L *lavare* AS also had *lafan* from L

laver¹ [*la chaic niui*] Du *laveeren* earlier *loeleren* F *loutoyer* Sea luff¹

lavender AI¹ *lavendre* MedL *lavendula* In most Europ langs e.g. It Sp *lavanda* (both archaic) Du Ger *lavendel* Earliest recorded is MedL *litendula* perh connected with *l'id* (q.v.) Later forms app associated with *lavare* to wash the plant being used as perfume in bath and to scent clean linen (*laid up in la vander*)

laver¹ Plant L (Pliny)

laver² [Bibl.] F *lavoir* as *lavatory* (q.v.)

laverock S c *lark*

lavish Orig. noun profusion excess ive abundance OF *lavasse* deluge of rain, *lavis* torrent of word from *l'er* to wash Adj appears first in *lav sh of tongue*
Th was o lavas n ther peche (C xi n)

law¹ Late AS *la u* of ON origin (cf ON *lög* law pl of *lag* thing laid down) This replaced AS *ð* (cf Ger *ehe* marriage orig law) and *gesetnes* (cf Ger *gesetz* law the thing set) The same sense-develop ment appears in L *doom* (q.v.) G *θ jus* law and L *statutum* Applications of the word have been influenced by (?remotely cogn.) F *loi* L *lex* *leg* Law and order is one of the many phrases (*act and ed acknowledge and confess* etc.) which spring up naturally among a bilingual population The use of *in law* to indicate relationship by marriage alludes to canon law The old Teutons had a complete set of words to express the kinship connections of a clan but these tended to disappear with the transition from tribal life With *Lydford* (Hal fax) law cf *Lynech law Jed da I just ce* In sporting sense of start law is from hunting phrase to *give fair law* the hunted animal being in the position of prisoner on trial With *lawyer* cf *bouyer sauyer loyer* (Chauc.) *Law-abidin* is a mod alteration of *law-bidin* awaiting the due course of law See *bide*

Thet unt I am in law i ho th us th c
(*huch III* 1)

Fir t hang d draw

Then he th cause by Liht ed i w

law² *la* Interj Partly of natural origin cf *la* similarly used in AS and in F Also *for* for disguised form of *Lord* and perh associated in some uses with *lo* (q.v.)

law³ [Se & no th] Hull. AS *lawa* whence southern *low* mound

lawks In *lawks*-a mussy Alteration of *Lord* *have* mercy perh associated with *alack*

lawn¹ Fabric esp used for bishops' sleeves Prob from *Laon* (Aisne) pronounced *lan* once famous for linen manufactures Cf *arras cambric shalloon* etc and obs. *cloth of Remes* (Rems)

lawn Turf For earlier *lund* open treeless space still in dual use F *lande* moor of Celt origin and cogn with *land* (q.v.) *Lawn tennis* was invented (184) by Major Wingfield

La d *lawn* altus pl nites ultra (Lait)

Th gam w played was n inv n n f be
wn d call th ld n n
(H k v s *M mores* 7)

law² Salmon Norw Sw *lav* from ON cf AS *leav* Du *lar* Ger *la ls* One of the few Com Teut fish names it has also Slav cognates

law³ Adj L *laxus* slack cogn with *l'n* *güre* Cf *laxative* and *laxist* (theol) opposed to *rigorist*

lay¹ Verb Causal of *let* (q.v.) AS *legan* Com Teut cf Du *leg* en Ger *leg* n ON *legga* Goth *laian* Oldest sense to prostrate lay low as in to *lay a g ost* later to set cf to *lay (set) great store by* to *lay (set) one's course* In to *lay by the heels* there is omission of earlier *fast* With to *lay eggs* cf F *poindre des œufs* L *porre* to place lay Betting sense is from MF to *lay a wa e* i.e. put down a pledge To *lay out* (an opponent) is a Ub witticism on the *laying out of a corpse* The connection of noun *lay* (lang) line course of occupation e.g. the *kirchin lay* is not quite char

lay² Song poem F *las* of uncertain origin ? Cf Ger *le ch* song melody cogn with Goth *laiks* dance AS *lā* port (ee *lark*) The earliest *lais* were Arthurian ballads which reached France from Britain in 12 cent so that AS *luc* which would regularly give F *lai* seems the likeliest etymon

lay³ Adj F *lai* Church L *laicus* G *laos* of the people *laos* In MF commonly used like *leud* (q.v.) in contrast with *la ned* a use revived in 19 cent sense of non-expert

layer Passive sense what is laid *f r* etym active sense as in *bricklayer* dates from c 1600 and first appears in cookery spelt *leay leay* etc Th sis prob a separate word,

F lure, bunding, used of a fluckened sauce

Take codlins and lay a lear thereof in the bottom of the pvc (AED 1615)

There is some chinkes or crevices betwixt one lare and another (Purch xix 187)

layette Baby's outfit F., dim of *laie*, Du. *lade*, drawer, box

lay-figure For earlier *layman*, Du *leeman*, "a statue, with plant limbs for the use of a painter" (Sewel, 1766), of which first element is *lā*, joint (earlier *led*), cogn with AS *lith*, limb, and Ger *glied*, limb (OHG *gihlā*), as in synon *gliedermann*, *gliederpuppe*

Rather make use of models of wax than a layman of wood (AED 1688)

laystall [dial] Refuse heap From *lay*¹ and *stall* But perh altered from earlier (obs) *layslow*, from *slow*, place

lazar [archaic] Diseased person, esp leper From *Lazarus* (Luke, xvi 20), whence also F *ladre*, "leprous, lazorous, mezeled, scurvy" (Cotg) Cf *lazaret*(to), It *lazzaretto*, hospital, esp for lepers, place of quarantine, *lazzarone*, Neapolitan loafer *Lazarus* is the G form of Heb *Eleazar*, helped by God But some regard It *lazzaretto* as altered from *nazaretto*, from the hospital and quarantine station on the island of *Santa Maria di Nazaret*, near Venice

Lazarist Member of order founded (1624) by S Vincent de Paul and established in Collège Saint-Lazare, Paris

lazy Earliest (1549) *laysy* ? Back-formation from *layserly*, leisurely, taken as *lazy*-ly The -z- sound is against connection with F *lassé*, tired, or Ger *lässig*, "lazy, weary, or tired" (Ludw)

layserly tout à loysir (Falsg)

lazzarone See *lazar*

lea Meadow-land Two separate words are here combined—(1) AS *lēah*, tract of ground, cogn with OHG *lōh*, as in *Hohenlohe*, Flem *loo*, as in *Waterloo*, and ult with L *lucus*, grove, (2) AS **lēge*, fallow, only in *lēhrycg*, unploughed ridge at end of field, prob cogn with *he*¹ There is also dial *lease*, pasture, AS *lās*, *lāsw*- (cf dial *lēasow*), which has been confused with pl of above words The -leigh, -ley of place-names is from the first source

I'd meet thee on the lea rig,
My ain kind dearie, O' (Burns)

The years have gathered grayly
Since I danced upon this leaze (T Hardy)

I hold no leasowes in my lease (Hood)

lead¹ Metal AS *lēad* WGer; cf Du *lood*,

Ger *lot*, plummet, cogn with OIr *luaid*

lead² Verb AS *lēdan*, causal of *lithan*, to travel, cf Goth *galeithan* Com Teut; cf Du *leiden*, Ger *leiten*, ON *leitha*, cogn. with *load*, *lode* To give a lead is orig from the hunting-field, to show the way over a fence To lead up to is from cards *Lead captain* (archaic), parasite bully whose sword was at his patron's service, is prob after *lead horse* *Leading-strings* were orig. used to teach babies to walk *Men of light and leading* is from Burke, after Milton's *light or leading*, illumination, guidance *Leading article* is partly due to earlier *lead*¹, strip of metal used for spacing between lines. The *lead*² *article* of the *Times* is mentioned in the *Oracle* (1804) A *leading question* attempts to lead the witness to the desired answer

leaf AS *lēaf* Com Teut., cf Du *loof*, Ger *laub*, ON. *lauf*, Goth *laufs* For extended senses cf F *feuille*

league¹ Measure OF *legue*, Prov *legua*, Late L *leuca*, *leuga*, of Gaulish origin Cf. It *lega*, Sp *legua*, F *lieue* A vague distance, never in offic use, and esp poet, perh orig an hour's march *Seven-leagued-boots* renders F *botles de sept lieues* in Perrault's *Petit Poucet*

league² Alliance F *lgue*, It *lga*, var of *lega*, from *legare*, to bind, L *lgare* Cf Ger *bund*, league Mod disparaging sense (*in league with*) perh by association with F Catholic League (1576)

The League of Nations is an experiment
(D Lloyd George, in H of C, July 3, 1919)

leaguer [hist] Camp, esp of besiegers Du *leger*, camp Cf. *beleaguer*, *laager*, *lair*

leak AS *hlēc*, leaky, is a Com Teut word, cf Du *leh*, Ger dial *lech*, ON. *lekr* But this is not recorded in ME, the existing word being borrowed from LG or Du, whence also Ger *leck* (naut.) First as adj

Their ship was leake both under and above water
(Purch)

leal Northern form of *loyal* (q v) *Land of the leal* appears to have been coined by Lady Nairne (1798)

lean¹ Adj AS *hlāne*, with no certain cognates First recorded of the lane (Ger xli 3)

lean* Verb AS *lennan* *lennian* cf *Du leunen* Ger *lehnen* from a Teut root cogn. with that of *incline* cf *mar*

leap AS *hlæpan* Com Teut cf *Du loopen* Ger *laufen* to run ON *hlæpa* Goth *hlæpan* *Leap* frog (*flen* 1 v 2) is now (March 1918) in mil use for movement of troops passing through and replacing those exhausted by fighting *Leap* year (ME) may be so called from the fact that any fixed festival after February in that year leaps a day instead of occurring on the day following that of its last year's occurrence cf *Du schrikkejaar* from *schrikken* to jump *Dy leaps and bounds* app a misunderstanding of *F par saults et par bonds* by fits and starts owes its currency to Gladstone

It is statut and ordaint th t d i n a th in of h r must blisst M^eest for dik yeare known lepe y are ilk m y d n ladye of bothe hi^{gh}he d lowe exist I all ha l bert to bespek ye man she likes, alleit he refuses to t k bl t b b lawid wyle b hall be m lcted in y s m n e pandis or less, as hu esta t may be accept an l awis gud h can make it ppear th t b is betrotht no ith e woman d then shall be free

(*S stat* 1: 183 quoted by *F B u*)

A little before you made a l ap into the d rk
(*T Browne Lett s f m i k e D ad t*)

learc See *limerick*

learn AS *learnian* cogn with *lëran* to teach cf Ger *le nen* *lehren* Sense of teach (cf *F apprendre* to learn teach) now considered a vulgarnism was literary E. up to early 19 cent and survives in adj *learned* (= *L doctus*) which supplanted (from 16 cent.) correct *foret* (cf Ger *g leh n*) With AS *lëran* to teach of also Goth. *laurjan* causal of a verb preserved only in Goth *laur* (I) kno v a preterite pres verb ult. cogn with Ger *gelause* track *L lura* furrow

Who loru th i v lechith a wome e, d th wrong h to hymself (Wyo. *P oo* 1)

Be he l wed man or ill lered (Ch c C, 241)

lease OF *les lais* from *la sser* to have let, VL *lavia e* for *lavare* from *laurus* loose Lasso *lassie* preserve AF form

leash *F luisse* app from *laisser* (v s) cf. It *lascia* leash For sense cf. *yess* from *y ler* Often used in sporting lang for three because hounds were leashed in threes (cf *brace*)

leasing [Bibl] Lying AS *lëasug* from *Rasian* to lie from *lras* false etc cogn with *loose*

least AS *læst* *læst* from same root as *less* but unconnected with *little* *Leastways* was orig two words *leastwise* is a later formation cf *edge ways* (*wise*)

leat Water-course AS *galdst* in *water goldst* aqueduct cogn with *leat*

leather AS *lether* in compds only Com Teut cf *Du leder leer* Ger *led r* ON *leth* OIr *leathar* Welsh *llethr* are perh from Teut *Nothing like leather* has an anecdotic explanation of a cobbler who suggest'd leather as the best material for fortifications

leave* Verb AS *læfan* to leave bequeath causal of (*le*)*lifan* to remain a Com Teut word cf *Du bli en* Ger *bleiben* Goth *bila ban* With the causal cf ON *leifa* to leave Goth *bila byan* With intrans sense to depart cf *F partir* orig to divide AS *lif* remnant gave *lare* still in Sc & Ir use Unrelated to *leave**

leave* Noun. AS *læf* cogn with *leaf* dear *believe* *lore* orig idea being approval resulting from pleasure Cf Ger *erlauben* to allow *urlaub* permission furlough (q v) In to *leave one's leave* i e solicit permission to depart now associated with *leave* with which it is not connected *Leave of absence* is 18 cent

leaven *F levain* *L le amen* lit relief but here used in its etym sense of means of raising from *leare* cf synon *Du hef* Ger *hefe* cogn with *heave* Fig in ref to various passages in NT The *vulg* word is *fer sentun* for *G ζ μν*

lecher [archa c] First as noun debauchee adulterer OF *lecheor* from OHG *leccōn* (*lechen*) to lick whence *F lecher* It *le care* to lick Hence *leche ous* *lechery* restricted to one form of self-indulgence wider sense being pre erved in *lcherish* (q v)

lectern Hall restored pelling of ME *l i lerone* *let un* etc OF *lestron* Late L *lectrum* from *legere* *lect* to read The OF forms are numerous some representing ModL *lectrum* suffix of which appears in ModF *litrin*

lectron or *let ru* *dask* *lectr um* (*P mpt P ro*)

lector Ecclesiast in minor orders L reader (v s) Also applied from Ger to univ reader or lecturer esp one teaching his native ling The first teachers of this type in England were the F & Ger tutors appointed at Univ College Nottingham (1906)

lecture F, L *lectura*, reading (v s), still its meaning in F Current sense comes from that of reading aloud (and expounding)
ledge ME *legge*, cogn with *lay*¹, *lie*¹ Earliest sense is a transverse strip of wood, as still in EAnglia, cf MHG *legge*, edge, layer

ledge of a dore barre (Palsg)

ledger Earlier also *ldger*, Orig (church) book lying permanently in one place From ME *liggen*, to lie, or *leggen*, to lay (v s) Used also techn of a horizontal timber, flat slab, nether mill-stone, etc, and lust in *ledger* (permanently resident) *ambassador* Hence also *ledger lines* (mus), though the reason is not clear Cf obs *couches*, which has most of the same senses, and of which *ledger* was prob a transl

lee¹ Shelter AS *hlēo*, cogn with ON *hlý*, shelter, warmth, *hlē*, lee (naut), cf Ger *lau*, lukewarm The true E form is *lew*, still in dial and in *leeward* The *lee* being the side away from the wind, opposed to the "weather" side, a ship is apt to make *leeway*, i e to drift laterally from its course, to rectify which *leeboards* are used Hence fig to *make up leeway*

lee² Sediment Usu in pl ME *lie*, F, Late L *lia*, of Celt origin

leech¹ [archaic] Physician AS *lāce* Com Teut, cf OFris *letza*, OHG *lāhhn*, ON *lākmr*, Goth *lēheis*, with corresponding verbs Also Gael *leig*, Ir *laig* The blood-sucking worm is usu regarded as the same word, the healer, but ME *liche*, obs Du *heche* suggest possibility of a separate origin and assim to *leech*, physician, by early folk-etym

Sothli ye schulen seie to me this liknesse, Leeches [Tynd Visicon], heele thi self (Wyc *Like*, iv 23)

leech² [naut] Edge of sail Cf ON *līk*, whence Sw *lik*, Dan *lig*, bolt-rope, Du *lyk*, Ger *lek* (from Du or LG) ? Ult cogn with L *ligare*, to bind

leek AS *lēac* Com Teut, cf Du *look*, Ger *lauch*, ON *laukr* Cf *garlic* Formerly in much wider sense, as in Leighton, AS *lēac-tūn*, vegetable garden To *eat the leek*, knuckle under, is from Fluellen's handling of Pistol (*Hen V*, v 1)

leer App from obs *leer*, check, AS *hlēor*, with Du & ON cognates Cf fig use of *check* Orig sense is to look askance, not in normal direction

leery [slang] Wide-awake ? From dial

lear, learning, cleverness, northern var of *lore* (q.v), with sense influenced by obs adj *leer*, sidelong (v s).

leet¹ [hist] As in *count-leet*, of manorial court of record First in AF. *lele*, AL *lele* ? From *lathe*¹

leet² Chiefly Sc, in *short leet*, selection of best qualified candidates Earlier *lele*, F *élite* (q.v).

left Kentish form of AS *lyft*, weak, as in *lyftād*, paralysis, cogn with LG *lucht* Cf F *gauche*, left, awkward, and, for converse sense-development, Ger. *linkisch*, awkward, etc, from *link*, left For pol sense see *centre* In a *left-handed* (*morganatic*) marriage the bridegroom orig gave his left hand to the bride

Each gentleman pointed with his right thumb over his left shoulder (*Pickwick*, ch xlii)

In Kiel, where the revolution started, matters appear to be going "left" with a vengeance (*Daily Chron* Dec 2, 1910)

leg ON *leggr*, ? cogn with L *lacetus*, upper arm Replaced in most senses native *shank* In many colloq phrases of obvious meaning To *pull* (orig Sc to draw) one's *leg* suggests tripping up For *leg bail*, flight, see *bail*¹

legacy OF *legacie*, MedL *legatia*, from L *legare*, to bequeath, from *lex*, *leg*, law. In ME used also of office of legate (*Wyc 2 Cor v 20*)

legal. F *légal*, L *legalis*, from *lex*, *leg*, law Cf *loyal*

legate F *légal*, L *legatus*, from *legare*, to depute Orig (12 cent) of papal legate only

legatee Irreg formation after *lessee*, *payee*, etc See *legacy*

legato [mus] It, from L *ligare*, to bind.

legend F *légende*, MedL *legenda*, to be read, from *legere*, to read, also to collect, G *λέγειν* Orig of lives of saints, esp *Aurea legenda*, compiled (13 cent.) by Jacobus de Voragine, bishop of Genoa Also inscription on medal or coin

legerdemain From 15 cent F. *léger de main*, light of hand, app a mistransl. of earlier *sleight of hand*, the noun *sleight* (q.v) being rendered by F adj *léger*, VL **leuiarius*, from *levis*, light

legerdemain or *sleight of hand* prestigitae (Litt)

leghorn Hat, fowl Obs It *Legorno*, port in Tuscany, now *Livorno*, after L *Liburnus* Cf *Tuscan hat*.

leviathan Late L. [*Iu*], Job xl 20) Heb *layyidhan* of uncertain origin and meaning. Perh connected with Heb *lamah* to twist bend.

Super Le viathan serpentem tortuosa n
(*Vulg Is xx 1*)

levigate From L. *leviga* s from *lavis* smooth.

levin [*poet*] Flash of lightning ME *leven* obs. in 18 cent. but revived by Scott, with whom it is a favourite word. Sleat compares obs Dan *liffn* Sw dial. *lyna* in same sense.

levirate Custom of brother of dead man marrying latter's widow (Jewish) From L. *levir* husband's brother.

levitate From L. *levitas* light after *gravitate*.

Levite Leviticus From *Levi* son of Jacob whose descendants formed class of assistant priest.

levity OI *læ* ME L. *levitas* from *levitas* light
levy F *levée* pp fem of *lever* to raise L.
levi s (v s) Orig of taxes then of troops
whence to *levy* war (15 cent) a sense not found in F.

lewd AS *læwde* lay layman app in some way derived from L. *laicus* lay² (ME *læwed* or *læred* corresponds to O⁴ *leikr ok lardr*). See quot s v *learn* Orig meaning of profane unlettered hence coarse vile passes into current sense already found in Chauc (A 3145).

L b not leewyd l'w es [*Iu*], *la* os panes² at
bound, b t oosli bords freed (Wyc s Sam x l 4)

Lewis Machine gun from American inventor's name Cf *gail ng maxim Norden fildt*.

The R.F.C. adopted the Lewis and the German
men count red with mod fed Hotchkiss
(4 German Out 8)

lexicon G *λῆξ* (sc *βιβλ*) word (book) from *λέγω* to speak A Renaissance word cf F *lexique* (Ronsard) Hence *lexicographer* "a harmless drudge that busies himself in tracing the original and detailing the signification of words" (John).

Leyden jar battery Invented (1745-6) at Leyden Holland.

li Chin unit of length 100 *l* being about a day's march.

liable App from F *liar* to bind L. *liigare* but not recorded in AF or Law L. Cf fig sense of *boun* i (40).

liaison F L. *ligatio*-n from *ligare* to bind

Now esp in *liaison officer* link and interpreter between allied forces.

This position as liaison in 1 between the
House and the W. Cal t
(Daily Chron June 8 90)

liane liana F *liane* app some native name assimilated to *lier* to bind (v s) *Liiana* is perh due to supposed Sp origin.

Beds an pant 1 les habit ts mm ut
lies es (H ton des 4 l'ile 649)

lias [*geol*] Blue limestone. F *lias* OF *liois* (12 cent) ? From *lie* of *lie de vin* used in F for a purplish blue.

libation L. *libatio*-n from *libare* to taste pour forth G *laßer*.

libel OF (replaced by *libelle*) L. *libellus* dim of *liber* book. Current sense from Law L. *libellus famosus* is the latest. See *libary*.

A d th preest hal wryt in libel [*Iu*],
libell] thes read things (Wyc s m b v)

liberal F *liberal* L. *liberalis* from *liber* free. For later senses cf *frank generous*. As party name from early 19 cent. being applied by opponents at first in Sp or F form with suggestion of foreign lawlessness and coupled by George IV with *jackan*.

To love b (Lady Eds beth Hastings) wa. liberal
education (Steel)

Ce g est libéral! e monstre est jackan
(Victor Hugo)

libertin F orig (from 16 cent) free thinker L. *libertinus* freed man. The change of meaning appears to be due to misunderstanding of L. *libertinus* in Acts vi 9. Secondary sense of debauchee is almost as early in F.

liberty F *liberté* L. *libertas* from *liber* free. In all Rom langs. Up to 1850 used of county region exempt from authority of sheriff and in other kindred senses. *Liberty of the press* is 18 cent.

libidinous F *libidinex* L. *libidosus* from *libido* lust cf *libet* *libet* it pleases ult cogn with *love*.

library F *libra* se (in OF *library* now bookseller's shop) from *libras* e copyist (now bookseller) L. *librarius* of books from *liber* book orig bark of tree Cf hist of book *bille paper*.

libration [*astron*] Oscillation L. *libratio*-n from *libra* e from *libra* balance.

libretto It. little book. See *libel*.

- lepidoptera** [*biol*] Scale-winged From G *λεπίς*, *λεπίδ-*, scale (v s), *πτερόν*, wing.
- leporine** L *leporinus*, from *lepus*, *lepor-*, hare
- leprachaun** [*Ir*] Elusive fairy appearing as shoemaker Various spelt, in 17 cent. usu *lubrican* OIr *luchorpan*, from *lu*, little, *corpan*, dim of *corp*, body
- leprosy** See *leper*
- leptorrhine** [*biol*] With long narrow nose From G *λεπτός*, thin See *rhinoceros*
- Lesbian** Of *Lesbos*, in G archipelago Esp in ref to Sappho and unnatural vice
- lese-majesty** [*leg*] Treason F *lèse-majesté*, L *laesa majestas*, violated majesty (see *lesion*) Cf Ger *majestätsbeleidigung*
- lesion** [*leg & med*] F *lésion*, L *laesto-n-*, from *laedere*, *laes-*, to hurt. Cf *collide*
- less** AS *lēssa*, adj, *lēs*, adv, used as compar of *little*, but prob not connected with it With double compar *lesser* cf *better*. Applied to persons only in no *less a man than* and *St James the less* Nothing *less* has some of the ambiguity of F *rien moins*, e g *I expected nothing less than five pounds*
- less** AS *-lēas*, devoid of, free from, cogn with *lose*, *loose*, cf Ger *-los*
- lessee** See *lease*
- lesson** F *leçon*, L *lectio-n-*, reading, from *legere*, *lect-*, to read Orig. sense still in eccl *first (second) lesson*.
- lessor** See *lease*
- lest** ME *les the*, short for AS *þy lās the*, where *þy* is instrument. case of def art. and *the* is its weakened form used as relative particle Cf L *quominus*, *lest*, lit by which the less, of which the AS. phrase was prob a transl
- let¹** To leave, allow AS *lātan* Com Teut, cf Du *latan*, Ger *lassen*, ON *lāta*, Goth *lātan*, prob cogn with *late* (q v); cf sense-development of F *laisser*, from L *latus*, slack Sense of handing over land in exchange for rent is found in AS.
- let²** [*archaic*] To hinder AS *lettan*, from *late*, cf *linder*, Com Teut, cf Du *letten*, Ger *letzen* (*verletzen*, to harm), ON *letja*, Goth *latjan*, to delay (intrans) Now chiefly as noun, e g, *let or hindrance*, *let at hand*
- We are so let and hindered as never to have a moment's rest in the best of climates
- letch**, Craving ? Connected with F *allécher*, to allure, all from L *aliter*.

- lethal** L *let(h)alis*, from *letum*, death. Now esp in *lethal chamber* (19 cent.).
- He suspects it of wanting to "lethal chamber" his aunt's "dear old doggie" (Wells, *Mod Utopia*)
- lethargy** F *léthargie*, L, G *ληθαργία*, from *λήθαργος*, forgetful, from *λαθάνειν*, to escape notice
- lethe** G *Λήθη*, river of Hades producing oblivion, *λήθη*, in those who drank its waters (v s).
- Lett, Lettic, Lettish** People and lang in part of Russ Baltic provinces Ger. *Lette*, from native name *Latus* The lang is Aryan, akin to Lithuanian and extinct OPrussian
- letter** F *lettre*, L *littera*, letter of alphabet, in pl epistle, earlier *littera*, *leittera*. Extended senses as in F *lettre*, partly after St Paul's use of τὸ γράμμα (2 Cor iii 6) Before the letter (of engravings) means proof taken before title-lettering is inserted *Letterpress* is matter printed from type, as opposed to illustrations, etc from plates. Sense of literature appears already in L, e g *lettered case* is Cicero's *otium literatum*
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(Co give Loc for Loc)

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 for *lucinus* explained as wick in 15 cent.
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of Eastern origin Cf. *linen* *linseed* *Line*
is still used in dial. for *linen*

line² Length without breadth Farthest in
sense of cord etc AS *line* L. *linea* orig.
linen thread from *linum* flax (v. 9) Cf.
Du ljn Ger. *leine* ON *lina* early Teut.
forms from L. Hence to *give line* from
angling In *by line and rule* (cf. F. *au*
cordeau) and similar use of Heb. *gav* cord
Is xxviii 10) and *lines* in sense of course
of life (*Ps* xvi. 6 *but fumes*) there is
orig. allusion to the marking out of land
for settlement *Hard lines* is app. naut.
and may be a jocular variation on *hard*
tack ship's biscuit taking *tack* in its orig.
sense of rope line sense of mark stroke
direction is via F. *ligne* L. *linea* mil. and
nav. uses as in *ship* (*regiment*) of the *line*
being adopted directly from F. On these
(such) *lines* is from ship building To *take*
one's own line is from the hunting field
Lines of communication were orig. trans-
verse trenches connecting the *lines* of cir-
cumvallation in great siege works

line³ Verb (of clothes) From *lin* et. with
orig. ref. to linen a material used for the
purpose

D i b i c i j

I n forth but silver lining on the night

(C. 100 221)

line⁴ Verb (of hitch) F. *ligne* for *ah* = v.
to bring together (see *line*)

lineage ME *lineage* F. *lineage* See *line*
Cf. *lineal* F. *lineal* Late L. *lineal*

linement F. *linement* L. *linimentum*
contour outline Not orig. limited to
facial lines Cf. *delineste*

linen Orig. adj. made of flax AS *linen*
from *lin* flax (see *line*) Cf. *Du linnen*
Ger. *leinen* F. *linge* is also of adj. forma-
tion

He left th. linen to his right hand I had from
thou naked (*M* 1 2)

ling¹ Fish MF *linge* Cf. *Du ling* Ger.
lingfisch ON *langa* cogn. with *low*

ling² Heather ON *ling*

ling Dim. suffix Combined from suffixes
-el (-le) and -ing As applied to persons
usu. contemptuous (*sherry* *sherry*
underling etc)

-ling(s) AS adv. suffix (also -ung -ung
cogn. with *long* by which it is now usu.
replaced e.g. *headlong* *sidelong* *serpentine*)

linger ME *lenegen* frequent. of obs.
lenen to tarry AS. *lenen* to pro. long
from *long* Cf. Ger. *verlingern* to prolong

lingerie F. from *linge* linen L. *linum*
neut. adj. from *linum* flax This euph. for
under linen will in course of time become
indelicate and make way for something else
(cf. *shift*)

Fie miss. Amongst your linen, you must say
I must never say "smock"

(Compare e. *Leen* for *Leen*)

lingo Prov. *lingo* *lingo* or Gascon *lingo*
L. *lingua* A naut. word (17 cent.) from
Marseille or Bordeaux

lingua franca It. *Frankish* tongue A kind
of "pidgin" It. with elements from other
Mediterranean and Oriental langs. spoken
in the Levant Hence fr. mixed jargon
understood by those who would otherwise
not be intelligible to each other The name
is prob. due to the Arabs *Frank* (fr.)
being regular Eastern word for European
(cf. *Feringhi*)

linguist From L. *lingua* tongue language
Sabine form of OL *di lus* (cf. *lurinus*
dacryma) cogn. with *lingua*

linhay [dial.] Open shed with lean to roof
? From AS *linian* to lean, or second
element as in archaic *clay* & *lay*

liniment F. L. *linimentum* from *linen* to
spread

link¹ Connection. ON *leena* whence
Modifed. *leena* Ge. *leena* Dan. *leena*
cogn. with AS *leena* *leena* *leena* *leena* *leena*
ge. *leena* *leena* *leena* *leena* *leena* *leena*
archaic and dial. *link* *link* *link* *link* *link* *link*
The *link* *link* *link* *link* *link* *link* and
monkey) dates from c. 1550

link² Torch as in *link* *link* *link* *link* *link* *link*
link *link* *link* *link* *link* *link* *link* *link* *link* *link*
of tarred rope 2 for 2 in 3 cells *link* *link*
from G. *link* *link* *link* *link* *link* *link* *link* *link*
in 15 cent.

links Grass mat laid on coast
AS *link* *link* *link* *link* *link* *link* *link* *link*
Cf. dial. *link* *link* *link* *link* *link* *link* *link* *link*
Cogn. to a word *link* upon the link

linn. Water mill pond at fr. Mixture of AS
(*link* *link* *link* *link* *link* *link* *link* *link*)

hlynn, torrent, and Gael. *linne*, pool The latter is in all Celt langs ² and cogn with G *λίμνη*, lake

Linnaean System of biol classification of *Linnaeus*, latinized name of C F. *Linné*, Sw naturalist († 1778)

linnet F *linotte*, from *lin*, flax, on seeds of which it feeds Cf Ger *hänfling*, linnet, from *hanf*, hemp Dial *lintwhite*, linnet, is AS *linetwige*, ² flax-twitcher

The lintwhite and the thrortle cock
Have voices sweet and clear (Tennyson)

linoleum Patented and named (1863) by a Mr Walton from L *linum*, flax, *oleum*, oil Cf *hamphulcor*, *lincrusta*

linotype US (1888) For *line* of *type*

linseed AS *linsēd*, flax seed See *line*¹, seed Cf Du *lynzaad*

linsey, **linsey-woolsey** From 15 cent Skeat derives *linsey* from *Landsey*, near Kersey (Suff.) See *kersey* Another theory is that it represents *line*¹ and *say*² (q v), or that the ending is the adj -*sy* as in *flimsy*, *tipsy* *Woolsey*, from *wool*, is a later addition

linstock [archaic] For firing early cannon Earlier (16 cent) *lint-stock*, Du *lont-stok*, from *lont*, match, v hence E dial, *lint* *lint* the matchcord with which guns are fired (Johns)

Hairy-faced Dick, linstock in hand,
Is waiting that grim looking skipper's command
(Ingolf's)

lint ME *linnet*, from *line*¹ Flax (plant and material) is still *lint* in Sc Cf Burns' *lint-white hair* for *flaxen hair*

lintel OF (*lnteau*), VL **linitale* or **linitellus*, from *limes*, *limit*, *limit*

lion F, L *leo-n-*, G *léon*, *λέων*, prob of Egypt origin In all Rom & Teut. langs (e.g. It. *leone*, Sp *león*, Du *leeuw*, Ger *löwe*), whence, or from L, it passed into the Balto-Slavic langs, e.g. Russ *lev* AS had *leo*, *lion*, directly from L The lions, in sense of noteworthy objects, were orig those in the Tower of London, and to have *seen the lions* once meant to be wide-awake, up to snuff, not a new arrival from the country. *Lion-hunter*, secker after celebrities, seems to be due to Dickens' *Mrs Leo Hunter* (*Pickwick*) Scott uses *lionizer* (1809). I took them and all my ladies to the Tower and showed them the lions and all that was to be shown (Pepys, May 3, 1662)

The only man unspoiled by lionizing was Daniel
(Sir H Tree)

lip AS *lippa*, cf Du *lip*, Ger *lippe* (a LG. word replacing archaic HG *leffe*), cogn

with L *labrum*, *labium*, lip, *labere*, to lick, Pers *lab*, lip In earlier use fig for tongue, speech (see *babel*), as in *lip-service*, etc To the *lips*, usu with *steeped*, is after Oth iv 2 *Lip*, impudence, and *stiff upper lip* are both US

lipography Omission of letter or syllable in copying From G *λείπειν*, to leave

lipper Ripple Orig Sc ² Cogn with *lap*²

liquid F *liquide*, L *liquidus*, from *liquere*, to be clear For use in phonology, adapted from G *ὑγρός*, wet, cf F *mouillé*, wet, in *l mouillée* *Liquidation*, in commerc sense, means making clear

My accounts, which I have let go too long, and confounded my publique with my private so that I cannot come to any liquidation of them
(Pepys, Mar 31, 1666).

liquor Restored from ME *licur*, OF *licour* (*liqueur*), L *liquor-em* (v s) For degeneration in meaning, e.g. in *liquor*, the worse (better) for liquor, cf *drink* So also *liquor traffic*

liquorice AF *lycorys*, OF. *liorece* (replaced by *réglisse*), Late L *liquiritia*, ult from G *γλυκίς*, sweet, and *ρίζα*, root The Europ forms, resulting from metath. of *l-r*, are extraordinary, e.g. F *réglisse*, It *regolizia*, Ger *lakritze*, Du. *lalissie-drop*, cf. also Arab *el-ukhasis* The Late L form and ModE spelling are due to association with *liquor*, and the E termination is perh due to *orris* (q v)

liquorish Corrupt of *lickerish* (q v) errone associated with *liquor*

lira [It] Com worth a franc L *libra*, pound, cf F *livre* used also for franc

Lisle thread. From Lille (Nord), formerly *Lisle*, the island

lisp AS *āwlyspian*, cf Du *lispēn*, Ger *lispeln*, earlier *whispēn* Imut., cf. *whisper*

I lisp'd in numbers, for the numbers came
(Pope, *Pro' to Sat* 123).

lissom For *lithesome* Regarded as dial word in early 19 cent

list¹ Noun AS *liste*, hem, border; cf. Du *lyst*, Ger *leiste* Orig sense in *list sleepers*, made of edge-strips (cf. archaic F *tapis de listères*) Sense of enumeration is from F, *liste*, strip of paper, etc., from Teut (cf *enlist*) The *lists* for a tourney are the boundaries or the field, but the application of the word has been influenced by F, *lice* (cf It. *lizza*, Sp *liza*), so that we find *lists* treated as ring (cf *linch, slambles, works*, etc.) F *lice* is prob L. *leica*, pl of

licium thread (hence MHG *lit* in same sense) and thus unrelated to *list*

lice ul t o uit yard (Cotg)

list a list, roll check roll or catalogue of names
 &c also a list, o sel dg (b)

list¹ Verb AS *lystan* to please from *lust* (q v) cf Du *lusten* Ger *lûlen* g *lûsten* ON *lysta* Orig impers as used archaically by Scott later sense being due to misunderstanding of *if you list* (cf *like please*) Hence *list* inclination leaning now usu naut. and *listless* for earlier *lustless*

list wh a sh p beel little to the side they y sh h list th t w y (See D et x 8)

When in Cal na ca cave

Hun h ted busmagi w d to wa e

Tb be ts w llin g h tre Dame (Lay 9)

list² listen *List* is AS *lystan* from *lyst* hearing from an Aryan root wh ch appears in Ger *lauschen* to listen (esp for prey) Welsh *ciust* ear ult cogn with loud *Lisken* is Northumbrian *ly nan* cogn with AS *lōsman* from same root

list³ [nai t] See *list*²

listenize To treat according to methods of Lord Lister F physician (†1912)

listless See *list*²

lists See *list*²

litany F *litanie* MedL G *litania* from *lana* to pray from *lary* supplication Usual form up to 1c cent. is *letania* and *letania* is found in AS

litchi *litchi* Chin fruit Chin *litchi*

A Canton h na bowl (died litch)

(h pl e B ad p th h ter)

lite F G *lith* e stone

literal L *littera* is from *littera* letter (q v) Cf *literary* *literature* etc. the latter of which has replaced ME *litterature* from OF used for AS *bō craft* *literally* is often used by the excited in a sense opposite to its real meaning (v i)

There s f th whol Irish s a lit rally d ed pon th co t t (Dalton M) M v 9 3)

litharge [chem] F from OF *litha gir* L G *lithos* *pyros* from *lithos* stone *pyros* silver In Chauc (1 6 9)

lithe Adj AS *litha* soft mild &c on with Ger *lind* g *lind* gentle and with L *lenius* soft slow etc *lit* is gentl Cur rent sense is latest. See *li som*

lithe² Only in archaic *lithe* and *listen* ON *lit* h to listen, cogn with *list*

Now lithe and l i n l i d i s gay (Scott)

lithia Altered from earlier *lithium* G *lith*

liov neut of *liob* or stony name proposed (1818) by Berzelius to emphasize its min origin previously discovered alkali being vegetable

lithograph From G *lith* stone Cf *lithology* science of stones *lithotomy* (med) cutting for stone from *lith* to cut

Lithuanian [ling] Aryan lang of Baltic group cogn with Lettish and extinct OPrussian

litigation Late L *litigatio* from *litigare* to go to law from *lis* *lit* lawsuit and *agere* Earlier *litigiosus* F *litigieux* L *litigiosus*

Not litig us f l i t r i t l w T m u 3)

litmus [chem] ON *litnose* Ichen sed in dyeing from ON *litir* colour *nost* moss It is much older than MED records occurring several times in the *Celtic* of Lynn (1303-7) to which harbour it was brought from Norway

litotes [g an] Affirmative expressed by negation of contrary eg L *haud parum* very much *nomen* *lit* some G *lit* *lit* from *litos* plain measure

A citation of no m t v (d u l i)

litre F suggested by *litron* obs measure from Late L *litra* C *litra* pound F from 1,99 (cf *granine* *metre*)

litter F *litter* from *litter* bed I *litter* cf G *litter* Earliest sense is bed then portable couch bedding strewn rushes straw etc for animals whence disorderly accumulation of odds and ends cf F *littere* *de* to trample under foot With sense of number (of animals) brought forth at one birth cf sim bar use of *bed*

litter AS *lithel* WGer cf Du *litter* Ger dial *litter* According to MED not related to syno ON *lit* I Goth *lithis* (4) *litha* (st a patient e t) is for earlier *lit* f *lith* go (first Camb examination) meant in 18 cent a private littery

littoral L *littoralis* from *littor* shore whence the *lido* of Venice As noun after It *littorale* F *littoral*

liturgy Orig Communion service of Eastern Church F *liturgie* Church I G *liturgia* a public worship first element ult from *laos* *lit* people second from *ergon* work

live¹ Verb AS *līfan* (MSax *līdhan*) from *līf* Com. Teut cf Du *leven* Ger *leben* ON *lifa* Goth *līfan* cogn with *leas* *lit* orig sense being to remain *līfan* in

Church sense is for *ecclesiastical living*, where *living* means endowment, means of support

live² Adj Evolved (16 cent) from *alive* (q v).

livelihood Altered, under influence of obs *livelihood*, liveliness, from earlier *lifelode*, AS *liflād*, life-course, see *lade*¹, *lode* Cf OHG *liblita*, subsistence

[Pythagoras] berynge of burthens for to gete his lifelode therwith (Tret iii 199)

livelong In the *livelong day* (night) Orig *lef long*, *lef* (q v) being a more intens. Cf Ger *die liebe lange nacht*

den lieben ganzen tag, the whole livelong day (Ludw.)

lively AS *līstic*, lit life like, orig sense surviving in *lively description* For sense-development cf *vivid* A certain *liveliness*, from an Admiralty announcement in the autumn of 1914, seems likely to become a stock phrase

They [young armen] are much safer in France than in England, and they are sent across directly they begin to show a certain liveliness

(Daily Sketch, July 9, 1918)

liver AS *lifer* Com Teut, cf. Du *lever*, Ger *leber*, ON *lifr* Formerly competed with the heart as seat of passion, hence *white-livered*

When love's unerring dart Transfixt his liver and inflamed his heart (Dryden)

Liverpudlian Of *Liverpool*, with jocular substitution of *puddle* for *pool*

livery F *livrée*, pp fem of *livrer*, to hand over, deliver, Late L *liberare*, from *liber*, free Orig household allowance, provision of any kind, now limited to costume of servants and provender for horses, as in *livery stable* The City *Livery Companies* had formerly distinctive costumes for special occasions, an inheritance from the medieval gilds

That no maner of hand-crafte were any livery, but of his owne crafte that he usith

(Coventry Leed Book, 1421)

lyvers of cloth or odergyflys liberata (Prompt Parv)

livid F *livide*, L *lividus*, from *livēre*, to be bluish

livre F, L *libra*, pound Still occ. used in F for *franc* when stating income in thousands

lixivium Lye L, neut of *lixivius*, from *lix*, ashes, lye Cf F *lessive*, washing solution, from neut pl

lizard F *lézard*, L *lacertus* Cf *alligator*.

llama Sp from Peruv, app gen. name for sheep

Llamas or sheepe of Peru (Habl)

llano [geog] S Amer prairie. Sp, L *planus*, smooth.

Lloyd's Marine insurance Orig coffee-house in Lombard St, established by Edward Lloyd (fl 1688-1726) The name is Welsh for gray

lo ME also *low*, *loo*. Prob for *lōke*, look, but with sound affected (*lo* instead of *loo*) by intery *lo*, AS *lā* For loss of -k cf *ta'en* for *tal'en*

loach Fish (Lorna Doone, ch vii) F *loche* Origin unknown

load AS *lād*, way, journey, conveyance, cogn with *lead*², which is still used in the Midlands of carting Verb, from noun, is much later Sense has been influenced by *lade*², which it has almost supplanted With to *load* a gun cf F *charger*, Ger *laden*, in same sense, all going back to the period when cannon were the only fire-arms See also *lode*

lode or *caryage* vectura (Prompt Parv)

loadstone See *lode*

loaf¹ Noun AS *hlāf*, bread, loaf Com Teut cf Ger *laib*, ON *hleifr*, Goth *hlaifs*, cogn with L *libum*, cake See *lord*, *lady*.

If it were not for the loaves and fishes [John, vi 26] the train of Christ would be less (Bp Hall, 1614)

loaf² Verb. NED rejects connection with I.G. *lofen*, Ger *laufen*, to run, as in *land-läufer*, landloper It would seem however that *loafer* might have been evolved from the latter word, cf colloq Norw *loffe*, to loaf, from US

The newly invented Yankee word of "loafer" (Dana, Two Years before the Mast, 1840)

loam AS *lām*, cogn with *lime*¹, cf Du *leem*, Ger *lehm* (from Du), Ger dial *leimen*

loan ON *lān*, superseding AS *lēn* (whence *lend*), cf Du *leen*, Ger *lehen*, *leihen* Hence verb to *loan*, now chiefly US

loath AS *lāth*, repulsive, etc, replaced in orig sense by compds *loathly*, *loathsome* Com Teut; cf Du *leed*, Ger *leid*, sorrow (but still adj in *lieb oder leid*), ON *leith*. F *laid*, ugly, is from Teut Current sense, already in Chauc, as also that of verb to *loathe*, is for earlier impers use Cf construction of *like*

Hym were looth byrped for to be (Chauc H 145)
I loke his villanye, or it totheth me of his villanye il me faiche de sa vilanie (Palsg)

lob For gen sense of something heavy pendant or floppy contained in this unit word of Du *lob lubbe* hanging lip Dan *lobbes* clown Norw *lubb lubba tubby* person and see *lubber* *Lob lie by the fire* is Milton's *lubber fiend* (1690: 110) The cricket *lob* is from dial verb to *lob* to pitch gently With *lobsouse* sailor's stew *l'bolly* sailors' gruel cf *lob* a thick mixture in brewing *Lobliolly* (16 cent) from dial *lolly* gruel etc was also applied to the doctor's drenches hence naut *lobliolly* boy orig surgeon's mate in the navy The existence of the surname *Lobb* suggests that the word is much older than *VED* records and that archaic and dial *Lob's pound* the lock up is of the same type as *Davy Jones locker*

lobby *MedL lobium* or *lobia* monastic for *lodge* (q.v.) See also *louver* Current sense first in Shaks (*Hamlet* 11. 2) The *lobbys* of the House of Commons is mentioned in 1640 Hence verb to *lobby* (U.S.) orig to frequent *lobbys* of Congress in order to solicit votes and influence

O r reel ses a ver c me oit i ther lobb
(? = clusters) (*VED* 1553)

lobe *F* Late *L. G* *lobus* lobe of ear pod etc

lobelia From *Matthias de Lobel* (†1616) botanist and physician to James I

lobliolly *lobscouse* See *lob*

lobster *AS* *loppestre* for *lopest* corrupt of *L. locusta* whence also *F langouste* a kind of lobster that hath undivided cleyes (Cotg) cf *OCorn legast* lobster See *locust* As nickname for soldier orig applied (1643) to a regiment of Parliamentary cuirassiers and later associated with the red coat *Joc use* for *lob-bowler* is 20 cent

local *F L. localis* from *locus* place *Local option* (1810) right of majority to decide what minority shall drink owes its currency to Cladstone (1808) but was first used in a Parliamentary bill in 1819 (Sir W Lawson)

loch Gael & Ir cogn with *Lake* cf Anglo-Ir *lough*

lock Of hair *AS loc* Com Teut cf Du *loek Ger locke ON lokkr*

lock Fastening *AS loc* cf Ger *lock* hole orig shut up place ON *lok lid* In river sense from c 1300 The *lock* of a gun, first in *firelock* must orig have resembled that of a door (cf Ger *clö* in both senses)

Hence *locker lockets* the latter is *F loquet* latch of Teut origin

The gunner is to ba his sh t lock
ery p ecc (*VED* 642)

Heaving the est into D vid Jones & Locke
th sea

(Roberts 1. 1 7 6 p 4 ce also p 84)

lockram [archaic] Fabric *OL locrenan* from *Loc onan* (Finstr) se cell of St Ronan where formerly made

locomotive Suggested by *L. phrae n l o moiri* Orig philos term current sense for *locomotive engine* dating from c 1830

locum tenens *L.* place holding In *MedL* of any deputy Cf *lieutenant*

locus *L.* place *Locus standi* is app mod

locust *F locuste L. locusta* locust (q.v.)

locust The *locust* bear carob translates *G aspis* locust applied to the pod from some fancied resemblance

location *F L. locutio-n* from *loqu* *loc* to speak

lode Graphic var of *load* (q.v.) preserving etym. sense of course direction e.g. in mining and locally of watercourse etc Hence *lodestar* (Crauc) guiding star (cf *ON leitharsjarna* Ger *leitstern*) and *lode stone* (16 cent) magnet The former is one of Scott's revivals With the latter cf synon Du *zeilsteen* from *zeilen* to sail

lodge *F logs OHG lauha* (la'ia) porch

lobby etc whence *ModGer laube* summer house etc cf *It. loggia* from Ger See *lobby* Prob cogn with *lift* and *leave* but not with Ger *laub* leaf though associated with it in *ModGer* sense of arbour

Use in Freemasonry and other societies comes from *lodge*, being used (14 cent) of

th shop in which the freemason (q.v.) worked Current sense of *lodge* is in Shaks (*Henry 4* 1. 1) Verb was orig

trans cf to *lodge a sin of envy* (complaint etc)

Lik to th manner is com by t repeat *lodge* d
(2 H 11. 1)

loess [geog] Dust deposit Ger dial from *los loose*

loft *ON* *loft* cogn with *AS lyft* as upper region Ger *loft* air Hence *air lift* *loft* in iron preserving etym sense In

ML and later a gen term for upper room attn See *lift*

It e ried ham p i to kett (*Voly* ma 1 m where b bod f A g h. t)

log Late *ME logge* of about same age and meaning as *log* *1* Norw *las* *ON* *lög*

felled tree, cogn with *he*¹ Presumably introduced with timber from Norway A ship's *log* is the same word, the apparatus being a quadrant of wood weighted so as to float upright But some derive the naut *log* from Arab *lauh*, plank, tablet Hence *log-book*, orig for recording rate of progress, and verb to *log*, enter in book *Log-rolling* (US) was orig used of cooperative effort in building log-huts (*You roll my log and I'll roll yours*) *Logwood* is imported in logs

Stuffe called logwood alias blockewood

(NED 1581)

*log*² [*Bibl*] Measure for liquids (*Lev* xiv 24)

Heb *lōg*, about three-quarters of pint

logan-berry First cultivated by Judge *Logan* (US)

logan-stone For *logging-stone*, from Corn dial *log*, to rock

logarithm Coined (1614) by Napier of Merchiston, from G *λόγος*, word, ratio, *ἀριθμός*, number

logger-head First (Shaks) in sense of block-head, jolter-head, etc App from *log*¹ In naut lang orig a bar-shot with cannon-ball each end Hence to be at *logger-heads*, cf *daggers drawn*

You logger-headed and unpolished grooms

(*Shrew*, iv 1)

loggia See *lodge*

logic F *logique*, MedL *logica* (sc *arts*), G *λογική* (sc *τέχνη*), art of reasoning, from *λόγος*, word, speech, reason

logie [*theat*] Sham jewellery of zinc From inventor's name

logistics [*mil*] Art of quartering troops.

F *logistique*, from *loger*, to lodge

logogram, logograph Sign representing word, G *λόγος* Cf *logograph*, word-puzzle, F *logographe*, from G *γρίφος*, fishing-net, riddle, *logomachy*, word-strife, G *λογομαχία*, from *μάχη*, contest, *logotype* (typ), as *logogram*

-logue F, G *-λογος*, from *λέγειν*, to speak

-logy F *-logie*, G *-λογία*, from *λόγος*, word, discourse (vs) Cf *'ology*

loin OF *loigne* (*longe*), VL **lumbea*, from *lumbus*, loin

loiter Cf Du *leuteren*, earlier *loteren*, "morari" (Kil), also, to totter, dawdle, cogn with Ger *lotter*, in *lotterbube*, wastrel, *hedeulich, lüderlich*, debauched, and obs E *lither*

loll App imit of dangling movement Cf

obs Du *lullebaeck*, couch, lounge *Lollop*

is a natural elaboration There was also an obs *lull*, expressing a lighter sense

His [the wood-pecker's] long tongue doth lill,
Out of the cloven pipe of his hornie bill

(Sylv 1 5)

Lollard [*hist*] Obs Du *lollaerd*, from *lollen*, to mutter, mumble, cf *lull* Orig applied (c 1300) to a Catholic fraternity who devoted themselves to care of sick and funeral rites of poor, later to other orders, with suggestion of hypocrisy Cf *hist* of *beggar Loller* (v 1) is slightly earlier in E The name was punningly explained, by opponents, from L *lotum*, tare, cockle (v 1)

"This Loller here wol prechen us somwhat "

"Nay, by my fader soule that shal he nat!"

Seyde the Shipman, "here shal he nat preche,

He shal no gospel glosen here, ne teche

We leven alle in the grete God," quod he,

"He wolde sowen som difficulte,

Or sprengen cokkel in our clene corn"

(Chauc B 1177)

lollipop From child-lang Cf dial *lolly*, tongue

lollipops sweet lozenges purchased by children

(Grose)

lollop See *loll*

Lombard F, It *Lombardo*, Late L *Lan-gobardus*, long-beard, from Ger tribe which conquered and named Lombardy Some authorities explain it as long-axe, with second element as in *halberd* (q v) Earliest *Lombards* in E were Italian money-lenders and bankers, whence *Lombard St* See *China*

I lerned amonge Lumbardes and Jewes a lessoun,
To wey pens [i e pence] with a pyns

(*Piers Plowm* B v 242)

London pride Orig (c 1600) equivalent to *sweet william* ² From flourishing in London gardens

lone Aphet for *alone* (q v) Hence *lonely, lonesome* Now poet exc in to *play a lone hand*, orig at the obs card-game quadrille

*long*¹ Adj AS *lang* Com Teut, cf Du, Ger *lang*, ON *langr*, Goth *laggs*, cogn with L *longus*, whence F *long*, which has also contributed to our word In the *long run* was earlier (17 cent) at the *long run*, app adapted from F. à la *longue* The *longbow* was distinguished from the crossbow With fig sense of to *draw the longbow* cf mod to *throw the hatchet* *Longcloth* is

calico manufactured in 1 ng pieces *Lon*
drawn out is after Milton

He loves you w / th e s the short a d th long
(Herr B e l l e)

M y a w i d g h o u t
O f l a n k d a e e t e t l e n g d e n o t (1 1 / 2 1 4)

long² Verb AS *langian* to grow long
Mod sense is from impers use of *lang*
me tride I long lit it is slow to me and
Norw Dan *langer* (reflex) also orig
impers

Ilm wil' sene long thar aft r (NED c w)
d'ns ta d' gus I th'k I g till (Cot)

long In *endlong* ON *endlongr* But in *head*
low *sidelong* substituted for *long*² (a v.)

longanimity Late L. *longanim* has on *na*
animi after G. *unanim* "

longevity \downarrow to \downarrow acvitas from acvitas (act) age

longinquity L. *longinquitas* from *longus* *ignis* *us*
from *longus* Cf *per* *pinguis*

longitude I longitudo from lon us Cl
latitude In Chau

long-shore Aphet. for *along shore* Cf *cross country* for *across*

loo (*archaic*) For earlier *lurkerloo* & *lant melu*
meaningless refrain of popular song temp
Fich bee Cf *hill bul etc*

looby ? Cf *lob* in *ber*. But P *Lulm* a proper name ult from *lupus* wolf was in OI an abusive nickname for a drunk or friar and earl's sense of looby (*Piers Plowman*) is filler loafer.

loofah Arab *luffa* plant with fibrous pods from which flesh & rushes are prepared.

look AS / ɪ ʒ n of G r dial lugen to look
out To lo k sharp meant orig to look
shar p(ly) (to something being done) Verbr
to look back (earlier behind on) in sense of
unchecked success is perh from racer
leading easily With to look down on (up
k.) cf desp e re feet

It is the period of the life of an Englishman to be at the very best a gamester (Deane M. Canby)

loom¹ For weaving AS *gelōma* implement
used of any kind (obs Du *aliam*
(vercoull e) with pref^x as in AS *andw-*
man (pl) used its apparatus

loom? Vert Onb (100) naut. and app
in mod sense of indis nt atmosph
effect ? of Onb h'ma to gleam onb n
with 15 h'ma ray of light

knowing an individual appears of any date
of port as the sea-coast beyond the
the island in the world (1)

loon¹ Lout etc In early Sc (15 cent)
rogue e.g. *false loon* Later senses prob
associated with loon² Origin unknown

loom S a bird. Farther also *loom*. ON
1 m? cf Du *loom* lame clumsy. Irob
assimilated to *loom*¹ in its later sense.

loony (slang) For *lunatic* associated with
loot

loop From c 1400 Cf ael Ir *lú* ben 1
ult cogn with sl p (i v) cf Ger *schl* *ff*
loch a starting, a loop-hole (Ludw)
from *schluffen* to slip We still have this
sense of loop hole in *leave one no loop*
hole Loop *g* the *loop* orig of switch bar
performance is not in VLD

It is a loop if it is a max of the loop of
back false loop hold Se b)

loose Adj ON *lús* cogn with AS *lās* (whence obs *lease* *loose*) and with *lōs* (qv) cf Du Ger *los* *es* *en* *lo* *r* *he* *i* a *lōs* *e* *f* *h* At a loose end without employment su gets freedom from teth s Verb is from adj cf Ger *lōs* from *h* Nonn *loose* is obs etc, in to g *r* *e* a loose to one s *feeling* (k. angut)

loosestrife Plant Early herbalists transl
of late L. *Lyimachion* G. ἀσμαχίων
from pers name λ μαχος from λ to
loose μανν strife

loot Hindi *lūt* ? from Sanskrit *lūṭ* to rob

Hyd r Alu tr ggers r looties t) y w
suled, committed uch repe t d d ed t
(Black s Memo) t

Joover See **Joover**

lop To cut. Skeat quotes *as I fpe de them* from an AS chart r which points to an AS verb *loppian*. Perh connected with *loaf* as *as I fpe ne* = apply esp. to removal of pen l nt branches in contrast to *lopping* or *cropping*.

top³ To hang loosely as in the case of the
sides of the top³ to be laid in the
was as in the case of the sides of the top³

lope loup ON *hizupa* to lean run of her
La fen an lacc i t p e fu i t u p e Cur
rent appl ation t w li hle trot s r ents
associat on with Si l v w li L i t u

lephiodon The 1 an mal From C A
crest al cr m 1 fm

loquacious I'm a big talker I'm from
I just to speak

loquat In t Ct (Curt m d at, but Am f
ru h yan

lorcha no 1 Port Chinese rigged vessel
with hull on Tarpa muel Oti a on
known.

lord AS *hlāfweard*, *hlāford*, loaf-ward, cf *lady* (q v) and AS *hlāf-ēta*, servant, lit loaf-eater Orig master of the house, husband, application to the Deity being due to its translating L *dominus*, G *κύριος*, cf *Lord's Supper*, L *caena dominica*. Sense of noble appears in ME, and *drunk as a lord*, to *live like a lord* are recorded in 17 cent Verb to *lord* is in *Piers Plowm*

lore¹ Knowledge, etc. AS *lār*, cogn with *learn* (q v), cf Du *leer*, Ger *lehre* Orig what is taught, doctrine

lore² [biol] Strap-like appendage to face L *lorum*, strap

lorette F, Parisian courtesan, from residence near church of *Notre Dame de Lorette* (*Loretto*)

lorgnette, lorgnon F, from *lorgner*, to look askance, from OF *lorgne*, squinting, of unknown origin

loricate [biol] Armoured From L *lorica*, coat of mail, from *lorum*, strap (cf *cuirass*)

lorikeet Small lory (q v) After *parraheet*

lormer, loriner [hist] Maker of metal parts of harness Still in title of City Company, and as surname, cf *Latimer*, for *latiner*. OF *lorenier*, *lorenier* (*lormier*), from L *lorum*, strap, thong

loriot Bird F, for OF *l'oriot*, with agglutination of art See *oriole*

loris "Ceylon sloth" Through F from Du *loeres*, from *loer*, clown

lorn. Archaic p p of obs *leese*, to lose (q v), cf *forlorn*

I'm a lone lorn creatur (*David Copperfield*, ch iii)

lorry Also *lurry* A 19 cent railway word of unknown origin It is perh a metath of *rolley*, *rulley*, recorded somewhat earlier in sense of "tram" in coal-mining Words of this type are orig in local use (cf *bogie*, *trolley*) ? Or cf Norw *lorje*, lighter, earlier *lodje*, of Russ origin Obs *loribus* or *lorry-bus* was coined May 31, 1919

lory Bird Malay *lūrī*, also (correctly) *nūrī*

lose AS *losian*, to be lost Orig intrans, mod sense coming from impers use (cf *like*, *loathe*) and from association with cogn *leese*, AS *lēosan* (in compds), which it has supplanted *Leese* occurs in AV. (1 Kings, xviii 5) where mod editions have *lose*, cf Du *verliezen*, Ger *verheren*, Goth *fralusan* With *leese*, *lorn*, cf Ger *verheren* (OHG *firhosan*), *verloren*, and E *was, were*

loسل [archaic] Good-for-nothing Also *lorel*.

From p p *losen*, *loren*, of obs *leese*, to lose (q v) Cf older sense of *brothel* (q v).

loss Rather a back-formation from *lost* than from AS *los*, which is found only in dat, as in *to lose weorthan*, to come to destruction, cf ON *los*, breaking-up of army *At a loss* was orig of a hound losing the scent (cf *at fault*).

lot AS *hlōt*, rendering L *sors*, *portio* Com Teut, cf Du *lot*, and, with different ablaut, Ger *loos*, ON *hlutr*, Goth *hlauts* Adopted from Teut into Rom langs, e g F *lot*, whence some senses of E *lot*, It *lotto*, chance, lottery, whence the name of a game, It *lotteria*, whence E *lottery* Orig the object (counter, die, straw, etc) used in drawing (casting) lots, AS *weorpan hlōt* (see *warp*), cf. *the lot fell upon*, to cast in *one's lot with*, orig of sharing plunder (Prov 1 14), to have neither *part* nor *lot* in (Acts, viii. 21) Hence applied to tract of land orig assigned by lot, cf. *allotment* and US *building-lot*, etc Sense of quantity in gen from 16 cent A *bad lot*, applied to a person, is from the auction-room (cf a *hard bargain*)

lota [Anglo-Ind] Copper jug Hind, Sanskrit *lohita*, copper

Lothario, gay Lady-killer Character in Rowe's *Fair Penitent* (1703) The name had previously been used for a similar character in Davenant's *Cruel Brother* (1630)

lotion L *lotio-n-*, from *lavare*, *lot-*, to wash

lottery See *lot*

lotto See *lot*

lotus L, G *λωτός*, in legend of lotus-eaters (*Odyssey*, ix 90 ff), later identified with Egypt water-lily and other plants *Lotus-eaters* was app coined by Tennyson (1832) from *lotophagi*.

loud AS *hlūd* WGer., cf Du *luid*, Ger. *laut*, cogn with Goth *hluma*, hearing, ON. *hljómr*, sound, G *κλυτός*, renowned, from *ἀλύνειν*, to hear, L *inclutus*, from *clūere*, to be famous, cf OIr *cloth*, Sanskrit *sruta* For application to colours, manners, etc, cf F *criard*

lough E form (14 cent) of Ir *loch* or Welsh *llwch* See *loch*

louis Com. F. *louis d'or*; also furniture (*Louis quinze*, etc) From various kings of France The name is ident with *Clouis*, *Chlodowig*, OHG *Hlūdwīc* (*Ludwig*), whence It *Ludovico*, lit famous in war, as G *Cytlomachus* See *loud*

lounge. From c 1500, first in Sc Perh

suggested by obs *lurgis* OF *longis* a dreaming luske drowsie gangrill (Cotg) from *Longius* or *Longinus* apocryphal name of soldier who pierced Christ's side with a spear. This name is perh from a misunderstanding of G *λογγ* lance (*John* xix 34) and its sense was popularly associated with L. *longus*

lun g or *tail ga gr il l* gund (Litt.)

a *lungus* *longurio* (3)

loup See *lope*

lour See *louer*

louse AS *lūs* Com Teut cf Du *luis* Ger *laus* ON *lus*. The analogy of G *φθρ* *ρ* louse from *φθερεω* to destroy has suggested relation between *louse* and *lose*

lout From 16 cent. early examples (*learned and lout lord and lout*) suggesting alteration of *leud* (qv) influenced in current sense by archaic *lout* to bend low AS *lutan*

louer Also *loover luffer louvre*. Of various structures with venetian blind arrangement for passage of smoke air light OF *louer* *louier* from OHG *lauba* (*laube*) whence also *lodje* (qv). The *lodium* by which it is sometimes rendered in medieval glossaries (NED) is prob. an error for *lobium* (see *lobby*). Ger *laube* whence (prob through OF) obs Du *loote* is used of all kinds of wood'n structures attached to a house. Cf Du dial. *luif* a penthouse (Sewell). Some regard these words as ult. cogn. with ON *lopt* (see *loft*)

loov projectur complavi in sug'rand podium menjan in pergul vulg'lot (hul)

lovage Plant ME *loveache* folk etym alteration (*love* and obs *ache* parsley F L *apria*) of OF *levesche* *livesche* (*ludche*) Late L *levisticum* unexplained corrupt of L *ligusticum* from *Liguria*: supposed to be home of plant. In most Europ langs and with extraordinary pervasions e.g. Ger *liebstockel* love stick-el

love AS *lufu* cf obs Du *lieten* to love Ger *hebe* cogn. with L *libet* it pleases Sanskrit *lubh* to desire and also with *leaves*: belief *luf*. The equivalent of *love* or money is found in AS (vi) *There's no love lost between* is recorded since early 17 cent. in two opposite senses of which the less kindly of course survives. *Love* no score (tennis et.) is due to *to play for love* i.e. for nothing which again is evolved from *love* or money (v s). *Love knot* is in

Chauc (A 197) With *love* lo h cf F *accroche-cœur* in same sense. *Loving kind* *ness* was first used by Coverd (Ps xxv 6). Current sense of *lovely* applied indiscriminately to all pleasing material objects from a piece of plum-cake to a Gothic cathedral (Marsh) appears in early ME. For etym sense see *Philip* iv 8 (*Wulg amabilis*)

N f leo [f c] f ane man e i fon

(VED 97)

ho l e b tween those tw was lost

Fa h was to th r k rd

(Bless Blood 7 ent)

Lovelace Lady killer From Richardson's *Clarissa Harlowe* (1748)

low¹ Adj Late AS *lāh* ON *lagr* cf Du *laan* Ger dial *lā*, flat ult cogn. with *lie*². With fig senses cf. those of *high*. To *lie low* in slang sense: from *Uncle Remus* (1880). *Low Churchman* formerly (c 1700) equivalent to latitudinarian was revived in 19 cent. as contrast to *High-Churchman*. *Low Sunday* was perh. named as a reaction from the joys of Easter. In *lowwater* hard up is obviously naut. and may have meant orig. stranded high and dry as left by ebbing tide. The formation of the verb to *lower* (cf to *better*) for obs. to *low* is abnormal? Can it be partly due to naut. attribution of female sex to boats—*Low* her away

H lowyd h m salt takynge the foorm of a serv t (Wy Ph 1 p 11 7)

low² Verb AS *lōwan* cf Du *loesen* MHG *luesen* ON *lōsa* to roar cogn. with L. *clanare*

low³ [geog.] Hill tumulus Common in topography cf *law*²

low⁴ Blaze Chiefly Sc. & north ON *logi* cf Ger *lohe* and *lichte loh* Ult. cogn. with *light*

The taps o the m tal h mmer

I th i w o th s nset ky

(For ley trad A M m llan)

lower To scowl etc. Earlier *low* app. cogn. with Du *loeren* to frown look askance Ger *lauern* to lie in wait (one sense of ME *louren*) and with *lure*. Form and sense have been affected by association with *low*¹

For had h l ghed h d h loared

H moste ha b n l d voured

(Ch c. Hows f p w i 409)

Tb ky red and lowen g [falg railt t trest aelun] (M fl x i 3)

loxodromic [naut.] Of oblique sailing From G *λαός* oblique *δρομος* course

loyal F, L *legalis*, from *lex*, *leg-*, law Current sense, from feudalism, is not found in F. Cf *leal*

lozenge F *losange* (13 cent), app connected with OF *lauze*, roofing slate, Prov *lauza*, slab, tombstone, L *lapides lausiae* (1 cent), cf It *losanga*, Sp *losanje* The origin of *lausiae* is unknown, but MedL *lausia* is also used for *alausa*, flat fish, and the analogy of *rhombus* suggests possible connection between shape of slab and that of a flat fish Orig term of her and later of arch, the cough lozenge being named from shape

losange of spyes Lozenge (Palsg)

L s d Initials of L *librae*, *solidi*, *denarii*, whence F *lires*, *sous*, *deniers*

lubber Earliest (*Piers Ploum*) applied to lazy monks, cf obs *abbey-lubber* Perh OF *lobeor*, deceive, parasite, from *loben*, Ger *loben*, to praise, but associated also with *lob*, *looby*, cf Du *lobbes*, "a clownish fellow" (Sewel) As a sailor's word, now usu *land-lubber*, from 16 cent Hence *lubberland*, land of Cockayne (cf Ger *schlaraffenland*)

coccy's as we say *lubberland* (Flor.)

lubra [Austral] Woman Orig Tasmanian Cf *girl*²

lubricate From L *lubricare*, from *lubricus*, slippery. Much earlier is *lubricity*, used by Chaucer for F *lubricité*, in sense now current

luce Pike (fish) OF *lus*, *lus*, L *lucius* ModF. has *brochet*, from *broche*, spike (cf E *pike*)

lucerne Clover F *luzerne*, ModProv *luzerno*, which also means glow-worm Origin obscure ? From glowing appearance of the flower

lucid F *lucide*, L *lucidus*, from *lux*, *luc-*, light *Lucid interval* is after L pl *lucida intervalla*, common in medieval works on lunacy

Lucifer Morning star L transl of G *φωσφόρος* Also applied, by mystical interpretation of Is xiv 12, to Satan Hence as *proud as Lucifer* Both above senses are in AS *Lucifer match* is a 19 cent. trade-name (cf *vesuvian*)

luck LG or Du *luk*, for *geluk*, cf Ger *glück*, MHG *gelücke* Prob introduced (15 cent) as gambling term, cf *gleek* and to *try one's luck* To cut one's *lucky*, make off, is 19 cent London slang

lucre F, L *lucrum*, gain *Filthy lucre* (Tit 1. 11) is Tynd's rendering of G. *αἰσχροπρεπὴς*

Lucretia. Pattern of chastity From victim of Sextus Tarquinius (Livy, 1. 57-8).

lucubration L *lucubratio-n-*, from *lucubrare*, etym to work by lamp-light, from *lux*, *luc-*, light

Lucullian Of banquets such as those of L *Lucius Lucullus*, Roman epicure and great general (156 B.C.)

lucus a non lucendo Allusion to methods of early etymologists, who sometimes derived words from their opposites, e.g. *lucus*, a grove, from *lux*, because of its darkness

lud Minced pronunc of *lord* Usu of barnster addressing judge

Luddite [hist] Machine-breaker in Midlands and north (1811-16) From *Captain* (King) *Ludd*, imaginary leader (? named as below) Cf *Captain Swing*, *Captain Moonlight*

A quarter of a century before, one Ned Ludd, a half-witted boy in a Leicestershire village, made himself notorious by destroying stocking-frames. The Yorkshire noters chose to take a name from this poor creature

(Low & Pulling, *Dict of Eng Hist*)

ludicrous From L *ludicrus*, from *ludere*, to play

lues [med] Flow, discharge L, from *luere*, to loose

luff¹ [naut] To bring head of ship nearer wind From noun *luff*, ME *lof*, *loof*, F *lof* (in Wace, 12 cent), some contrivance for altering course of ship, cf Du *loef*, Norw Dan *luv*, Sw *lov*, etc. cf OHG. *laffa*, blade of oar, prob cogn with E dial *loof*, hand, cf L *palma*, flat hand, blade of oar

luff² [naut] Lieutenant (q.v.)

luffer See *louer*

lug¹, lugworm Used as bait In Antrim called *lurg*, *lurgan* Origin unknown

lug² Verb Cf Sw *lugga*, to pull hair, from *lugg*, forelock, which is perh the same as Sc *lug*, ear, earlier (15 cent) lappet, or "ear," of cap, ? cogn with AS *lūcan*, to pull up (weeds), Goth *ustlukan*, to lug out (one's sword) Hence *luggage* (Shaks)

luge [Ath] Kind of sleigh Earlier *lege* (18 cent), *lige* (1518) Origin unknown

luggage See *lug*²

lugger Back-formation (late 18 cent) from *lugsail* (17 cent), ? for **luck-sail*, transl of F *voile de fortune*, cf obs E *bonaventure*, used of the same, or a similar, sail

lugsail *voile de fortune* (Lesc)

lugubrious From L *lu ubris* from *lug re* to mourn

Luke St *Luke's* summer spell of warm weather about St *Luke's* Day Oct 18

lukewarm From obs *luke* tepid ME *leuk* Cf Du *leuk* in same sense ME had also *lew* whence dial *lew* warm from AS *leow* shelter lee cogn with Ger *lau* lukewarm ON *hlyr* warm mild The relation of the two words is obscure Th u art l w (a *leuk* vulg tepidus) dn ther coold nethu hoot (Wyc. Ren i 16)

lull Inut cf Sw *lulla* Dan *lulle* in same sense also L *lulla* c See *Lolard* With *lullaby* cf *hushaby* and see *bye-bye*

lumbago L from *lumbus* loin Cf *limba* L *lumbra*

lumber Earliest (MF *louere*) is verb of clumsy blundering movement perh cogn with *lum* of which *lome* is a common MF var Later associated with *Lumber* Lombard *lumbe* *loure* pawnbroker's shop regarded as store house of disused articles cf *Lumber Street* (Pepys Sep 16 1669) for Lombard Street and see Lombard Amer sense of rough timber is recorded for 17 cent Thus *lumber* means orig trampery with idea of unwieldiness due to association with unrelated verb For intrusive -b of verb cf *slumber*

lumbical Of or resembling in shape an earthworm L *lumbicus*

luminous F *luminer* v L *luminosus* from *lumen* *lumin* light cogn with *lux*

lump Aggregation of no particular shape Nearest in sense are obs Dan *lup* lump Norw & Sw dial *lump* block etc Cf Du *lump* rag Ger *lupfen* rag Origin unknown

lump¹ F h Also *lump-fish* Pr b from *lump*¹ from uncouth shape but found in Du & LG earlier than in F

lump² Verb Now only (colloq) in contrast with *like* Orig (16 cent) to look sour and in early quotes u u c opld with *lower* (q v) from whi h it may have been coined after *lump grumb* etc

lunar L *lunaris* from L *luna* moon Lun r gai tic fused nitrate of silver r from *luna* silver (alch)

Sol gold i a d i nasal r w threpe

(Cha G 826)

lunatic F *lunatique* Late L *lunatus* from *luna* from bel of that lunatics were moon struck Abbreviated *loony* shows association with *loony*¹

lunch luncheon Both words are of same date (late 16 cent) and it is prob that *luncheon* was extended from *lunch* by analogy with *punch* con *trunch-eon* Earliest sense of both is lump chunk (see quot s v *trunch-eon*) and it is supposed that *lunch* may be for *lump* by analogy with *hump* *hunch* But it is curious that the word (*lunch*) first appears as a rendering of th (at that time) like sounding Sp *lonja* (VLD) which is ult i lnt with *lon* The date of appearance favours Sp origin

lo *la de loc* a lu ch of b on (Pe cyval)

lup l mp ag bbet als heo (Hilbyband 180)

lundyfoot Snuff From *Lundy Foot* Dublin tobac onst (18 cent)

lune (*arcate*) Larch for hawk MF also *loyne* Ol *loune* (lunge) Late L long length of cord

funette [fort] F dim of *lune* moon cf *half moon* in similar sense

lung AS *lingen* cf Du *long* Ger *lunge* ON *lunga* ult cogn with *light* Cf *lungs* and Port *leve* lung

It was s g of Lord Chatham th t th prk wre th l g of London

(W dh m i H of C. 804)

lunge¹ Long tether for training horses to gallop in circle F *lunge* halter as *lune* (q v)

lunge² In fencing Aphet for earlier *lunge* elongate from F *allonger* to lengthen stretch out from lung

al ap rorthru tw th xpi (Job)

lunkah St ong cheroot Hind *la* *la* name of islands in Godavery Delta where tobacco is gr wn

Lupercal (A i) Roman festival L *Lupercalis* from *Lupercus* priests of some forms of nature-worship lit well expellers from ar tr to k ep d stant

lupine lupin Plant L *linus* from *lin* wolf ? or from G *lupos* pool altered by l l k etym

lupus Skin disease L wolf Cf *canis* *canis* *canis*

lurch¹ leave in the From obs game *lurch* supposed to have resembled back game n F *louch* cf *It lurch* *lurch* from G r dial *li x* as in *li x* we d n t l o d i c o m fixed in a game *lurch* for *lurch* left the left hand being emblematic of bad luck (cf *luster*) Lu *lin* is recorded c 1350

But to *leave in the lash*, copiously recorded some years earlier than to *leave in the lurch*, suggests some connection with F *lâcher*, to let go, as in ModF *lâcher un ami*, to leave a friend in the lurch. See also *lurch*². Prob. two words have amalgamated. Ger *im stiche lassen*, to leave in the lurch, is from *stich* in sense of score in card-playing. I'll play still, come out what will, I'll never give over 't the lurch (*Misogonus*, II 4, c 1550).

lurch² Roll to one side. Orig. naut. and recorded as *lee-larch* (Falc.), which is for earlier *lee-latch* (v 1), app. from F *lâcher*, to let go, VL **lariare*, from *laxus*. Cf. also naut. *lask*, to go large, representing the OF form (*laschner*) of the same verb. As used of gait, partly due to archaic *lurch*, to prowl, whence *lurcher* (q v).

lee latch when he who conds would bid the man at helm to look that the ship does not go to leeward of her course, he bids him have a care of the lee-latch (*Sea Dict* 1708).

lurcher From archaic *lurch*, to prowl about, which, in later (but now obs.) sense of forestalling, is associated with *lurch*¹. Supposed to be a var. of *lurk* (q v).

lurcher one that lies upon the lurch, or upon the catch, also a kind of dog used in hunting (Kersey).

lurdan [archaic] Lout, sluggard. OF *lourdin*, from *lourd*, heavy, cf. ModF *lourdaud*.

lourdaut a sot, dunce, dullard, grotnoll, jobernoll, blockhead, a lowt, lob, luske, boore, clowne, churle, clusterfist, a proud, ignorant, and unmannerlie swaine (Cotg.).

lure F *leurre*, "a (faulkoners) lure" (Cotg.), MHG *luoder* (*luder*), bait. Orig. of enticement to hawk to return.

O for a falconer's voice, To lure this tassel gentle back again (*Rom & Jul* II 2).

lurid L *luridus*, yellowish, wan, cogn. with G *χλωρός*. As is common in colour-words the sense has changed considerably, e.g. in *lurid light* (*language*).

lurid pale, wan, black, and blew (Blount).

lurk ? Frequent of *lour*, with suffix as in *talk*, *walk*.

luscious ME *lucius*, var. of *lecius*, apht. for *delicious*. Sense affected by association with *lush*¹.

lush¹ Adj. As applied to grass, etc., a reminiscence of Shaks (v 1). App. for ME and dial. *lash*, flaccid, F *lâche*, L *laxus*. For change of vowel cf. *lurch*².

lasch, or *to fresh*, *onsavery* vapidus, insipidus (*Prompt Parv*).

lush, or *slak* *laxus* (ib.).

How lush and lusty the grass looks (*Temp* II 1).

lush² [slang] Drink. First in slang dict. of late 18 cent. ? Shella *lush*, to eat and drink.

The commander of the forces expects that no man will remain, on any pretence whatever, in the rear, with the lush (*Charles O'Malley*, ch. cv).

Lushington [slang] Thirsty person. "The City of Lushington was a convivial society which met at the Harp, Russell St, up to 1895, and claimed to be 150 years old" (abridged from *NED*). If this claim is correct, *lush*² may be abbreviated from *Lushington*, but it is more probable that the selection of the name *Lushington* was determined by *lush*².

And, after all, when a chaplain is named Lushington (E V Lucas).

Lusitanian Of *Lusitania*, L. name of Portugal.

lust AS *lust*, pleasure, delight, enjoyment. Com. Teut., cf. Du Ger *lust*, ON *loste*, Goth *lustus*, cogn. with *lust*², *lustless*. Current sense, peculiar to E, is due to *lusts of the flesh*, in early use to render L *concupiscentia carnis* (1 John, II 16). Hence *lusty*, which has run through a series of senses, beginning with joyful (cf. Ger *lustig*) and ending with burly.

Thou haddist lust in this lyfe, and Lazar payne (Wyc.).

lustration Purification. L *lustratio-n*, from *lustrum*, purificatory sacrifice every five years after census, from *luere*, to wash, cogn. with *lavare*. *Lustrum*, period of five years, is secondary sense.

lustre¹ Brightness. F, from L *lustrare*, to shine, cogn. with *lux*, light. Sense of chandelier is current. F meaning Cf. *lutestring*, *illustrious*.

lustre² Space of five years. F, L *lustrum*. See *lustration*.

lustring See *lutestring*.

lusty See *lust*.

lute¹ Instrument. OF *lut* (*luth*), It. *luto*, Arab. *al'ūd*, lit. the (aloe) wood. Turk. for lute is *ūd*. Cf. Sp. *laud*, Port. *alaude*, also Du. *lut*, Ger. *laute*.

It is the little rift within the lute (Tennyson, *Merlin and Vivien*, 240).

lute² Clay for caulking, etc. F *lut*, L *lutum*, from *luere*, to wash down.

luteous Deep orange colour. From L *luteus*, from *lutum*, a yellow dye-plant.

lutestring Folk-etym. for *lustring*, F *lustre*, It. *lustrino*, as *lustre*¹ (q v).

lustring, or *lutestring* a sort of silk (Kersey).

Lutetian Of Paris *L. Lutetia Parisiorum*
Lutheran From *Marlin Luther* (†1546)
 Orig equivalent to Protestant now limited
 to spec doctrines The name is ident with
 Γ *Lothar OHIC Illut hkr* famous army
luxation Dislocation *F L luxatio* n from
luxa e from *luxus* from *G λοφος* askew
 cf Γ *louche* s jutting
luxury *AF luxurie L luxuria* from *luxus*
 abundance Earliest *L* sense is that of
 lasciviousness as in *Rom lings* which
 exp ess neutral *E* sense by derivatives of
L lerus cf *ModF luxre* luxury *luxure*
 lust etc
laxum is *l* *heri* *l* *t u* *cl* *annes* *f* *l* *e* *l* *xu* *is*
 (*Flor*)

LXX Abbrev for *S plusq;int* (q v)
ly *AS lic* to form nouns and adjs *lice*
 to form advs *Id nt* with *like* (q v) and
 cogn with *lich* in *liehgate* cf *Du lyh* *Ger*
l ch *Sw* *Norw* *Dan lig* (from *ON ligr*)
Goth leiks It is curious that *Tent* uses
 body for the adv formation while *Rom*
 uses mind eg *F constamment* = *L*
constanti mente

lyam hound [*archaic*] See *lime hound*
lycanthropy Insanity in which patient be-
 lieves himself a wolf *G λυκανθρωπια* from
λ os wolf & *θρωπος* man Cf *werewolf*

lyceum *L G A λυον* garden where *Aris*
 totle taught at Athens adjacent to temple
 of Apollo one of whose epithets was
Au los For *lat r* senses cf *academy*
athenaeum Hence Γ *lyce* public school

lych See *lich*

lychns Plant *L G λ χνς* some red
 flower from λ *χνος* lamp

lycopodium Plant lit wolf foot See *ly*
canthropy *t spod*

lydd *Inv* by Turpin and first tested
 (c 1888) at *Lydd* Kent

Lydford law See *law* From *Lydford* (*Dart*
moor) where was held a Stannaries Court
 of summary jurisdiction Mentioned in
Piers Plowm

Lydford law is *t h* *g men* first *a d* *d t* *th m*
 afterwarl (*B*) unt)

Lydian Of *Lydia* kingdom of Croesus in
 Asia Minor Applied in *G* to a mode of
 music regarded as effeminate

lye *AS lrag* Com Teut cf *Du loog* *Ger*
luge *ON lzi* cogn with *lather*

lyke wake [*archaic*] Watch over dead body
 See *l ch* wake

lymph *L. lymphia* water colourless fluid

altered from *lympa o ine* to a legendary
 connection with *my npl* Hen e *lymphat c*
 orig frenzied mad but now applied to
 the sluggish t mperament supposed to re-
 sult from excess of lymph in tissues

lynch law Earlier (1817) *Lynch s law* Con-
 nection with *Charles Lyn h* a Virginian
 justice of the peace indemnified (182) for
 having summarily imprisoned certain per-
 sons s conjectual only Another and
 more likely suggestion is that the phrase
 comes from *Lynch s Creek* (S Carolina)
 which is known to have been a meeting
 place of the Regulators as early as 1768
 This would make the phrase parallel to
Lydford law *Jeddart justice* (cf to *shan*
hai)

lynx *L G λ γξ* cogn with *AS lox* *Du*
los *Ger luchs* anl prob with *G λ σ*
 to see Earliest records (v1) allude to
 keenness of sight Hence *lynceus* sharp
 sighted

A best th t men *lyn* call

Th t m y s th rgh t e walles (VED 34)

lyon In *Jyon King of Arns* chief herald of
 Scotland in allusion to lion on shield

lyre *F L lra* al o the name of a con-
 stellation *G λ πα* Hence *lyric-al* orig
 poetry to be sung to the lyre

M For 1000 Init of *L mille* thousand But
 orig for symbol CIO (see *D*) an alteration
 of the *G φ*

ma 19 cent abbrev of *ma ma* (q v)

ma am For *madam* (q v) Cf *US* (school)
marm and Anglo-Ind *mem sahib*

Mac facet for Scotsman Gael *Ir ac*
 son cogn with Welsh *ap* (earlier *map*)
 See also *mas t*

macabre *F* earlier *macabré* in *danse Ma*
cabré (14 cent) dance of death App
 corrupt of *Maccabreus* cf *Medl clorea*
Ma labatorium (15 cent) dance of death

L d d t tes *Dances ma bres est l m me*
c t légal té d s hommes dev t la mort l
ni ellen est d clin tit e appliq é x éccras tes
inté l té d l le (*P l de saint V tor*)

macaco Monkey *Port* from native name
 (Congo) Hence *F macaque*

macadam Road paving introduced by *J L*
McAdam (†1836)

macaroni *It. maccheroni* (*naccaroni* in *Fl r*)
 pl of *macche o e* Old doubtful origin perh
 from obs *It maccare* to pound Hence
macaro 18th cent blood belonging
 to *Macaroni Club* (v1) and professing con

tempt for native cooking *Macaronic poetry*, usu jargonized Latin, was invented (1517) by Merlino Cocconus (Teofilo Folengo), who likened his work to the culinary macaroni

The Macaroni Club, which is composed of all the travelled young men who wear long curls and spying-glasses (H Walpole)

macaroon F *macaron*, It *maccherone* (vs) *macartney* Pheasant From Earl Macartney (†1806)

macassar Oil from *Manghasara*, district in Celebes, one of the Philippines Cf *anti-macassar*

macaw Port *macao*, for Tupi (Brazil) *macaiana* The form is prob due rather to some fancied connection with *Macao*

macaw-palm Of Carib origin, cf *macoya*, *mocaya*, its name in Guiana

maccaboy, maccabaw, mackabaw Snuff From *Macouba*, in Martinique

mace¹ Weapon F *masse*, VL **mattea*, whence L *matteola*, mallet, cf It *mazza*, "a clubbe" (Flor), Sp *maza* In House of Commons as symbol of authority

mace² Spice, husk of nutmeg False sing from ME *macis*, F, L *macis*, recorded only in Plautus, and prob invented by him

macédoine Mixed dish F, lit Macedonia, ? from empire of Alexander being regarded as a miscellaneous collection

macerate From L *macerare*, to steep, ? cf G *μάσσω*, to steep Sense of fasting app due to association with L *macer*, thin

machete, matchet Heavy WInd cutlass Sp, dim of *macho*, hammer, L *martulus*

Machiavellian Of Niccolò Machiavelli (†1527), of Florence, author of *Il Principe*

machicolation [arch] From F *machicoulis*, aperture for dropping melted lead, etc, on assailants of castle Second element app as in *porticulis* (q v), first doubtful

machine F., L *machina*, G *μηχανή*, from *μήχος*, contrivance, ult cogn with *may* In all Rom & Teut langs Earliest (15 cent) as verb, to contrive, plot, as F *machiner*. For extended senses cf *engine*. The party machine is from US politics. *Machine-gun*, "an invention of the Devil" (Sir Ian Hamilton), is recorded for 1890

-machy G *-μαχία*, from *μάχεσθαι*, to fight mackerel OF *maquerel* (*maquereau*) Prob ident with F *maquereau*, pander, from a popular belief as to the habits of the fish ? The latter ult from OFris *mele*, marriage

mackinaw [US] Blanket, etc Name of island between Lakes Huron and Michigan mackintosh Waterproof cloth patented (1823) by Charles Mackintosh The name means son of thethane

macle [mun] Dark spot, twin crystal. F, L *macula*, spot

macramé Turk *maqrāma*, towel, napkin macrocosm F *macrocosme* (c 1200), MedL., G *μακρός*, great, long, *κόσμος*, world, coined on the earlier *microcosm* (q v)

mactation L *mactatio-n-*, from *mactare*, to slay

maculate From L *maculare*, from *macula*, spot

mad AS *mād*, only in compd *mādmōd*, folly, so that the mod word is rather aphet for AS *gemād*, shortened from *gemāded*, pp of an unrecorded verb Cf hist of *fat*, and perh of *bad* Cogn with OHG *gameri*, foolish, Goth *gamaris*, crippled, and ult with L *mutare*, to change The usual AS adj was *wōd*, whence obs. *wood* (v 1), which is one origin of the name *Wood* With *madman* cf *foeman*, *freshman*, *nobleman* With *madcap*, first in Shaks (*Love's Lab Lost*, II 1), cf obs *fuddlecap*, *huffcap* Far from the madding crowd (*Gray's Elegy*) is usu misunderstood as maddening, whereas it means raving The line is imitated from Drummond of Hawthornden (v 1)

Festus with greet vois seyde, Poul, thou maddist, or weixist wood (Wyc *Acts*, xxvi 24)

Far from the madding worldling's hoarse discords (Sonnet, *Dear Wood*)

madame F, orig *ma dame*, my lady, L *ma domina* The earliest E example (13 cent.) is in addressing a queen, the word, in its gradual descent to 'm, never having quite lost its suggestion of respect

madder, AS *mædere*, cogn with ON *mathra*, cf Du *mede*, *mee* (in compd. *meekrap*)

madeira Wine from *Madeira Islands*, named from timber, Port *madeira*, L *materia*, because formerly thickly wooded *Madera cake* perh from being orig flavoured with the wine

mademoiselle. F., orig. *ma demoiselle* See *damsel*

madia Plant of sunflower tribe From Chilian *madī*

madonna It, orig. *ma (mia) donna* As *madame* (q v)

madrasah Mohammedan college. Arab *madrasah*, from *darasa*, to study.

madrepore Coral F *madrépore* It *madrepora* from *madre* mother and a second element which may be from L *porus* pore or C *poros* calcareous stone

madrigal F It *madrigale* perh from L *matricale* from *mater* *matr* mother 'A song in the mother tongue

Maecenas Liberal patron From name of friend of Augustus and patron of Horace and Virgil

Mals sans n *Mécén* à quoi sert un A gust ? (Boal)

maelstrom Du *maelstroom* earlier *maelstroom* whirlpool from *malen* to grind (cogn with Ger *mahlen* and ult with L *molere*) and *stroom* stream Applied by 16 cent Du geographers to the famous whirlpool on the west coast of Norway and adopted as a literary word by the Scand langs

maenad Bacchante L G *μαῖνας μαῖνυδ-* from *μαί* *σβαί* to rave Cf *minia*

maestoso [mus] It majestic

maestro [mus] It L *maister* master

maffick Back formation from *maffickin* applied to wild rejoicing at relief (May 1900) of *Mafek* n Sift besieged by Boers and defended by Baden Powell Revived in connection with the scenes that disgraced London in Nov 1918

We trust Cape Town will maffick to-day (we mean you) a word (Full Mail Ga M y 2 1900)

mafia Sicilian lawlessness gen understood as name of secret society Origin unknown

Mag Short for *Magaret* as in *magpie* whence *m.* to chatter With *Mais* (M g s) d *le stons* cf earlier *Mag's tiles* the name being used as a generic term for a rough and boisterous woman (but see also *Me*)

magazine F *magasin* It *magazzino* (cf Sp *magacen*) Arab *makhd* in pl of *makhzan* store-house from *akha* *ani* to store up Sp *almacen* Port *armacén* keep the Arab def art Orig warehouse then arsenal etc For adoption of Arab word due to the naut power of the Moors in Middle Ages cf *arsenal* Sense of publication appears first in 17 cent applied to storehouses of techn information on mil or nav subjects The *Gentleman's Magazine* (1731) wa. the first periodical magazine

A monthly collection to treasure p a i a magazine the most remarkable pieces on the subject also mention d (Gent Mag 1 1 ed)

Magdalen-e Mary *Ma daven* G M γαλιλήν of *Magdali* near Sea of Galilee (L ke viii 2) regarded as ident with the sinner (Luke vii 37) See *maudlin* Th *NED* records the word in the sense of hospital refuge from c 1600 only but the name of *Nicholas de Maudeleyne* (Talbot Rolls c 1300) points to its existence much earlier

mage F see *ma*

magenta Aniline dye discovered just after battle of *Magenta* (1859) where Austrians were defeated by French (1859)

maggot Metath perh due to association with name *Ma* (see *ma pie*) of ME *madok* dum of AS *matha* worm *magot* coon with Du Ger *maie* See *maukish* *Maggot* (whum) in the head belongs to the old belief in internal parasites as cause of mental or bodily disturbance cf *mull grubs* and similar use of Ger *grille* grasshopper (see quot s v bee)

magi Pl of L *magi* C *magos* OPers *magus* member of priestly caste *magi* in The three *magi* are mentioned in *Peter's Plume* and *Simon Magus* by Chauc. It is curious to note that Pers *magh* is now used of a taverner the sense of Zoroastrian priest having become contemptuous under the Arabs

magic F *magique* (adj) Late L C *μαγικη* (sc *μαγνη*) from *μαγος* See *magi* *Nat ral mag* as opposed to *black mag* was used in ME almost in sense of natural science *Magic lantern* appears first in F *lanterne magique* (*laterna magica*) in 17 cent

magip See *megip*

magistral MedL *magisterialis* from *magister* must r double compar from *magnum*

magistrate L *magistratus* orig office of *magistrate* from *magister*

magma [geol] Cru te pasty matter G from *μασσω* to knead

magnanimous From L *magnanimus* from *magnus* g ext *animus* soul

magnate Late L *magnas magnat* from *magnus* great Adopted also as spec title in Pol t Hung

magnesia MedL G *μαγνησια* district in Thessaly Applied to the lodestone (cf *ma net*) and to a mineral perh magnetite supposed by alchemist to be an ingredient of the philosophic stone Hence *mag sim* by analogy with other chem. words in *sum*

magnet OF *magnte*, or L *magres*, *magnet-*, G μάγνης, Magnesian stone (v s) In most Europ langs, but replaced in F by *aimant*, adamant *Magnetism*, in hypnotic sense, is due to Mesmer

Magnificat L, magnifies, init word of Virgin's hymn (Luke, i 16-55) Cf *Benedictus*, *Sanctus*, etc

magnificence F, L *magnificentia*, from *magnus*, great, *facere*, to do

magnifico Honorary title of Venet mag-nate (v s)

magniloquent From L *magniloquus*, from *loqui*, to speak

magnitude L *magnitudo*, from *magnus*, great, cogn with G, μέγας, and ult. with *much*

magnolia From *Pierre Magnol* (†1715), professor of botany at Montpellier. Cf *fuchsia*, *dahlia*, etc

magnum Two-quart bottle L *magnum*, neut adj Cf *magnum bonum*, plum, potato, steel pen, also earlier in the bottle sense

A magnum bonum of very palatable claret
(Hickey's *Memoirs*, i 132)

magpie From *pie*¹ (q v) with name *Mag* prefixed Formerly also *Meg-*, *Maggot*, etc Cf F *magot*, magpie, E *robin red-breast*, *dicky bird*, *jackdaw*, etc The magpie at rifle practice is signalled with a black and white disk

pie a pye, pyannat, meggatapie (Cotg)

magus See *magi*

Magyar People and lang of Hungary From native name, prob meaning mountain-dwellers, the race coming from the Ural The lang belongs to the Uralo-Finnic group

maharajah Hind, Sanskrit *mahārājā*, great king, cogn with L *magnus rex*

mahatma Sanskrit *mahātman*, from *mahā*, great (v s), *ātman*, soul First NED records in connection with Madame Blavatsky

mahdi Arab *mahdī*, passive part of *hadā*, to lead aright Applied to Soudan insurgent leader c 1880, but in earlier use in sense of Mohammedan Messiah

The test of the validity of the claims of a Mahdi is always held by his followers to reside in his success (*Morn Post*, Feb 13, 1918)

mahlstick See *maulstick*

mahogany Earlier (1671) *mohogeney*, described as from Jamaica Of obscure Wind origin In several Europ langs

but F. has *acajou*, from Port (Brazil), and Sp. *caoba*, from Carib

Mahometan From *Mahomet*, early popular form of Arab *Muhammad*, cf F. *mahométan*. Now usu replaced by *Mohammedan* Earlier still (13 cent) the prophet was called *Mahoun*(d) from OF, shortened form *Mahon*. Cf also obs *maumet*, idol, doll

mahout Elephant-driver Hind *māhāwat*, Sanskrit *mahā-mātra*, lit great in measure, hence, high officer Cf. *mahatma*

Mahratti [ling] Lang of the Mahrattas, a form of Hindi

mahseer Fish Hind *māhāsīr*, ? Sanskrit *mahā sīras*, big head

We are now compelled, if we would catch fish, to seek tarpon in Florida, mahseer in India

(Andrew Lang)

maid, maiden *Maid* is shortened from *maiden*, AS *mæden*, girl, virgin, cogn. with OHG *magatīn* (replaced by dim. *mādehen*). With AS *mægth*, which did not survive, cf Ger *magd*, Goth *magaths* All these words are fem derivatives of an OTent word for boy, which appears in AS *magu*, child, son, ON. *mögr*, Goth *magus*, ?ult cogn with Gael *mac* Both *maid* and *maiden* were early applied to the Holy Virgin, and the spec sense of virgin survives in *old maid*, *maiden aunt*, as fig in *maiden over (speech)* In ME both are used also of an unmarried man For *maidenhead* cf *Godhead* With *maiden*, the old Sc guilotine, cf *Scavenger's daughter* With *maiden-hair* (fern) cf synon Dan *jomfruhaar*, Icel *Freyjuhār* (see *Friday*), L *capillus Veneris* (Pseudo-Apuleius)

I woot wel that the Apostel was a mayde
(Chauc D 79)

maeutic Socratic method of extracting truth G μαευτικός, lit obstetric, used fig by Socrates, from *maia*, midwife

mail¹ Armour F *maille*, L *macula*, spot, mesh, applied to chain-armour *Mailed fist* translates Ger *gepanzerter faust*

Fahre darein mit gepanzerter faust
(Kaiser Wilhelm II, Dec 16, 1897)

mail² Bag, now esp for letters ME *malc*, OF (*malle*, trunk), OHG *mahala*, leather bag, whence also It Sp *mala* The postal *mail* dates from 17 cent Hence also *mail-coach*, *mail-steam*, -steamer, carrying the mail

Development of this word of

mail¹ Payment rent etc Now only Sc. exc in *blackmail* (see *black*) ON *mal* speech agreement Com Teut cf AS *maethel* meeting OHG *mahol* assembly treaty Goth *maihl* meeting place

main¹ ME also *mahaym mahayne* etc OF *mesha* „nier *mahaaignier* from adj *mehaing* mutilated cf It *maga* *ia* = Second element as in *barren* (q v) first doubtful if *mes* is orig it represents L *minus* used as pejorative prefix For final *m* of E word cf *program tellum* etc

main² Strength Now only in *might* and *main amain* AS *magan* strength cogn with *may might* and with OHG *magan* ON *mag*

main³ Adj Partly evolved from compds of *main¹* partly from cogn ON adj *meginn* *me n* strong Orig sense appears in *main force* which would appear how ever to owe something to association with F *main forte* strong hand (v i) Esp common in mil and naut lang e g *main body mainguard mainmast mainstay* So also *mainland* ON *tegenland* sometimes reduced to *main* as in Spanish *Main* S Amer coast from Panama to Orinoco cf mod use of *main* (pipe for gas etc.) In the *main* perh o es something to F *en voyenne* (OF *meienne*) on the average and even *mainmast* also (c 1600) *weane mast* suggests association with the same word cf Ger *milch ost* and see *mean* The *main chance* is ori¹ from *main³* but is now apprehended in the sense of *main²* Spl *circ the mainbrace* partaking of grog perh refers to the strengthening, influence of good liquor Fl_o use of *mainstay* is one of our numerous naut metaphors

d main fort by main force or great power with m lit and *maine* (Cotg)

main⁴ Term at hazard cock fighting match Its regular association with *by* suggests that it is a spec use of *main³* (cf *main road* *by road*) In the cock fighting sense it appears to approach in sense *battle royal*

Alk ysh ve an eye t the main whatsoever it u a t has ad at th by (E phus)

There will be by b tles A d in th afternoon will begin th main match (VED 1716)

maintain F *n intens* from L *man tenu* to hold with the hand cf It *mantenere* Sp *mantener* Oldest I sense is to buck up def nd The ori¹ significance of the

hist cap of *main* nance i unknown It was al o called *cap of estate* (d gnth)

maize Sp *maiz* earlier *riahi* from Cuban dial prob ident with Guiana *marisi*

Carib *marichi* cf F *maïs* earlier in *his majesty* F *majesté* L *majestas* cogn with *major* greater Earliest sense in E the greatness of God Your Majesty is a L construction common to the Rom langs and adopted from them by the Teut Up to time of James I it was in competition with *Grace* and *H ghness* as royal titl

major¹ ea It from *Majorca* early name of *Majorca* Balearic I lands Named from being the larger island of *Minorca* ModSp nam is *Mallorca*

major² L compar of *magn* is its relation to which is obscure Much less used than *minor* As mil titl via F *major* for *sergent major* orig used of higher rank than at present cf *major general* (see *general*) *Major domo* is adapted from Sp *mayordomo* MedL *ma* or *domus* mayor of the palace under the Merovingians See *major* To go *over to the major ty* to de is L *ad re ad fl res*

D th joins t th gr t in joint (Young)

majuscule F *l majuscule* (sc *litt a*) dim of *major* *ajus* greater

make AS *maetan* W Ger cf Du *maken* Ger *machen* Orig sense perh to render suitable cf Ger *gemach* (adj) suitable (noun) room AS *gemaca* fellow equal (see *mat* A) *Mado* is contr of *mah de* (cf Ger *ma hle*) Senses correspond to those senses of L *facere* F *faire* which are not provided by *do* and many phrases in w ich *ake* is used are directly translated from F e g to *make bel etc* (*faire cro re*) to *make one s way* (*faire son chen n*) to *make as tho gh* (*faire comme si*) In to *make bolt* (*free*) the refl x is omitted On the make is US I or archaic *makebrite* breeder of stifle cf m k shif *mileweight make peace* (no v only as surname)

Malacca cane From *Malacca* in Malay peninsula Cf *Penang* I *nye*

malachite F ult from G *mal* *xy* mallow from colour

M lochutes i gren ston and hath that n m of th color f a es (Tre)

malacology Study of molluscs From C *malako* soft

maladro t F from *mal* ill *adro t* (q v)

malady F *ma adie* from m lu Late L

male habitus, for *male habens*, rendering G ακῶς ἔχων Cf F *avoir mal* (*aux dents*, etc.)

Centurionis autem cujusdam servus male habens, erat morturus (Vulg Luke, vii 2)

Malaga In South of Spain Hence wine, raisins

Malagasy People and lang of *Madagascar*, cf F *Malgache* Perh cogn with *Malay*

malander, mallender [vet] Eruption behind knee of horse F *malandre*, L *malandria* Cf *sallender*

malapert [archaic] OF, from *mal apert*, opposite of *apert*, able, expert (see *pert*) The sense is rather that of OF *malappris*, ill taught For formation cf *maladroit*, *malcontent*

malapropism Verbal confusion From Mrs *Malaprop* (from F *mal à propos*, ill to the purpose) in Sheridan's *Rivals* (1775), who indulges in such phrases as *derangement of epitaphs* for *arrangement of epithets*

malaria It *mal' aria*, for *mala aria*, bad air Both quotes below are from letters written at Rome

A horrid thing called the "mal'aria," that comes to Rome every summer and kills one (H Walpole)

I want to go to Naples for fear of the heats and bad air arriving (*ib*)

Malay [lng] The lingua franca of the Eastern archipelago Orig a Polynesian lang, but now saturated with Arab (the script of which it has adopted), with strong Pers & Hind elements also

Malayalam [lng] Dravidian lang of Malabar

malcontent OF *malcontent* (replaced by *mécontent*), cf *maladroit*, *malapert*

male F *mâle*, OF *masle*, L *masculus*, dim of *mas*, male

malediction Learned form of *malison* (q v)

malefactor L, from *male facere*, to do ill Replaced ME *malfetour*, *maufetour*, from OF Cf *maleficent*, from L *maleficus*

malevolent From L *male*, ill, *volens*, *volent-*, pres part of *velle*, to wish Cf *benevolent*

malfeasance [leg] F *malfeasance*, from *mal-faire*, to do ill (see *malefactor*)

malic [chem] F *malique*, from L *malum*, apple

malice F, L *malitia*, from *malus*, bad To bear malice is after F *porter malice* (Palsg)

Nothing extenuate, Nor aught set down in malice (Oth v 2)

malign-ant From L *malignus*; cf *benign*. Current sense of *to malign* is for ME *to malign against* Application of *Malignant* to royalists (1641-60) is from earlier theol sense as in *church malignant*, i.e. of Anti-Christ

Odivi ecclesiam malignantium [AV of evil doers] (Vulg Ps. cxxv 5)

malinger Back-formation from *malingerer*, app corrupt of OF *malingreur*, formerly used of beggar with artificial sores, from *malingre*, sickly, "sore, scabbie, oughie, loathsome" (Cotg), of unknown origin.

malingerer a military term for one who, under pretence of sickness, evades his duty (Grose)

malison [archaic] OF *malïson*, L *maledictio-n-*, from *maledicere*, to curse Cf *benison*

mallin, mawkin Dim of *Maud*, ME. *Malde*, *Matilda*, also of *Mal* (Moll), *Mary* Archaic and dial for slut (Cor ii 1), hence, also mop, scarecrow (*Adam Bede*, ch vi) Cf *grimalkin* and see *scullion*

Malkyn, or *maule*, *propyr* name Matildis (Prompt Parv)

mall yn, or *ovyn suepyr* dorsorium, tersorium (*ib*)

mall F *mail*, mallet, L *malleus* (see *maul*). From implement used in playing *mail* or *pall-mall* (q v) Hence applied to shaded walk where game was orig played, cf F *mail*, in same sense, e.g. Anatole France's *L'Orme du Mail*, the elm-tree on the mall The Mall in St James's Park was made after the older *Pall Mall* had been built over

The mall [at Tours] without comparison is the noblest in Europe Here we play'd a party or two (Evelyn)

Here a well-polish'd mall gives us the joy
To see our Prince his matchless force employ
(Waller, *On St James's Park as lately improved by His Majesty*, 1668)

Mallaby-Deeleys [neol] Clothes From Mr *Mallaby-Deeley*, M.P., who inaugurated (Mar 1920) a great scheme to supply clothes at reasonable prices See *Punch*, Mar 10, 1920

mallard F *malart*, ? orig proper name, OHG *Madal-hart*, strong in the council (see *maif*) The form *maudelard* occurs in ME The application of proper names to birds (*guillemot*, *parrot*, etc.) goes back to pre-historic folk-lore Cf also *renard* But Walloon *marlart* points rather to connection with *male*, OF *masle* becoming *marle* in Walloon

manacle OF *manicle*, L *manicula*, dim of *manica*, sleeve, etc., from L *manus*, hand
manage Orig to handle and train horses
 It *maneggiare*, from *maro*, hand Cf obs noun *manage*, horsemanship, F *manège*, "the manage, or managing of a horse" (Cotg). It *maneggio*, the Italians being in 16 cent., as now, the trick-riders of Europe and the instructors of young E nobles on the grand tour Later senses of the word have been affected by OF *menage*, direction, from *mener*, to lead (e.g. to *manage a business*), and still more by F *ménage* (q.v.), housekeeping, *ménager*, to economize Dryden repeatedly uses *manage* in the exact sense of *ménager* To *manage* (contrive) to is 18 cent (*Trist Shandy*, v 17)

It is the peculiar praise of us Italians to manage with reason, especially rough horses (*NED* c 1560)
 Speak terms of manage to thy bounding steed

(1 *Hen IV*, ii 3)

manatee Cetacean, dugong Sp *manatí*, Carib *manaitouí* Cf OF *manat* (replaced by *lamantin*).

manat a monstrous Indian fish that resembles an ox (Cotg)

Manchester school [*hist*] Applied denisively by Disraeli (1848) to the Cobden-Bright group, which considered that the whole duty of man was to buy in the cheapest market and sell in the dearest

Niggard throats of Manchester may bawl

(Tennyson)

manchet [*archaic*] Small loaf Orig bread of the finest quality Var *manchet* suggests possible connection with obs *maine*, in same sense, apht for (*pain*) *demaine*, lord's bread, L *panis dominicus* Or it may be from an unrecorded AF **demanchet*, cf F *dimanche*, L *dominica*

manchette F, dim of *manche*, sleeve, L *manica*, from *manus*, hand

manchineel WInd tree Earlier *mancinell* (Capt John Smith), F *mancenille*, Sp *manzanilla*, from *manzana*, OSp *mazana*, L *Malina* (sc *poma*, *mala*), kind of apple, named from the *Malva* gens

Manchu Mongol race which (1646) overthrew the native (Ming) dynasty of China

manciple College purveyor (Oxf & Camb) OF *manciple*, *mancipe* (cf *participle*), L *mancipium*, orig purchase, acquisition, from *manus*, hand, *capere*, to take, hence chattel, slave (cf *emancipate*)

A gentil maunciple was ther of a temple

(Chauc A 567)

Mancunian Of *Manchester*, MedL *Mancunium*

-mancy OF *-mancie*, Late L, G *μαντεία*, divination

mandamus [*leg*] L, we command Init word of (orig royal) writ to enforce performance of some public duty

mandarin Port *mandarin*, Malay *mantri*, Hind *mantri*, Sanskrit *mantrin*, counsellor, from *mantra*, counsel, from root *man*, to think For non-Chin origin cf *joss*, *junk* Chin title is *Kwan Mandarin*, orange, F *mandarine*, is prob allusive to bright yellow robes of mandarins For current sense of pompous official cf *alguazil*, *sahap*

The mandarins of the Foreign Office

(Daily Chron Nov 21, 1917)

mandate L *mandatum*, pp neut of *mandare*, to command, from *manus*, hand, *dare*, to give Cf *maundy* Pol sense is after F *mandat*

mandible OF (*mandibule*), L *mandibula*, from *mandere*, to chew

mandolin F *mandoline*, It *mandolino*, dim of *mandola*, for *mandora* ? Cogn with obs *bandora* See *banyo*

mandragore AS *mandragora*, Late L, G *μαρδραγόρας* *Mandrake*, ME *mandragge*, is a shortened form, prob altered on *man* and *drake*, dragon, the plant being supposed to resemble the human form and to have magic powers *Mandragora*, cause of forgetting, is after *Oth* iii 3

Ruben goon out in tyme of wheet hervest into the feeld, fond mandraggis [Coverd mandragoras]

(Wyc Gen xxx 14)

mandrel In various mech senses Corrupt of F *mandrin*, of doubtful origin, ? ult cogn with L *mamphur*, for **mandar*, part of a turner's lathe

mandrill Baboon App from *man* and *drill*, baboon The latter is prob a WAfr word *dril* a large over-grown ape, or baboon (Blount)

manducate [*theol*] To eat From L *manducare* See *mange*

mane AS *manu* Com Teut, cf Du *manen* (pl), Ger *mähne*, ON *mön* Orig neck, cf Sanskrit *manyā*, nape of neck, L *monile*, necklace, Welsh *munwyl*, neck, *munng*, mane

manège Riding-school, horsemanship F, see *manage*

Manes L, deified souls of dead ancestors From OL *manis*, good, whence *immanis*, cruel

manetti Rose From *Lavie Manetti* It botanist (†1784)

manganese *Γ* *manganēse* It *man anese* corrupt of *magnesia* (q v) From its resemblance to lodestone

mange Earlier also *man* ie ME *manjeue* OF *manjus* itch from OF tonic stem (L *manduc*) of *manger* to eat L *manducare* from *mandere* to chew Cf F *démaner* to itch

mangel (mangold) wurzel Ger *man old wurzel* beet root corrupted in Ger to *war el wurzel* by association with *mangel* want as though famine food and hence earlier translated into *Γ* as root of scarcity and into *Γ* as *racine de disette* First element is prob the proper name *Mangold* (the AS form of which has given *Ma gles*) for second see *wort* *wur el*

manger *Γ* *mangeo re* from *manger* to eat See *mange* The dog in the manger is in F *le chien du jardiner* who does not eat cabbages and prevents others from doing so

Like unto re lid gg a lying in a m unger neither ly gth h yeth selves ne s ff ryng the horse to f ed thereof (V&D 1564)

mangle¹ To mutilate AF *mangler* *ma kangler* frequent of OF *maha ner* to maim (q v)

mangle² For linen Du *mangel* for *man el stek* a smoothing role (Hexham) from verb *mangelen* from obs *mange* mangle mangonel ult from C *payyavo* pulley warlike engine Cf It *mangano* a kind of press to presse buckram from fustian or dird linen cloth to make it have a faster or glasse (Flor)

mango Fruit Port *manga* through Malay from Tamil *mā idā*

mangold wurzel See *mangel* *wur zel*

mangonel [hist] OF (*mangonneau*) dim from Late L *mannonum* as *ma gle*² (q v) Obs from c 1600 but revived by the romantis

mangosteen Fruit Malay *mangustan*

mangrove Altered from *grove* from earlier *man grove* (vi) app related to 16 cent. Sp *ma gle* Port *ma gigue* prob of Amer origin Malay *manggi ma* *gri* mangrove not now in use may have been borrowed from Port

Amongst li th rest th re growes k de f tree e bed in ngrowes the gr w very st gely and would make a man wonder to see th man et of thei growi x (V&D 163)

manhandle See *man*

mania L G *ma* a from *ma* *corba* to be mad Sense of craze is after F *manie* **Manichee** Member of sect regarding Satan as co eternal with God Late L Late G *Manichaos* from name of founder of sect (Persia 3 cent)

manicure F from *manus* hand *ci ra* care *ci* earlier *pedicere*

manifest *Γ* *manifeste* L *manifestus* struck by the hand palpable from *manu* hand and root of *send re* Pol sense of verb after F *m nifester* cf *manifesto* (1 cent.) from It

manifold From *many* and *fold* The comp is in AS and all Tent langs

manikin Flem *minneken* dim of *man* *Γ* rit (16 cent) in sense of lay figure Cf F *mannequin* from Flem now applied in F to living dress model

ma quon a p rpet, or anticke (Colg)

Manila Manila Capital of Philippines whence tobacco cheroots I emp

manille Card game *Γ* now a game orig second best trump at quadrille and ombre Sp *malila* dim of *mala* (fem) bad

manioc Earlier (16 cent) *manihot* (from F) *mandioc* *mandioca* (Purch x i 215) Tupi (Brazil) *mandioca* root of the cassava plant

maniple OF (*man pule*) L *manipulus* handful from *manus* hand *pl e* to fill also sub-division of legion As eccl vest ment symbolically explained as napkin for wiping away tears shed for sins of the people

manipulation F of mod formati n *Γ* *vm manipulus* (vs) and ori applied to handling of apparatus *Azi ipni* to is back format on

manitou Good (also evil) spirit Amer Ind (Algonkin)

manna Late L Late G Aram *man na* Hel *n in* whence G *ma* L *man* commoner th n longer form in LXX and Vulg Perh Ancient Egypt *mannu* e odation of *Ismaria gallica* whence Aram *mann* The explanation in Lxx xvi 15 is an early case of folk etym resting on a possible interpretation of the Aram name The word is found early in most E trop lang e g in AS & Goth

mannequin See *manikin*

manner Mod *Γ* *maniere* VL *maneria* from *manuari* s bel ng to th hand

cf It *maniera*, Sp *manera* Orig sense, method of handling, hence custom, sort, as in *manners* (used in sing by Chauc), *what manner of man*, no *manner of means* To the *manner born*, subject by birth to the custom, is now usu misinterpreted to suggest congenital fitness With *mannerism* cf earlier *mannerist* (in art) and F *manériste* (neol)

Though I am native here,
And to the manner born, it is a custom
More honour'd in the breach, than the observance
(*Hamlet* 1.4)

manner² [*archaic*] Incorr for *mainour* in *taken in (with) the mainour*, caught in the act (*Numb* v 13), esp in possession of stolen property AF form of F *manœuvre* (q v), cf *manure*

manoeuvre F, from verb *manœuvrer*, Late L *manoperare*, for L *manu operari*, to work by hand, cf It *manovra*, Sp *manobra* In E an 18 cent mil and naut loan-word

manometer For measuring force of vapour F *manomètre*, from G *μανός*, thin, rare

manor F *manour*, OF *infin*, to dwell, L *manère* Cf *pleasure*

mansard roof From *François Mansard*, F architect (1666) Cf F *mansarde*, garret, *toit en mansarde*

manse MedL *mansa*, from *manère*, *mans-*, to remain, dwell Cf OF *mes*, whence ME *meese* (surviving as surname), Prov *mas*, as in *Dumas*

mansion OF, learned form of L *mansio-n-*, dwelling-place (vs), of which popular form was *maison* Current sense from c 1500 *Mansion-house*, now spec residence of Lord Mayor, was in 16 cent used chiefly of offic eccl residence

mansuetude OF, L *mansuetudo*, gentleness, orig accustoming to handling, from *manus*, hand, *suescere*, *suet-*, to be wont.

mansworn [*archaic*] From obs *manswear*, to perjure, from AS *mān*, wickedness, cogn with Ger *merneid*, false oath

mantel Var of *mantle* (q v), in *mantel-piece* (-shelf), F *manteau de cheminée* Cf dim *mantelet*, moveable shelter For differentiation of spelling cf *metal*, *mettle*

They make haste to the wall thereof and the mantelet [*Vulg umbraculum*] is prepared
(*Nahum*, ii 5, R17)

mantic Of prophecy or divination G

μαντικός, from *μάντις*, prophet
mantilla Sp, dim of *mantla*, mantle (q v)

mantis Insect G. *μάντις*, prophet, from position of fore-legs suggesting prayer The G word is also used of some insect *mantissa* [*math*]. L, makeweight; perh Etruscan.

mantle OF *mantel* (*manteau*), L *mantellum*, which passed also into Teut. langs, e.g. AS *mentel* Prob ident with L *mantellum*, towel, napkin Late L *mantum*, whence It Sp *manto*, *mantla*, F *manle*, is a back-formation In fig use esp of blood (blush) suffusing cheek

manteau a cloke, also the mantletree of a chimney
(*Cotg*)

manton Gun, pistol See *Joe Manton* Also used in F

mantua Chiefly in *mantua-maker* Corrupt of F *manteau*, perh by association with *Mantua* silk Cf *paduasoy*

Mantuan, the Virgil, born (70 B C) at *Mantua*, NIt

manual F *manuel* and L *manualis*, from *manus*, hand First in *manual labour* (*Hoccleve*) Sign *manual*, autograph signature, is via F With *manual*, book, cf *handbook*

manucode Bird of paradise F, from ModL *manucodiata*, Malay *mānuq dēwāta*, bird of the gods, second element from Sanskrit

manuductio MedL *manuductio-n-*, from *manu ducere*, to lead by the hand

manufacture F, from L. *manu facere*, to make by hand

manumit L *manumittere*, to send from one's hand Cf *maniciple*, *emancipate*

manure First (c 1400) as verb F *manœurer*, to work by hand Cf *mure* Orig of tillage in gen Thus Sylv (1.6) speaks of *Nile's manured shoare* where Du *Bartas* has *marge labouré*

The face of the earth [in *Guiana*] hath not been torned, nor the vertue and salt of the soyle spent by manurance (*Raleigh*)

manuscript MedL *manuscriptum*, written by hand Cf *script*

Manx Earlier *manks*, metath of 16 cent *manish*, ON **manshr*, from *Man* Cf *hunks*, *munx* The lang belongs to the Goidelic branch of Celt

many AS *manig* Com. Teut., cf Du *menig*, Ger *manch* (OHG *manag*), ON *mengi*, multitude, Goth *manags*, cogn with Ir *mnuc*, Gael *minig*, frequent, Welsh *mynych*, often Orig distrib with sing as still in *many a* The *many-headed beast* is from Horace, *belua multorum*

mazapan, Ger *marzipan*, Du *marsepein*, etc. A much discussed word of obscure origin, the second element having been assimilated to L *panis*, bread Kluge accepts Kluyver's theory that it is ident with the name of a 12 cent Venet coin, the normal MedL form of which, *malapanus*, is applied to a Venet coin with image of Christ seated on a throne, Arab *maulhabān*, a king that sits still The coin acquired the spec sense of tenth part, and the name was transferred to the small boxes containing a tenth of a "moggio" of sweetened almond paste imported from the Levant

marconigram From *Marconi*, It inventor, after *telegram*, *cablegram* NED records it for 1902

mare AS *mere*, *mere* Com Teut, cf Du *merrie*, Ger *mähre*, jade, ON *merr* These are fem forms corresponding to AS *meaeh*, OHG *marah* (see *marshal*), ON *marr*, cogn with Gael Ir *maic*, Welsh *marth*, all meaning horse, stallion, whence allusion to king Mark's ears in *Tristan and Isold Mare's-nest*, in Fletcher (1619), is later than obs *horse-nest* (Stanyhurst, 1583)

The grey mare is the better horse (Heywood, 1562)

maremma It, marsh-land by sea, L *maritima*

margarine, *marge* F, adopted (1888) as leg. name for butter-substitute made from oleo-margarine Ult from G *μαργαρίτης*, pearl, adopted by Chevreul in *acide marginique*, from pearly appearance of its crystals

margay SAmer tiger-cat F (Buffon), earlier *margara*, an attempt at Tupi (Brazil) *mbanacata*

marge¹ [poet] F, as *margin* Poet. also is *margent*, ME var of *margin* (cf *pageant*, *tyrant*, etc)

marge² See *margarine*

margin L *margo*, *margin-*, whence also F *marge*, cogn with *mark*¹, *march*¹ Earliest (Piers Plowm) in ref to books Current fig senses are 19 cent

margrave Du *markgraaf*, Ger *markgraf*, count of the march Cf *marquis* *Margravine* has the fem *-in*, lost in E exc in *viren* Ger *graf* looks akin to AS *gerifa*, grieve, receive, but some high authorities recognize no connection

marguerite F., daisy, G *μαργαρίτης*, pearl,

daisy, prob of Eastern origin, cf Sanskrit *mangarī*, cluster of flowers, pearl

Maria, black Police van Quot. below, which turns up every few years, is app of the same type as those given s v *Jack Robinson* For sense of large shell cf, *Jack Johnson*

Few probably recollect that Black Maria came to us from America She was Maria Lee—a negress of gigantic stature and enormous strength—who, in the intervals of looking after her sailors' boarding-house at Boston, used to help the police in the frequent scimmages there

(*Pall Mall Gaz* Sep 3, 1918)

marigold From (Virgin) *Mary* and *gold*, cf obs *marybud* (*Cymb* ii 3)

marinade F, Sp *marinada*, from *marinar*, to pickle in brine, from *marino*, of the sea

marine F *marin*, L *marinus*, from *mare*, sea Fem form has prevailed owing to such common combinations as *eau marine*, *armée marine*, whence F *marine*, navy, cf E *mercantile marine* A *marine-store* orig dealt in old ships' materials *Marine* (noun) is for earlier *marine soldier*, often (wrongly) regarded by sailors as half a land-lubber, whence *tell that to the marines* (cf L *credat Judaeus*), and *marine*, empty bottle

mariner F *marinier*, MedL *marinarius* (v s) In very early use and much commoner than *sailor*

Marinism. Affected style of *Marini*, It poet (†1625) Cf *Euphuism*

Marolatry [theol] Badly formed (c 1600) on *idolatry* Cf *babyolatry*, etc

marionette F *marionnette*, "little Marian or Mal, also, a puppet" (Cotg) dim of *Marion*, dim of *Marie*, L, G *Mapia*, ident with Heb *Miriam* Cf *doll*

marish Dial and poet for *marsh* (q v)

Marist Member of RC missionary *Society of Mary* (19 cent)

marital F, L *maritalis*, from *maritus* See *marry*.

maritime F., L *maritimus*, near the sea, from *mare*, sea, with ending as in *finitimus*, near the frontier.

marjoram Earlier (11 cent.) *majorane* In most Europ langs., and, as in the case of other pop herbs, with very diversified forms due to folk-etym Cf F *marjolaine* (OF. *majorare*), It *majorana*, *maggiarana*, Sp *mejorana* (earlier *majorana*, *majorara*), Du *marjolen*, Ger. *majoran*, Sw *mejran*, etc The *maj-* forms are the older. ?Ult from L *amaracius*, *marjoram*, from *amarus*, bitter

mark¹ AS *mearc* boundary. Com Teut cf Du *merk* Ger *mark* ON *mörk* (in *Dan mörk*) Goth *ma þa* Also widely adopted in various senses in Rom langs some E senses belong to F *marque*. See also *ma ch* Cogn with L *mar* o Pers *ma z* boundary. Replaced in Ger by *gren* o (whence Du *grens*) of Slav. origin. From orig. sense are evol. ed those of sign of boundary sign in general trace 1 ft by sign etc. *Beside* (w/d of to miss overshoot) the *ma h* are from archery. With *mark* of the beast (Rev xvi 2) cf a *marked man* (Gen iv 15). But a *man of mark* is F *homme de marque* man of distinction cf to *make one's mark*. Below (up to) the *mark* refers partly to *mark* in sense of brand trade-mark cf *up to d ch*. *Dess* (said) the *mark* common in Shaks. was a deprecatory phrase of the *absit omen* type but its origin is obscure. It is now mostly used after 1 Hen II 13 as a scornful comment on something quoted. *As rk* worthy is mod. after Ger *merkwürdig*. With to *mark* observe cf *remark* of which it is sometimes an aphet. form.

mark² Coun. of varying value. Recorded early in all Rom & Teut langs. Perh. from *ma h¹*. Orig. half pound of silver.

market. Late AS ONF. for OF *marciet* (*marché*) L *mercatus* from *mercari* to trade cf It *mercato* Sp *mercado* also Du Ger *ma ht* ON *ma hattr*. An early trade word from Rome (cf *money*).

markhor Wild goat (T bet) Pers *markhōd* 1 t. serpent eater.

marksman For earlier *ma hman* (Pom. & Jul 1 r) Cf *luntis an helmsman* *spokesman*.

marl Ol. and dial *ma le* (na ne) Late L *marula* (whence Ger *mer el*) from *mar* a called a Gaulish word by Pliny.

marline Du *ma l yn* from *ma ren* to bind (see *moor*) *hjn* line. But it may be rather for *marling* from naut. *marl* to tie etc. app. frequent from Du verb (v s) and found earlier (*Prompt Paris*) than *marline*. Cf *ma lin*, *spike* (Capt. John Smith).

Marlovian In style of Christopher Marlowe (†1593) Cf *Il yrobian Borrowian*.

marmalade F *mar nelsie* Port *marmelada* from *ma m* to quince by dissim. from L *melimelum* G *μελιμῆλον* lit. honey apple. An old word in E. (c. 1500) though quot. below has a modern look.

Among t. thes. *eam th* (Port. guess) c. ptan.

with a piece of bread and marmalade in his hand (Purch. x 194).

marmite [near lang] F cooking pot joc. shell Cf E *coal-box* in similar sense.

marmoreal From L *marmoreus*. See *ma tile*.

marmoset F *marmoset* of obscure origin. Its earliest F sense (13 cent.) is grotesque car. ed figure but it may have orig. meant monkey. App. relat. d to OF *marmot* monkey grotesque statuette now brat (cf *marmale* swarm of children). Maun deville uses *mar iot* to render F *mar mots*. *Marmot* is of doubtful origin perh. dim. from OF *me te* L *minimus* ? or ident. with the next ord. (q v).

Ger *pijkous* g. *mar m t* (Est) *marmoset* r. *amuk* (Coop).

marmot a *marmoset*, or little monkey (C. 12).

marmotta a *marmoset*, bab. e f. ch. lile to pl. y. with t. a p. g. s. (Flor).

marmot F *marmole* Rom. sh. *marmont* ? from L *nus* *mur* mouse *ions* 1 *ont* mountain. App. influenced in form by F *mar m t* (v s). Cf OHG *mar emunt* (of which dial forms are still in use) now replaced by *murmeltier* as though *mur murung* animal. But the Rom. sh. word may itself be due to folk-etym. Identical sense of F *ma motte* and OF *marmosier* to mumble rather suggests ult. identity of *marmot* and *mar oset*. The earliest name for the animal is *ma is Alpinus* (Pliny).

Maronite Sect of Syrian Christians. From *Ma on* name of founder (4 cent.) Cf *Druse*.

maroon¹ Colour hrewirk F *ma ron* chestnut. It *marro* of unknown origin ? Celt. The colour is no longer ident. with F *marro*. The fire work sen. seems to be suggested by the popping of the roasted chestnut.

maroon² Fugitive slave (Wind) F *marron* aphet. for Sp *cimarrón* wild untamed. Hence to *maroon* send astray spec. put ashore on desert island. Alexander Selkirk the most famous of marooned sailors served with Dampier our earliest authority for the verb.

maroquin F from *Maro*, Morocco.

marque letters of [kni] Latence to priva- teer. Orig. letters of *ma que* and *repr sal* F *marque* Prov. *marca* from *ma car* Med. L *ma care* to seize as pledge. App. from *ma h¹* but sense-development not

clear Perh of the character of "Border law"

Litterae marquandi seu gagiandi

(*Procl of Ed I*, 1293)

La lei de marque & de represailles (*NED* 1354)

marquee False sing (cf *burgee*, *Chinee*) from *F* *marquise*, lit marchioness, also a large tent, app as suited for a noble lady. **marquetry** *F* *marqueterie*, "inlaying, or inlaid worke of sundry colours" (*Cotg*), from *marqueles*, to variegate, from *marque*, mark¹

marquis, **marquess** *ONF* *marhis* (*marquis*), *OF* *marchis*, formed, with *L* suffix *-ensis*, from *Rom* *marca* (see *mark*¹), cf *It* *marchese*, *Sp* *marqués*, *MedL* *marchio*, and see *margrave*

marquis a marquesse, was in old time the governor of a frontire, or frontire towne (*Cotg*)

marquois Instrument for drawing parallel lines App for *F* *marquoir*, ruler, marker **marrow** *AS* *mearg* *Com Teut*, cf *Du* *merg*, *Ger* *mark*, *ON* *mergi* With *vegetable marrow* cf *F* *courge à la moelle*, *concombre de moelle* (little used)

In 1816 a paper was read before the Horticultural Society on a description and account of a new variety of gourd called "vegetable marrow"

(*Daily Canon*, Aug 8, 1917)

marry¹ Verb *F* *marrer*, *L* *maritare*, from *maritus*, married, ² from *mas*, *mar-*, male Has supplanted *wed* but not *wedding*

Such marriages are made in heaven, though celebrated on earth (*Adm* *Monson*, 1624)

marry² [*archaic*] Interj For *Mary* (the Virgin). Later, by association with *St Mary the Egyptian*, extended to *marry-gip*, for which *marry-come-up* was substituted, from the feeling that the *gip* was ident with the admonition *gip* (*gee up*) to a horse.

marsala Wine from *Marsala* (Sicily)

Marseillaise Written and composed (1792) by Rouget de l'Isle, and first sung by "patriot" from *Marseille*

marsh *AS* *mere*, *merse*, orig adj from *mare*, cogn with *L* *mare*, sea, cf *Ger* *marc* *Mc IL* *mariscas*, whence *F* *marais* Cf *marais*

marshal *F* *maréchal*, *OHG* *marhscalk*, horse-servant The two elements are (1) *mar* with *AS* *marh* (see *mare*) and *scalk*. Cf *maréchal* and *McGer* *schalk*. *McGer* *marhscalk* borrow'd back from *F* has given us *field-marshal*, *field-marshal* etc. The word appears in all *Rom* langs with a very wide range of affix.

meanings, which accounts for frequency of *L* name *Marshall* For varied senses and rise in dignity cf *constable*, and with both cf *synon* *ON* *stallar*. The first *armarshal* (1919) was Sir H M Trenchard. Orig sense survives in *farrier-marshal* (cf *F* *maréchal-ferrant*, farrier). *Marshalsea* (hist) is for *marshalsey*, orig court held by steward and knight-marshal of royal household With verb to *marshal* cf to *usher* This has recently acquired new sense from *US* railway lang

As a comparison with these forty trains marshalled per hour by which 2400 containers would be marshalled and ready for loading per hour, the average marshalling at Nine Elms per hour was 62 wagons (*Westm Gaz* Sep 9, 1919)

marsupial [zool] From *L* *marsupium*, *G* *μαρσιπιον*, dim of *μάστρος*, bag, purse.

mart Du *markt*, market (q v), commonly pronounced *mart* and formerly so written First *NED* ref is to the *marks* of Brabant (1437) and Caxton has the *marke* of Antwerp Also repeatedly in the *Cely Papers* (15 cent) in ref to the wool-marks of Flanders, the *Celys'* own warehouse being in *Mart Lane* (now *Mark Lane*), London.

martagon Turk's head lily *F*, *It* *martagone*, Turk *martagan*, turbin of special shape. Cf *tulip*

martello tower. Earlier *mortella*, from a tower captured by us (1794) on *Cape Mortella* (myrtle) in Corsica, and regarded as of great defensive power For the vowel metath of the greengrocer's pronunc of *broccoli* (*brochilo*)

marten Orig. the fur. *ME* *martren*, *OF* *martrine* (sc *peau*), from *martre*, marten, of *Teut* origin; cf *F* (*jeu*) *mart* (q v), *Ger* *warder*. Thought to be all Iath *nath*, daughter-in-law. See names for the wessel in my *Romance of Words* (ch. vii).

martial *F*, *L* *martialis*, from *Mars*, *Mart* (*Maius*), god of war In sense of military only in *court martial*, *martial law* For application to character of *social*, *martial*

martin From name *Martin*, *F*, *L* *Martinus*, from *Mars* (v. 1); cf *rotin*, *dich*, etc. v. 1 *F* *martin*, *notteur*, in *châlier*, *rainto* of house *marten* There may be a cogn spec ref. to departure of bird about *Martinmas* (v. 1)

Saint Martin Bishop of Tours (4 cent), who died about Nov 11, *Western L* *St Martin's* power, *French* *St Martin*, *St Martin*

after *l'été de la Saint Martin* *Saint Martin's bird* the hen harrier is after *l'oiseau de Saint Martin* the ring-tailed or hen-harrier (Cotg.)

martinet Recorded for 1755 (Swift). If the obscure passage belw (1676) refers to the mod word connection with *F* general *Martinet* (to 1715) who improved drill and discipline of *F* army, temp Louis XIV is very doubtful. More over the word is not known in *F* in this sense though used of various objects e.g. cat-o-nine-tails, peak-halyards, whence *L* *martinet* leech-line of sail. All these are from name *Martin*. Cf also *F* *Martin-baton* the (disciplinary) stick.

O if I'd thee don't look like one of our holier yet: n w a days with a bodkin by you said you nart et rogue *Ma ly* (aside). *O then* the res h pes. (Alon B) What d'ye find la it with mrtia? Let m tll you s u th best e use in the wld th most easy most easy most grac ful rice that e er wa used, nd the nost— *Olly r* Nay n y sir o more s you servant if you p a se martin t once l b d ne with you s —Martin t! Mart t (Wyche l y Pl n Deale i s)

martingale *F* in all three senses viz strap to keep horses' heads down, rope for guying-down jibboom, system of doubling stakes till successful. Dubiously connected via *chau ses d la martingale* (Rabelais) fastened in some peculiar way with *Martigues* (Bouches-du-Rhône) on the supposition that the inhabitants of that place wore breeches of a special kind, very doubtful. Some connect it with *Sp al* la halter of Arab origin.

Th' impossible m th' gl of doubles o quit (C B Sh w l l D by Chro M ch 7 19 2)

martin-henry Rifle adopted by British army (1870) the breech being the invention of *Martini* and the barrel of *Henry*. **martlet** *OF* *na tek* var of *martinet* (eo *martin*) cf *drul* *Ma ilemas*. In her it represents *le malette* dim of *merle* (qv) blackbird. But the her-bird is footless and must therefore have orig represented the martin the swallow-tribe, having in conspicuous feet cf *G* *arous* martin lit footless.

podes *G* *il* *martel* ts (A. J. pu.)

mart cf *martil* t, or *ma lin* (Cotg.)

martelle *martil* t in blason (b)

martian AS *ma hyr* Church *L* adopted in Christian sense from Late (orig Aeolic)

G *paprop* for *paprus* *paprip* witness in most Europ langs

marvel *F* *merveille* *L* *mirabilia* neut pl treated as fem sing (cf *force*) from *mirus* wonderful

Martian *Of* *Karl Marx* *Ger* socialist (†1883)

Mary In dial flower names *mary* 1 for the Virgin Mary (cf *lady*). *Little Mary* stomach is from *Barrie's* play (1903)

marzipan See *marchpane*

mas In *Christmas* *Candlemas* etc for *mass*

mascle [*her*] Perforated lozenge *OF* (*macle*) *L* *macul* spot mesh (see *mail*) with intrusive *s* perh due to OHG *ma ca* mesh (qv)

mascot *F* *nascolle* popularized by Audran's operetta *La Macotte* (1880) Mod Prov dim of *ma co* sorcerer orig *mask* (qv) Cf *hood o*

masculine *I* *mascul* *N* *masculinus* from *masculus* male (qv)

mash AS *masc* in *ndrwyrt* mash wort infused malt. First as brewing term. Prob cogn with *nix* cf *Sw* *mash* grains for pigs. Dan *misk* mash (from LG) *Ger* *ma sch* crushed grapes

masher Orig US. Also to be *na hed on* etc. Popular c 1882. Origin unknown. Can it be a further elaboration of *be spoony on* mash being regarded as spoon-diet? Cf to *confiscate* the *ma* aroon for to take the cake

mashie ? Cf *F* *cor p massé* (billiards) orig stroke made with the large-headed cue called a *ma se mace*

mask masque masquerade App two quite separate origins have contributed to this group. *F* *masque* first in 16 cent as gloss to *L* *larva* (†st) has been associated with It *maschera* Sp *maska* a of Arab origin (v) but must surely be connected with *MedL* *mascus* *masca* occurring in 7 cent as gloss to *la is*. This *MedL* word of doubtful (prob *Ger*) origin should have given *F* *masker* so that the *s* is app due to the It & Sp words. Ths represents Arab *ma kharah* lau hing stock, buffoon the sense passing on from the actor to his vizard the opposite of the process perh exemplified by *person* (qv). The 16 cent spelling is indifferently *ma k* *masque* and the sense of performance *maquerade* is rather earlier than that of vizard. With *maquerade* cf *F* *mascarade*

matriculate From MedL *matricula*, register of members of society, dim of L *matrīx* (q v) It is supposed that the orig sense was scroll of parchment made from the uterine membrane See *scroll*

matrimony OF *matrimome*, L *matrimonium*, from *mater*, *matr-*, mother

matrix L, orig pregnant animal, in Late L womb, from *mater*, mother For mech applications of similar use of Du *moet*, mother (see also *screw*)

matron F *matrone*, L *matrona*, from *mater*, mother Sense of directress, of hospital, etc, is recorded from 16 cent *British nation*, in *Mrs Grundy* sense, originated in signature of letter to the press (c 1882) protesting against the nude in art

matter F *matiere*, L *materia* Orig opposed to *form* (cf *material*) With *it doesn't matter*, for earlier *it makes no matter*, cf *immaterial* For med sense of *corrupt matter* cf F *matière*, Norw Dan *materie*, similarly used *Matter of fact*, orig leg, opposed to *matter of law*, is used as adj by Steele With *hanging matter* cf quot below

It is made a gally matter to carry a knife [at Genoa] whose poynt is not broken off (Evelyn)

matins See *matins*

mattock AS *matluc*, app a dim Origin unknown ? Cf *mason*

mattoide [med] It *mattoide*, from *matto*, mad, MedL *matlus*, as *mate*¹ Used by Lombroso of a criminal type

mattress OF *materas* (*matelas*), It *materasso*, Arab *matah*, place where things are thrown down, from *taraha*, to throw Cf L *stratum*, couch, from *sternere*, *strat-*, to strew Obs Sp *almadrague* preserves Arab def art

mature L *maturus*, ripe, early (v 1)

matutinal Late L *matutinalis*, from *matutinus*, cogn with *maturus*. See *matins*

maudlin F *Madeleine*, L *Magdalena* (see *Magdalen*) Sense of lachrymose, as in *maudlin sentiment*, *maudlin drunk*, from pictures representing tearful repentance of *Mary Magdalene* The restored spelling, in name of colleges at Ox. and Camb, has not affected the pronunc

His [the Shipman's] barge & cleped was the Maudevine (Chauc. A 120)

Maugrabin African Moor (*Quentin Durward*, ch xvi) Really pl of *Maugrabee* (*Bride of Abydos*, 18), Arab *maghlabiy*, western, from *gl'arb*, west Cf sing use of *Bedouin*

maugre [archaic] OF *maugré* (*malgré*), in spite of, from *mal*, ill, *gré*, pleasing, L *gratus* Cf F *maugréer*, to grumble

maul Hammer F *mail*, L *malleus*, whence also It *maglio*, Sp *mallo*, cf *mallet* Hence to *maul*, to illtreat, etc, orig to hammer, batter See *mall* It is doubtful whether *mauley*, fist, spelt *morley* by Borrow, belongs here Some authorities consider it a transposition of Gael *lamh*, hand, used in tinkers' slang or Shelta

mawley a hand *Tip us your mawley* shake hands with me (Grose)

maulstick From Du *maalslok*, paint stick Du *malen*, to paint (cf Ger *malen*), orig to make marks, is cogn with *mole*¹

maund [archaic & local] Basket OF *mande* (*mannu*), from Teut, cf AS *mand*, Du *mand*, Ger dial *mande*

maunder Orig (c 1600), to mutter, grumble It may be frequent of earlier *maund*, to beg, which is app aphet for F *quémander*, from OF *camand*, beggar The sense-development is obscure, but not more so than that of *cant*²

Maundy OF *mandé*, L *mandatum*, command Orig applied to the washing of the feet of the poor by princes, high ecclesiastics, etc, on the day before Good Friday, the antiphon at the service being taken from the discourse (v 1) which followed Our Lord's washing of the Apostles' feet Recorded c 1300 Hence *Maundy Thursday* (16 cent), *Maundy ale*, *money*, etc Cf OHG *mandūt*, in same sense.

Mandatum novum do vobis, ut diligatis invicem, sicut dilexi vos, ut et vos diligatis invicem (John, xiii 34).

mauresque [arch] F, Moorish

Maurist Benedictine of order of *St Maur*, founded 1618

mauser Rifle Adopted by Germans (1871) From inventor's name

mausoleum, L, G *μαυσωλεῖον*, from *Μαυσολός*, king of Caria, whose tomb, erected (4 cent B C) at Halicarnassus, by his wife Artemisia, was one of the Seven Wonders of the World

mauve F, L *maka*, mallow For transference to colour cf *pink*, *violet*

maverick Unbranded calf (US), and to be from *Samuel Maverick*, Texan rancher (c 1840), who habitually neglected branding Hence masterless man

mavis [dial] Thrush F *mauvie* with many Rom cognates esp in dial Hence MedL *mahivius* ? cf Breton *m'fid milid* lark ? or related to *malva* mallow Commonly coupled by poets with *me le* blackbird

mavournen Ir *mo-mhu nín* my little dear
maw AS *ma* a stomach Com Teut cf Du *maag* Ger *magen* ON *mags* Goth *ma o* (whence Finnish *mahto*) *Mau worm* hypocrite (lit intestinal worm) is from name of character in Bk *kerstasse* *Hypocrite* (1769) cf *Tartufe*

mawkish Orig squeamish nauseating From dial *mauk* mag ot (q v) ON *malhkr*
maxillary From L *maxilla* jaw cogn with *mala* cheek bone *mandere* to chew
maxim¹ Axiom. F *maxime* L *maxima* (sc *sententia*)

maxim Machine gun Named (c 1885) from its inventor (Sr) *Hiram Maxim* (†1910) Cf *galling*

maximalist Russian extremist Bolhevik The more accurate rendering of *Bolshevik* (q v) would be *majorist*

The Maximalists decided to demand from the Assembly the direct election of the proletariat by handing over all power to the Council of workers and soldiers delegates and to let a sixth bill tomorrow if the majority were not disposed to share the point of view
(*Pall Mall Gazette* Aug 2 1917)

maximum L neut of *maximus* superl of *magnus* great

may AS *sc mæg* pl *magon* a pretente present verb Com Teut cf Du *mag* *magen* Ger *ma mägen* ON *ma megon* Goth *ma magum* Orig to be strong has power of might main With *maybe* cf F *peut-être* and archaic *mayhap*

May F *mai* L *Maius* (sc *mensis*) from *Maia* goddess of growth and in rease cogn with *major* Peplaced AS *thrimilce* month in which cows can be milked three times a day Hence *Mayday* *Maygun* *Maypole* connected with popular festival on May 1 also *may* hawthorn blooming in May and verb to *may* now u u in to go a-maying

De molli porte plus salus
Quid non sociis malis botonis menus
(*Roma d Tristia* 12 ent.)

mayonnaise F ? for *mahonnaise* (c *sauce*) in honour of capture of *Mako* capital of Minorca by the Duc de Richelieu (1756) This is quite likely cf *ma a gran coffee* with liqueur from F victory at *Ma arvan* Algeria.

mayor ME *me meyre mair* etc F *maire* L *major* greater Altered to *ma* or by etym reaction later to *major* by the regular substitution of *y* for *i* between vowels From L *major* comes also Ger *Meyer* the commonest Ger surname of its hundreds of compds are included

mazard **mazzard** [archaic] Head From archaic *mazer* (q v) drinking bowl also used for helmet

mazarinade [hist] Song against Cardinal *Maza* in ruler of France during minority of Louis XIV

mazarine Dark blue Prob from Card *mal Mazarin* or the *Duchesse de Mazarin* Cf obs *mazarine* *h ad* connected by herseve with the de hess

mazda Electric lamp OPers name of good principle in system of Zoroaster

maze As noun and verb in 13 cent with sense of bewilderment stupefaction Apparent with *an* *120* (q v) Sense of labyrinth is in Chauc

mazer [a ch ic] Drinking bowl orig of myrtle OF *mazer* of Teut origin cf ON *mōs* *rr* maple *mō* *irbōd* maple bowl Ger *maser* vein pattern in wood From OF *var masd e* comes F *masdre* veined (like maple) Cogn with *measles* (q v)

mazurka Pol woman of province of *Mazaria* the lake-region famous in the Great War Cf *folk* *schottische*

The Mazurians in Prussia have been attracted into their present home from Mazovia proper since the 14th century
(*Lutosh viki Gđa k nd E* (P *Wiss* 19))

mazzard See *ma a z*

me AS *mē* (acc & dat) Aryan cf Du *me* *j* Ger *mē* (acc) *mir* (dat) ON *mik* *mē* Goth *mē* *miz* L *me* G *epi* *pe* Gael *Wel h mī* Ir *mī* Sanskrit *mē* (dat) Reflex in poet use only (v i)

Forboun A nū La ne l d lay me down and dee

mead Drink AS *meodu* *med* Aryan cf Du *mele* *mē* Ger *met* ON *mi* *th* Goth *midis* (recorded as MedG *μθω*) G *μθω* wine OIr *mid* Welsh *medd* Rus-*med* cf Sanskrit *midhu* sweet honey Wide extension shows it to be the oldest of the Aryan intoxicants

mead **meadow** AS *mād* of which oil lique case *mād* *u* give *meadow* (cf *shade* *shāl w*) cogn with Du *waide* *ma* Ger *ma* *ll-* *m* untarn mead *u* as in *Antermall* *Zerma* *Meadow-sweet* *earl et mead* *sweet*

is shown by its Scand equivalents to belong to *mead*¹, cf *honeysuckle* and obs *meadwort*, of which first element is certainly *mead*¹

meagre F *maigre*, L. *macer*, *mact-*, thin, cogn with G *μακρός*, long, AS *mæger*, Du Ger *mager*, ON *magr*

meal¹ Flour, etc AS *melo* Com Teut; cf Du *meel*, Ger *mehl*, ON *nyol* From Aryan root which appears in Ger *mahlen*, to grind, Goth *malan*, L *molere* (see *mill*), G *μύλη*, mill In *meal* or *in malt*, in one form or another, is app of recent introduction, ? from dial

meal² Repast AS *mæl*, mark, point of time, measure, hence fixed repast Com Teut, cf Du *maal*, meal, time, Ger *mal*, time, *mahl*, meal, ON *mäl*, time, measure, meal, Goth *mēl*, time Thus *meal-time* is a pleon., and orig sense of word appears in *piece-meal*, a piece at a time, a hybrid which is now the only current representative of a common E formation (*dropmeal*, *heapmeal*, *inchmeal*, etc) Ger *mal* survives chiefly in compds, e.g. *denkmal*, memorial, lit think-mark, and *einmal*, *zweimal*, etc, once, twice, etc

All the infections that the sun sucks up
From bogs, fens, flats, on Prosper fall, and make
him

By inch-meal a disease (*Temp* II 2)

mealie Maize SAfrDu *milje*, Port *milho* (*grande, da India*), Indian corn, lit (great, Indian) millet (q v) Found much earlier as *millie* (Guinea) in Purch

mealy-mouthed No connection with *meal*¹. First element is the Aryan word for honey which appears also in *mil dew* (q v), cogn with L *mel*, G *μέλι*, and recorded as Teut in Goth *milith*, honey, AS *mihsce*, sweet, cf also Ir *mil*, Welsh *mél* *Mealy-mouthed* is for earlier *meal-mouth*, flatterer (*NED* 1546) The epithet is much older, and is found as a surname three centuries earlier, *Henry Millemuth* being mentioned in *North-umberland Assize Roll* (1279) This is a good example of the light thrown by the study of surnames on the antiquity of words for which dict records are comparatively recent Cf *puss*

perblai dur very pleasant and courteous in wordes,
meale mouthed, passing faire spoken

(Morel, *Lat Dict* 1583)

mean¹ Verb AS *mēnan*, to mean, allude to WGer, cf Du *meenēn*, Ger *meinen*; cogn with *mund* and Ger *minne*, love

mean². Common AS *gemāne* Com Teut, cf Du *gemeen*, Ger *gemein*, Goth *gamains*, ult cogn with L *communis*, and degenerating senses in E & Ger run parallel with those of *common* Has been confused with *mean*³ (q v), e.g. though the *mean people* in ME. is usu. taken as equivalent to the *common people*, it would appear in quot. below to have rather the sense of "middle class"

Pur fere pes entre les mene [*var mesne*] genz e le
pople de la vile de une part, e les riches humes de
la vile de autre part

(Mayor of Lincoln to Archbp of York, c 1272)

mean³ Intermediate, as in *happy mean* (cf F *juste milieu*) OF *meien* (*moyen*), Late L *medianus*, from *medius*, cogn with *mid* Hence noun *means*, formerly *mean* (see quot s v *nich*), used as F *moyen*, *moyenne*, in by no (all) *means*, by *means of*, *mean proportional*, etc *Meantime*, *meanwhile* are recorded as early as the simple word *Mean*³ and *mean*² are confused in *mean stature*, now understood as insignificant, but orig for medium stature

The territory of an indifferent and meane prince
is sauf conduct in lawe (Queen Eliz 1562)

meander Orig noun L *Maeander*, G *Μαίανδρος*, winding river of Phrygia, cf F *méandre*, It Sp *meandro*

measles ME *maseles*, cf Du *mazelen*, Ger. *masern* (from LG), cogn with OHG *māsa*, spot, and with *mazer* AS *mæslē* occurs once in a compd The pronunc (for normal **masles*) may be due to confusion with ME *mesel*, leper, OF, L *misellus*, from *miset*, wretched, which may also have affected fig senses of *measled*, *measly*

measure F *mesure*, L *mensura*, from *metiri*, *mens-*, to measure, ult cogn. with Ger *mass*, measure Fig senses are mostly as in F With to *take one's measure* cf to *know the length of one's foot* To *measure one's length* is after Shaks (*Lear*, I 4) To *measure oneself with* is developed from earlier to *measure swords with* (*As You Like It*, v 4) To *tread a measure* is to keep time with the measure of the music To *take measures* is a metaphor from building, carpentry, etc

meat AS *mete*, food in general Com. Teut, cf OSax. *meti*, *mat*, OHG *maz* (surviving in *messer*, knife), ON *mat*, Goth *mats* For limitation of meaning cf F *viande* Orig sense survives in *sweetmeat*,

meat and drink to sit at meat grace before meat etc and in meat offering (Let II 14) altered to *meal-offering* in RV

Mecca Arab *Makkah* birthplace of Ma homet hence place of pilgrimage

Carter St Chapel the Mecca of the London Welsh (Dudly Ch on June 19 1917)

mechanic L G μηχανικός from μηχανή machine Early associated with handicrafts and the lower orders Pepys calls his wife's painting master a mechanic

A crew of patche rude mechanicals,
That work for bread upon Athanasian stalls
(*Mids N Dream* 2)

mechlin Lace from Mechlin in F Malines (Belgium)

meconic [c/e n] From G μεcon poppy

medal F médaille It *medaglia* VL **metalla* from *metallum* medal Adopted by most Teut langs With the reverse of the medal F *revers de la médaille* cf the seamy side

meddle AF *medler* OF *mesler* (miller) VL **misculare* from *miscere* to mix cf It *mescolare* Sp *mesclar* AF regularly substitutes -dl for -sl e.g. we find ME *idle* *madle* for *isle* *male* (cf *medlar*) Its retention in this case is perh due to association with *middle* See *mell medley* Usual current sense is for earlier reflex cf F *se mlier de quelque chose*

I meddell me with a thy g j m mesl (Pal g)

mediaeval **medieval** Couined (19 cent) from L *medius* middle *aevum* age

mediator F médiateur Late L *mediator* em from Late L *mediare* to mediate from *medius* middle Orig (c 1300) applied to Christ Cf *mediator* (Chauc) and *mediate* of much later appearance also *med al median* *Mediator* in Ger hist to annex a principality while leaving titular rights to the prince was on to change an immediate into a mediate vassal i.e. a sub vassal of the Holy Roman Empire Ger *media tisterei* was borrowed (1803) in this sense from F *mediat ser*

medic Grass L *Medica* (sc. herba) **Medic.** **medicine** F médecine L *medicina* from *medicus* physician from *mederi* to heal *Medico* doctor now jocular is an It word from the grand tour Its pl *Medici* became the name of a famous It family *Medicine* savage magic whence *medicin man* is early travellers transl of native words expressing magic remedy

medieval See *med aeval*

mediocre F médiocre L *mediocris* fr m *medius* middle and L dial *ocris* hill peak cogn with *acer* sharp Thus half way up (not hill top!)

meditate From L *meditari* or perh back formation from much earlier *meditation* (c 1200) Cf C μεθεσθαι to think about

Mediterranean I placed earlier *editerre* L *mediterraneus* from *medius* middle *terra* land Spec application to one sea is earlier than gen sense

medium L neut of *medius* middle cogn with G μέσος For senses of *mean* which is derived from it The spiritualistic *medium* is referred to by Miss Mitford (1854) With *happy medium* cf *golden mean* Horace's *aurora mediocritas*

medjide Turk order instituted (1851) by Sultan Abdul Medjid

medlar Orig tree bearing fruit called *medle* AF form of OF *mesle* (cf *meddl*) from pl of L *mespilum* G μεσπίλον cf Du Cer Sw Dan *mspel* from L The Rom langs have usu adopted forms from Late L *nespila* pl of *nespium* due to dissim (cf *naphin*) e.g. F *néfle* It *ne pola* Sp *néspira* F fruit names are usu fem from L neut pl e.g. *pomme poire* and the tree names end in *ier* as in OF *meslier* *medlar*

medley AF *medlee* OF *meslee* (fille) from *mesler* to mix (see *meddle*) Orig, in sense now represented by *medle* and still so used with archaic tinge Later esp of dress and used as equivalent to *motley*

Th gallant medley on the banks of the Alma
(McCarthy Hist Oo Tmes ch 21)

médoc Claret fr m *Médoc* di tri t r S W of France

medullary Of marrow path L *medulla* cogn with *medus* middle

Medusa L G Μοῦσα one of the three Gorgons (qv) whose glance turned to stone

meed [poet] AS *meod* reward WGer cf obs Du *meede* Cer *meite* reward wages cogn with Goth *meidd* G *muosus* San knt *midhi* prize contest

meek ON *mi kr* soft pliant cogn with Goth *muks* *muks* meekness archai Du *muik* soft. First as Church word rendering Vul *mansuetus*

meerkat S Afr mammal Du *monkey* cf Cer *meerkale* It sea-cat But Hindi *marha* ape San knt *ma hst* suggests

that OHG *mericazza* may be an early folk-etym corrupt of an Eastern word.

meerschaum Ger, sea foam (see *mere*¹, *scum*), transl of Pers *kef-i-daryā*

meet¹ [*archaic*] Adj AS *gemæte*; cf Ger. *gemäss*, according, orig, commensurate, *mässig*, meet, from *mass*, measure (q.v.) See *mele*

meet² Verb AS *mētan*, cf. OSax *mōthan*, ON *mæta*, Goth *gamōljan* See *moot* Orig sense, to light upon, fall in with, is now usu represented by *to meet with* *Meeting* (-house), now usu limited to dissenters, esp quakers, has more gen sense in US

An' all I know is they wuz cried

In meetin', come nex Sunday

(Lowell, *The Courtin'*)

Meg In *Meg's diversions*, identified by some with Long *Meg* of Westminster, a noted 16 cent character whose "Life and Pranks" (1582) ran through many editions *Meg's Diversion* is the title of a play (1866)

megalithic From G *μέγας*, great, *λίθος*, stone

megalomania From G *μέγας*, *μεγάλη* (v.s.) Cf F *folie des grandeurs*, Ger *grössenwahn*

A common intellectual complaint which I may name (as I see Mr Gladstone has consecrated the word) "megalomania" (Lord Salisbury, 1897)

megalosaurus From G *σαῦρος*, lizard (v.s.)

megaphone Invented by Edison From G *φωνή*, voice (v.s.)

Megarian Of school of philosophy founded by Euclides of *Megara* (c. 400 B.C.)

megatherium Coined by Cuvier from G *μέγας*, great, *θηρίον*, beast

megilp, **magilp** [*arf*] Vehicle for oil-colours Various spelt, var *McGulp* suggesting possible derivation from a surname

megrin F *migraine*, "the megrim or headache" (Cotg.), Late L *hemicrania*, from G *ἡμι-*, half, *κράνιον*, skull, because affecting one side of the head (cf *sinicripus*) Now usu in pl for the blues, etc Cf hist of *mulligrubs*

meiosis G *μείωσις*, lessening, putting it mildly (cf *litotes*), as in *to come off second best*, *not half*, etc

meistersinger Ger, master-singer, applied to artisan poets of the 15 cent trade-gilds

melancholy F *mélancolie*, L, G *μελαγχολία*, from *μέλας*, *μελαν-*, black, *χολή*, bile In all Rom langs and borrowed by Teut The reference is to the black "humour"

supposed to produce temperament, cf. *phlegmatic*, *sanguine*, *choleric* As adj. replaces *melancholic* from c. 1500

Melanesian Coined on *Polynesian* to connote the black (v.s.) islanders of Fiji, New Caledonia, etc Cf *melanism*, darkness due to excess of black pigment, *melanochroi*, coined by Huxley from *ἄχρως*, pale, as name for racial type with dark hair and pale complexion, *melastoma*, tropical shrub, fruit of which blackens the mouth, G. *στόμα*

Melchite Sect of Eastern Christians in communion with R.C. Church From Syr *mal'hayī*, royalists, because of orig adherence to Empire

mêlée F, see *medley*, *mell*

melanthus Flower Coined (1700) by Tournefort from G *μέλι*, honey, *ἄθος*, flower

melic¹ Grass ModL *melica* (Linnaeus) Origin unknown ? Mistake for *medica*, Medic grass

From the meads where melick groweth

(J. Ingelow, *High Tide on Lincolnshire Coast*)

melic² Of poetry for singing G *μελικός*, from *μέλος*, song

melilot Plant F *mélilot*, L, G *μελίλωτος*, honey lotus

melinite Explosive F. *mélinite*, from G *μήλινος*, quince-yellow, from *μήλον*, apple, quince

meliorate From Late L *meliorare*, from *melior*, better Cf *meliorism*, halfway between optimism and pessimism, also obs *melioration*, now replaced by *betterment*

mell [*archaic & dial*] Var of *meddle* (q.v.), representing OF *meller* Cf *mellay*, *melly*, archaism revived by Scott in orig sense of *medley* (q.v.)

mellifluous From L *mellifluus*, from *mel*, *mell-*, honey, *fluere*, to flow Cf obs *melliloquent* and see *mealy-mouthed*

mellow ME *melwe*, ripe, app from oblique cases (*melw-*) of *meal*¹. Sense may have been affected by obs *merow*, AS *mearu*, cogn with Ger. *murbe*, mellow.

The man that drinks strong beer

And goes to bed right mellow,

Lives as he ought to live

And dies a hearty fellow (*Old Song*)

melocoton [² obs] Peach grafted on quince Sp, quince, It *melocotogno*, ModL *melum cotoneum* See *melon*, *quince*

melodeon, **melodion** Coined on *accordion* from *melody* (q.v.).

melodrama From F *melodrama* (18 cent)
from G *melos* song Orig romantic play
with songs interspersed

melody F *melodie* Late L G *μελωδία*
from *melos* song *aoidan* to sing Cf
comedy ode In all Rom & Teut langs
with meaning affected by supposed con-
nection with L *mel* honey (v.3)

A t. rent of mel/melodes [du Bart torrent de
mi l] (Sylv Trph. ca)

melon F Late L *melon* from Late L
melum apple (L *malum*) G *μῆλον*
Foreign fruits were usu regarded as
appl's (see *pomegranate*)

melophone kind of accordion From C
μελος song

melt AS *melian* strong intrans *miellan*
weak trans cogn with L *mollis* soft G
μᾶλιν v to melt and *smelt* (q.v.) Strong
p p *wollen* survives as literary adj

Albeit unused t the melti g mood (Otk v.3)

melon Cloth Formerly used for *Melon*
jackets as worn at *Melton Mowbray* (Leic.)
famous hunting-centre

member F *membra* L *membrum* limb in-
cluding the tongue (*Jawes* iii 5-8) Cf
to *dismember* tear limb from limb Fig
sense orig in *member of Christ* (the Church
Satan etc) cf limb *Member of Parliament*
ment is recorded 1454

membrane L *membrana* from *membrum*
(v.3) app in sense of coating of limb
Luthest L *seneca* (c 1500) is parchment

memento L imper of *meminisse* to re-
member redupl formation cogn with
mens mind Orig as init word of two
prayers in the Canon of the Mass Hence
memento me often for object reminding
of death such as skull skeleton at feet

A great m a must keep his hie at his f a t like
a l u g memento mori (*Pend. 1*)

memoir Orig note *memorandum* F
memoire (m.a.c) spec use of *memoire*
(fem) See *memory*

memorandum L neut gerund of *memorare*
to call to mind cf *acta propagnata*
Orig put like que at head of note etc
in sense of NB Cf *thm*

memory OF *in more* (*in memoire*) L *me-*
moriam from *memoria* mindful *Memoria*
petiti n wa fig a statement of facts
recalled to the mind cf the person peti-
tioned

Memphian Vaguely for Egyptian From
Memphis city of Egypt

mem sahib [Ang & Ind] Nati v alterati n
of *ma am ma lam* Sometimes used colloq
by Anglo-Indians for the miasma See
sahib

menace F L *minacia* (only in pl) from
minari to threaten In all Rom langs

ménage F OF *meins* v AL *manio* ion
aticum See *man ion* and cf obs *meins*
household retinue OF *maie* see AL
manio sala household

menagerie F *menagerie* on applied to
domestic administration (v.3) care of
cattle etc.

mend Aphet for *amend* (q.v.) Orig t to
prove a person morally Old or archa
senses are represented by *mender* too Late t
mend (v.1) Lat said *some t mended*
(atoned for) With *mend or end* t k v
cure make or mair

It is all in eng sh proverbs, better t a n
t to than no t (*Pend. 1* L d *Memo* 1411)

mendacious From L *mendax* *mentis*
cogn with *mentis* to lie and path with
memini I remember

Mendelian Of *Mendel* s (1864) doctrin of
heredity The name is the Ger f tm of
Mendelmann

mendicant From pres part of I *mendicare*
from *meicus* beggar v from *mendax*
fault lack

menhir F Bret men tone At 1 pp Cf
delmen hirschen

menial AF f m *meinie* hyn cf 11 (see
meine) cf d *meistic* from d m (as
temptuous sense from 18 cent)

A man as on a meynal writes *domen*
leath his was come vns (Twe. 11. 21)

A par per d menial forced me from the dwe
(*Memo* 1411 L d *Memo* 1411)

meninges [med] From C *μηνιγες* men-
frane (f brain)

meniscus Concavo-convex lens Cf *meniscus*
dim of *μηνισ*

menology Calendar of Greek (Eur. 1) From
C *μηνολογία*

menshevik Russa com rity socialist w n is
rendered by *men-shewist* (cf *bulshewist*)
From Rus *men-shewist* L t com
with *mens*

menstruum I *menstruum* cf *menstruum*
menstruum is *menstruum* (cf *menstruum*)
is from *menstruum* is *menstruum*

mensuration Late I *mensura* is *mensura*
mensura is *mensura* is *mensura*

mental Of the mind F Late I *mentis*
from *mens* men

mental² [*anat*] Of the *chun*. F., from L *mentum*, *chun*

menthol Coined in Ger (1861) by Oppenheim from L *mentha*, mint¹ (q v).

mention F, L *mentio-n-*, cogn with *mens*, mind Orig (c 1300) as noun in phrase to make mention of, F *faire mention de*, to recall to mind, L *mentionem facere* With not to mention cf synon Ger *geschweige*, from *geschweigen*, to pass over in silence

mentor F, G *Ménor*, adviser, monitor, name assumed in *Odyssey* by Athene disguised as sage counsellor of Telemachus, son of Ulysses The currency of the word is due to Fénelon's *Aventures de Télémaque* (17 cent)

menu F, small, detailed, L *minutus*
menura Lyre-bird Coined (1800) by Davies, from G *μήνη*, crescent moon, *οὐρα*, tail, from shape

Mephistophelean From *Mephistopheles*, the ironic demon of Goethe's *Faust* Earliest form (*Faustbuch* of 1587) is *Mephostophilus*, whence Marlowe's *Mephostophilus* (c 1590) Origin of name unknown.

How now, Mephostophilus? (*Merry Wives*, 1. 1)

mephitic From L *mephitis*, noxious vapour

mercantile F, It *mercantile*, from *mercante*, merchant (q v)

Mercator's projection System of map-drawing due to *Kremer*, Flem geographer (†1594), who latinized his name, dealer, huckster, as *Mercator*

mercenary L *mercenarius*, for **merced-narius*, from *merces*, *merced-*, reward (cf soldier) First as noun with allusion to *John*, x 12

He was a shepherd, and nocht a mercenarie

(Chauc A 514)

mercier F *mercier*, VL **merciarius*, from *merx*, *merc-*, merchandize Usu of dealer in textiles and now almost confined to silk In F usu in sense of "meane haberdasher of small wares" (Cotg)

mercize Method of treating textiles before dyeing, patented (1850) by *John Mercer*, an Accrington dyer, and put into practice c 1895

merchandise In ME usu *merchandise*, F, from *merchand*, merchant (q v)

merchant F *merchand*, from pres part of L *mercari*, to trade, from *merx*, *merc-*, merchandize; cf It *mercante* Usu *merchant* in ME, as still in surname Limitation to wholesale trader appears early in

E, but F sense survives in some compds, e.g. *con-merchant*. With *merchantman*, ship (Capt John Smith), cf. *Indriaman*, *man-of-war* For *merchant prince* see *Is.* xxi 8

This yeare [1504] the Taylors sued to the Kinge to be called Marchant taylors

(Wriothesley, *Chron*)

Mercian [*ling*] Lang of *Mercia*, AS kingdom of the Midlands, chief ancestor of literary E From AS *Mierce*, men of the "marches"

mercury OF *mercurie* (*mercure*), L *Mercurius*, orig god of merchandise, *merc-*, later identified with G *Hermes* The name was given in L to a planet and, like other planet-names, to a metal *Mercurial*, orig born under the planet *Mercury* (cf *jovial*, *saturnine*), owes part of its mod sense to association with quicksilver In 17 cent it was a gen term for newspaper (see *journal*)

mercy F *merci*, L *merces*, *merced-*, reward (cf It *mercede*, Sp *merced*), which in Church L was applied to the heavenly reward of those who show kindness to the helpless Current F sense is thanks (cf *grammercy*), that of compassion having been gradually replaced by *miseri-corde*, which was even used for *dagger of mercy* *That's a mercy*, something to be thankful for, preserves F meaning With for *mercy's sake* cf for *goodness* (*pity's*) *sake* *Mercy-seat* (Ev xxi 17) was first used (1530) by Tynd after Luther's *gnadenstuhl*, *Vulg propitiatorium*

mere¹ Lake AS *mere* WArvan, cf Du Ger *meer*, ON *marr*, Goth *marī*-(*sarws*), all meaning sea, also L *mare* (whence F *mer*, It *mare*, Sp *mar*), OIr *muir*, Welsh *môr*, Russ *mor'e*, cogn with *moor*¹ Cf *marsh*

mere² Adj L *merus*, pure, unmixed, esp of wine Cf *pure idiocy*, and Ger *lauter*, mere, from *laut*, clear, transparent. In some obs leg expressions it comes via OF, *mer*

The meere Irish, commonlie called the wild Irish (Stanyhurst, c 1580)

mere³ [*archaic & dial*] Boundary AS *gemære*, cogn with L *munus*, wall. Hence *meresman*, *merestone*, the later one source of name *Marston*

meretricious Orig alluring by outward show From L *meretricius*, from *meretrix*, *meretric-*, harlot, from *merēre*, to earn, serve for hire

merganser Water fowl goosander Coined (16 cent) from *L. mergus* diver anser duck

merge Law *F. mergere* to drown *L. mergere* to dip With *merger* (leg.) extinction or absorption of right cf *misnomer* *rejoinder* and other leg. terms from AF infinitives

mercarp [bot.] *F. méricarpe* from *G. μέπος* part *καρπος* fruit.

meridian *F. méridien* *L. meridianus* from *meridies* by dissim. for *medius* mid-day. As noun ellipt. for *meridian line* (circle time) *Versidional* southern Frenchman is a recent adoption of *F. méridional* cf *F. midi* south esp. of France

meringue In Jersey (1706) *F.* of unknown origin

merino Earliest (18 cent.) in *merino sheep* a spec. breed of Estremadura. Sp. *merino* overseer of pastures *L. majorinus* from *major* Cf *major*

merit *F. mérite* *L. meritum* pp. neut. of *mereri* to earn deserve cf *G. μέπος* part share. On its *merits* is from leg. *meritis* (intrinsic rights and wrongs) of the cause (action)

The bench dism. as it the case on its merits
(*Nat. Gham. Ec. Post* Nov. 19 1917)

merle [poet.] Blackbird *F. L. merulus*. Usu coupled with *mauve* the collocation having been introduced into E. from the S. poets by Drayton

merlin [archaic] Falcon *MF. merl on* (Chauc.) *F. émerillon* OF *esmerillon* cf *It. smeriglione* Sp. *esmerillon*. These are all dims. from a simplex which appears as OF *esmeril* ON *smirill* Ger. *schmerl*. Prob. of Teut. origin

merlon [fort.] Space between two embrasures *F.* It *merlone* augment of *merlo* *merla* battlement for earlier *merlo* apt from *L. mergae* pitchforks

mermaid From *mere* in obs. sense of sea and *maid*. Cf Ger. *meerjungfrau* *Vernan* is a later formation Cf AS *mereuif*. In early use renders *siren*

Chamtecleer so I
Soong muri r than the mermaid in th. see
(Chauc. B. 4450)

mero From *G. μέπος* part
Merovingian [hist.] *F. mérovingien* from MedL *Merovingi* descendants of *Meoicus* OHG *Marwig* famous fight reputed ancestor of Clovis. Both elements are common in Teut. names e.g. *Waldemar* *Lud*

wig. Hence *Merovingian* *L. in* as used in charters etc. of the period (c. 500-800)
merry AS *myrge* whence *MF. muer* cf which *merry* is a Kentish form. Prob. cogn. with OHG *mur*, *firi* short lasting Goth. *ga maurjan* to shorten and ult. with C. *βραχυς* short of ON *kemla* to amuse from *skammr* short. Orig. pleasant happy as in *Mer e. English* (14 cent.) *Merry* *Monarch* she is current sense. With *n. rrv* go round cf dial *nerry* totter see *saw* (*Pr. mpt. Part.*) *u i n r v* go down (c. 1500) strong ale *Mer e.* was once the regular epithet of the fullness of a knight or outlaw chief? Can this be partly due to MedL *laetitia* used for *liege* being interpreted as *L. laetus*

Th. Freese h. g. host h. th. kyllid th. E. I. f. Armenak a. d. all hys myrm. e. (P. u. Let. 83)

t. dt. th. merie-tho. ght. the forked raw bone of a bird wh. h. we us. a. port. to p. t. on our noses (Coig)

Restless h. rolls. bout from who. to where
A Merry M. narch. sea. dalow. and poon. (Poch. ter)

nervousness [hist.] Coined (c. 1882) by the Duke of Argyll to describe the state of mind of Lord Roberts who had warned the Government of Russian designs on Merv (Turkestan). The Russians took the town in 1883-4. Cf *jingo*

mesa [geom.] Steep-sided table land esp. in New Mexico. Sp. table *L. mensa*

mésalliance *I.* with prefix chief *L. mīsu* as in *mischief*

meseems [a. chanc.] *Me* is dat. cf *meth* *ni* *mesembryanthemum* Flower. From *G. μ* *σν* *βρ* noon *σπορον* flower

mesentery MedL. *G. μ* *σν* *εν* *τε* from *μέσος* middle *εν* *τε* intestine

mesh From 16 cent. also *meash* *mask*. A North Sea word from obs. Du. *masche* (*maas*) cogn. with AS *masc* (recorded as *max*) whence dial *mask* in same sense cf Ger. *masche* ON *másk*

mesmerism From *Mesmer* Austrian physician (†1815). Cf *galvanism*

mesne [feud.] Intermediate (tenure etc.) not directly from sovereign. Law 1. spelling with *u* orig. *s* of AF *meen* (see *mean*). Has influenced *demeine*

Mesopotamia *G. μεσοποταμία* (sc. *χώρα*) from *μέσος* middle *ποταμός* river the two rivers being the Tigris and Euphrates. The formation is similar to that of

Twynham, Hants, AS (*bi*) *twm æum*, (at) two waters, or the Indian *Doab*, ult cogn. with L *duo* and *agua* Now colloq *Mesquit*. mesquite Mexican tree, also grass found near it Mexican Sp

mess Orig dish of food, what is put on the table OF *mes* (*mets*), p p of *mettre*, to put, L *mittere* With to *make a mess of* cf to *make a hash of*, to *be in a stew*, etc (see also *kettle of fish*) Thus we get the odd transition to the current sense of what is disorderly, often disgusting In mil and naut use a *mess* consisted orig, as still in the Inns of Court, of four persons (in *Love's Lab Lost*, the four Russians are called a *mess* of Russians) Hence pleon *messmate* (see *mate*¹), and to *lose the number of one's mess*, be killed

més a messe, or service of meat, a course of dishes at table (Cotgr)

message F, VL **nussaticum*, from *mittere*, *miss-*, to send In OF & ME also in sense of *messenger* The latter word, F *messenger*, has the regular intrusive -n- (cf *passenger*, *harbinger*)

The hooley lawes of oure Alkaron,
Yeven by Goddes message Makomete
(Chauc B 332)

Messiah Aram *m'shīhā*, Heb *māshīah*, from *māshah*, to anoint Substituted in the Geneva Bible (1560) for the *Messias* of earlier transls, which represents the G & L adaptations, and remains in the AV, exc in *Dan* ix 25-6

messieurs Pl of *monsieur* (qv), used (*Messrs*) as pl of Mr

messmate See *mess*

messuage Orig site, now dwelling-house with appurtenances AF *mesuage*, perh orig a graphic error for *mesnage* (see *ménage*)

mestizo Half-caste Sp, VL **mixticus*, from *mixtus*, cf F *métis*, Prov *mestis* See also *mastiff*

A *mestizo* is one that hath a Spaniard to his father and an Indian to his mother (Hakl vi 321)

meta- G *μετά*, prep of somewhat vague meaning (see *metamorphosis*)

metabolism [*biol*] From G *μεταβολή*, change, from *βάλλειν*, to cast

metal F *métal*, L *metallum*, G *μέταλλον*, mine, cogn with *μετάλλω*, to seek after, explore In all Rom & Teut langs *Heavy metal*, *weight of metal*, allude to aggregate power of a ship's guns Also

applied in E to non-metallic matter, substance, esp of earthy nature, whence mod *road-metal* In 16-17 cent used of the "stuff" of which a man is made, in which sense the differentiated spelling *mettle* is usual since c 1700, while Shaks writes *metal*, *mettle* indifferently Esp in to *show the mettle one is made of*, *be on one's mettle*

I did not think Master Silence had been a man of this metal (2 Hen IV, v 3)

Thev [the horses] are well made and well metalled
(Purch xvi 91)

metamorphosis L, G, from *μεταμορφῶν*, to transform, from *μορφή*, shape, the prefix being gen equivalent to L *trans-* Cf *metaphor*, from *μεταφέρειν*, to transfer, *metathesis*, from *μετα-θέναι*, to transpose In some cases the prefix implies next to, e g *metatarsus* (*anat*), next to the *tarsus*, cf *metaphysics*

metaphor See above *Mixed metaphor* is euph for *bull*³

In 1014 our old regular army crossed swords with a great numerical superiority of the cream of the German host at concert pitch and undamaged by war (*Fort* 1914, July, 1919)

metaphysics For earlier *metaphysic* (cf F *métaphysique*) Applied, from 1 cent AD, to thirteen books of Aristotle which, in the received arrangement of his works, follow the books dealing with physics and natural science These were called *τὰ μετὰ τὰ φυσικά*, the (works) after the physics, which came to be wrongly interpreted as the works beyond, or transcending, physics

metatarsus, metathesis See *metamorphosis*

métayer F, MedL *medietarius*, from *medietas*, half (see *moiety*), the farmer paying a part, theoretically a half, of the produce as rent

mete [*archaic*] To measure AS *metan* Com Teut, cf Du *meten*, Ger *messen*, ON *meta*, Goth *mitan*, cogn with L *modius*, peck (cf Goth *mutaths*) Only current in to *mete out*, some senses of which are affected by archaic *mete*, boundary, OF L *meta*, still used in leg *metes and bounds*

* Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure (*Lev* xix 35)

metempsychosis Transmigration of the soul G from *μετά*, *ἐν*, in, *ψυχή*, soul A Pythagorean belief

meteor F *météore*, G *μετέωρον*, neut adj,

lofty from *μετα* and *εμψ* to lift up
Orig of any atmospheric phenomenon as
still in *meteorological*

meter *Usu* eg in *thermometer calorimeter*
etc from Γ *mēre* ModL *metrum* G
μέτρον measure but in *gas meter* (whence
water meter electric light meter) from verb
metō (q v)

metheglin [archa] Welsh mead Wel h
*medd*glyn medicine from *meddylg* healing
L *medicus* and *lyn* liquor

methinks It seems to me From obs *think*
to seem AS *thynkan* cf Ger *denken* to
think *danken* to seem See *think*

Hm tho ght he by th brook f Chentl stood
(Parl h 26)

method Γ *methōle* I G *μεθόδ* s pursuit
of knowledge investigation from *μετα*
and *oδ* s way Spec sense of systematic
arrangement was developed by early
logicians *Methodist* (Wesleyan) was ap-
plied to the members of a rel society the
Holy Club founded at Oxf (1729) by
John and Charles Wesley and their friends
but the word was in earlier u (*new metho-
dist*) to indicate adherence to any new rel
method or system of belief

methyl [chem] Γ *μέθυλε* Ger *methy*l back
formation from Γ *μέθυλ*'ne coined (1835)
by Dumas and Peligot from C *μ* the wine
Aq wood

mechulous Γ *μέτiculoux* L *met cul sus*
timorous fearful (Coop) from *metus*
fear Current sense is 19 cent

métier F trade calling Or *mestier* usu
derived from L *ministerium* service but
the very early *maistier* points to *magis-
teriu* n mastery Prob both have com-
bined See *mystery*

metonymy [rhet] Use of adjunct for prin-
cipal eg *a disgrace to his cloth* Γ *με-
τονυμία* Late L G *μετωνυμία* change of
name *νῦμα* (see *eponymy*)

metre AS *mēter* L *metrum* G *μετρο* mea-
sure P adopted in 14 cent from Γ *mētre*
and for the third tim from the
same word selected (1720) as off'c unit
of measure Hence *metric syste* n bas d on
this unit In metric system the multiples
kilo hecto deca are C the fractional
milli centi deci are L *Met cious* F
metronomus is from G *μέτρον* law rule

metronymic Name derived from ancestress
eg *Marriott* from *Mary Meggitt* from
Margaret Coined on *patronymic* from G
μητρ mother

metropolis L G from *μητρο* mother
πολ s city Earlier (15 cent) is *metro-
politan* bishop having control over bishops
of a province his see being in the metro-
polis Hence j c *Col onopol* s Manchester
Porkopolis Chi ago

mettle See *metel* *Metle* of the pasture 1
after *Hen* I iii r
An In human ri n with the m tle f h n t e
part e (D ly Chro Sp 15 1017)

mew¹ Bird AS *mauw* cf Du *meeuw* Ger
maice (from LC) ON *mar* also Γ *dm*
mouette from Teut

mew² Of cat Imit f Ger *mauen* Γ
mauler P rs *mau* Arab *mut* etc also
Chin *muu* cat *Maw* *muai* *meul* *meut*
are also found

mi ler to *mi* wle or m w ik a at (Colb)

mew³ Verb Orig to moult F *muer* L
mutare to change Hence *mew* cage or
coop orig for m ulting bir is esp falcon
and verb to *meu* (1 p) no v fig only The
up is due to association with *mi* ure (wall)
up like a peccant nun The royal *meus*
hawk houses at Charing Cro s (le *Munes*
apud Charryn e VED 1304) were pulled
down (1531) and royal stables erected on
their site hence mod sense cf *meas* For
extension from parti ular to general cf
spr b idewell

Γ l many s fat p rtinch hadde he n m e
(Ch A 340)

M pity th t the gles should be mew d
Wh l kites d buz ards play at l be ty
(R ch III)

mews See *meu*

mezzanine [a cl] Lntresol (q v) Γ It
mez anino dim of *ie ano* middle L
mediānu See *mean*

mezzobint It *me ol nt* half tint L *medius*
See *tint* Cf *mezzo sopr* no

mi (1115) See *ga nt*

masma G from *μαε* to pollute

mica L grain crumb whence Γ *mi e*
crumb Sense de elopment influenced by
association with L *micca* s to glisten

Micawber Type of man who hopes f r
something to turn up (*Copperfield*)

It s ot f t s tru t the tr d tion f Mc wbe
gainst th tr buon of blood and iron
(f Bl ichford, Dec 17 1709)

much [slan] See *much*

Hoe = myching J (nk s dd torm)
Of his d b erunce h d's f t the m
(Gy) J ma

Michael Arch angel Heb *Mikhael* who is
like God? A favourite Europ name ex

F *Michel*, Sp. *Miguel* The popular form was *Mihel*, etc., preserved in *Saint-Mihel* (Meuse) and in our common surname *Miles*. *Der deutsche Michel*, orig (16 cent) a clumsy, good-natured man, was adopted during the War of Liberation (1813) for a national type, cf *Jacques Bonhomme*, *John Bull*, *Paddy*, etc. *Michaelmas* is in AS

I sent to you the last letter the daye aftyr Seynt Michell (*Paston Let* ii 246)

Michael has been a slave to his imperial master for the self same reason (*Daily Chron* May 17, 1918)

mickle, muckle [*archaic & dial*] AS *micel*, *mycel* Com Teut., cf OSax *mihil*, OIIG. *mihhil*, ON *mihell*, Goth *mihils*, cogn with G *μεγαλ-* (*μέγας*, great) and prob with L *magnus* See *much* Cf name *Micklejohn*, *Meiklejohn*

microbe F, badly coined (1878) by Sédillot from G *μικρός*, small, *bios*, life Cf *microcephalous*, small-headed, usu with *idiot*, *microcosm*, the little cosmos, man, the vogue of which is due to its use (c 1200) by Bernard Silvester of Tours in *De Universitate Mundi*, *microscope*, from G *σκοπεῖν*, to look

micturation [*med*] From L *micturare*, desiderative of *ungere*, to urinate

mid Orig adj AS *midd* Aryan, cf OSax *muddi*, OHG *mith*, ON *mithr*, Goth *midris*, L *medius*, G *μέσος*, Sanskrit *madhya*, Zend *madya*, OCelt *medio-*, in place-names, e.g. *Mediolanum*, now *Milan* Hence prep *mid*, for *amid* (q.v.) So *midship*, for *amidship*, whence *midshipman*, earlier *midshipsman* (Capt John Smith), from station in ship *Midshipmite* and *muddy* are in Marryat (*Peter Simple*) The commoner compds, e.g. *middy*, *midnight*, *midsummer*, *midwinter*, are found in AS *Midsummer madness*, associated with earlier *midsummer moon*, is in Shaks (*Twelfth Night*, in 4) *Midriff*, diaphragm, is from AS *hryf*, belly, cogn with L *corpus* *Midst* is for obs *mids*, genitive of *mid*, with excrecent *-t* as in *against*, etc

Midas Very rich man Fabulous king of Phrygia (cf *Croesus*) Granted by Dionysos the power of turning all he touched into gold, and gifted by Apollo with ass's ears

midden [*dial*] Dunghill Of Scand origin, cf Dan *mödding*, from *mög*, muck (q.v.), *dynge*, heap, dung (q.v.)

middle AS *midel*, from *mid* (q.v.) A WGer

formation, cf Du *middel*, Ger *mittel* Oldest records are all in superl *middelst*, later replaced by *middlemost* (see *-most*). *Middleman*, orig two words, is first recorded in current sense in Burke *Middle-Age(s)* is 18 cent, cf F *moyen âge*, Ger *mittelalter*, all translating ModL *medium aevum*

midling Not from *middle*, but from *mid* (q.v.) and *-ling* (q.v.) Orig. Sc adj, now used also as noun to express medium quality, e.g. of meal

The best moutoun for rxs, the midling moutoun for vns, and the worst moutoun for vis (*Reg of Sc Privy Coun cil*, 1554).

midge AS *myeg*, *myege*, gnat, cf Du. *mug*, Ger *mucke*, Sw *mygg*, Dan *myg* *Midget* is 19 cent.

midriff, *midshipman*, *midst*, *midsummer* See *mid*.

midwife From obs prep *mid*, with, cogn with Du *mede*, Ger *mit*, and *wife* in orig. sense of woman The sense is thus "woman assisting", cf. synon Ger *beifrau*, and see *obstetric* For formation of *cummer* (q.v.) and numerous Du & Ger compds of *mede-*, *mit-*

mien Earlier (16-17 cents) *mcne*, *meane*, aphet for *demean* (q.v.), later associated with F *mine*, "the countenance, look, cheer, visage" (Cotg), which is perh of Celt origin, cf Welsh *min*, lip, OIr *mén*, mouth

miff [*colloq*]. Tiff, huff Cf Ger *muff*, *muffig*, from which the E word was perh borrowed (c 1600)

might¹ Noun AS *miht*, from root of *may*; cf Du Ger *macht*, Goth *mahts*, also ON *máttegr*, mighty The collocation with *main*¹ is found in AS and the contrast with *right* in ME. The adv use of *mighty*, now colloq, is also old (13 cent)

Sa mighti meke, ea mild o mode (*Cursor Mundi*)

might² Verb AS *mihte*, past of *may* **mignon** Dainty F, see *minion* Hence *mignonnette*, not much used in F, a pet-name for *réséda*

migraine F, see *megrin*

migrate From L *migrare*, or back-formation from earlier *migration* (Cotg)

mikado Jap, from *mi*, august, *kado*, door, cf the *Sublime Porte*

milady Cf *milord*

milch AS *milce*, in *thri-milce*, month of May, when cows can be milked three times

million F, It *milione*, augment from L *mille*, thousand For pl. *million*, after *hundred, thousand*, cf *dozen* *Milhonaire* is early 19 cent, F *millionnaire* (Acad 1762)

milord Used on continent of rich E traveller, *my lord*.

milreis Port coin, thousand *reis*, pl of *real*² (q v)

milt Spleen of animals, soft roe of fish. AS *milte* Com Teut, cf Du *milt*, Ger *milz*, ON *miltr*, prob cogn with *melt* In sense of roe the earlier word was *milk*, which has been confused with *milt*, cf Ger *milch*, Dan *melk*, in same sense

lactes mylike of *fyshe* (Voc)

lactes the soft roe, or milt of fish (Litt)

mime L *nimus*, G *μῆμος*, buffoon, cf *pantomime* Hence *mimic* Biol sense of *mimicry, mimetic*, etc, is 19 cent

mimny-pimny Formed, after *namby-pamby*, on dial *mim*, imit of lips pursed up in "prunes, prisms" style Also *minimny-piminy* See *giminy*

munosa F, ModL (c 1600), in allusion to sensitive plant's mimicry of animal life

mimulus Plant ModL (Linnaeus), from *nimus* See *munosa* and cf pop name *monkey-mush*

mina¹ Weight and coin L, G *μνᾶ*, of Babylonian origin

mina² Bird Hind *mainā*

minaret Sp *minarete*, from Turk form of Arab *manārat*, from *manār*, light-house, from root of *nār*, fire, cf F *minaret*, It *minaretto*

minatory OF *minaloire*, Late L *minatorius*, from *minari*, to threaten

mince OF *mincier*, VL **minutiare*, from *minutus*, small, cf It *minuzzare* and ModF *amenuiser* Orig kitchen term as in *mince(d)-meat, -pie* To *mince* matters was earlier to *mince the matter* (Sir T More), but its popularity is due to *Oth* ii 3 Shaks also uses *mince*, *mincing* several times in their current fig senses Cf. *diminish, minish*

a mynsynge pae le pas menu (Palsg)

2 dozen of machetos to minch the whale (Hakl. iii 202).

mund AS *gemynd*, cf. OHG *gimunt*, Goth *gamunds*, memory From an Aryan root which appears in L *mens*, Sanskrit *manas*, mind, ON. *minni*, memory, Ger *minne*, love (see *minnesinger*) The order of senses

is (1) memory, as in *mindful*, to call to mind, time out of mind, and dial I *mind the time when*, (2) opinion, intention, as in to have a (good, great, half) mind to, to speak one's mind, (3) seat of consciousness The verb is evolved in ME from the noun, some current senses, e.g. *mind what I say, mind the step*, springing from the idea of mental attention The latest development is that of being personally concerned (only in neg or inter phrases, e.g. *never mind, do you mind?*)

Cromwell died, people not much minding it (Josselin's Diary, Sep 3, 1658)

mine¹ Possess pron AS *mīn*, gen of *I, me* Com Teut, cf Du *myjn*, Ger *mein*, ON. *mīnn*, Goth *meins* Early superseded by *my* before consonant, exc. predicatively

mine² Noun F, borrowed also by all Rom. & Teut langs The F word appears first in verb *miner* (12 cent), which is prob of Celt origin, cf Gael Ir *mein*, ore, Welsh *mwyn* The Celts worked metals before the Teutons (cf *iron*), and Greece and Italy are poor in minerals Hence *mineral*, MedL *mineralis*

Thys minerall water is cleere .and springeth out of sande (NED 1562)

Minerva press Printing-shop in Leadcnhall St, which issued many sentimental novels c 1800 L *Minerva*, goddess of wisdom, cogn with *mind*

miniver See *miniver*.

mingle ME *mengelen*, frequent of obs *mengen*, AS *mengan*, from *mang*, mixture. Com Teut., cf Du Ger *mengen*, ON. *menga*, cogn with *among* *Mingle-mangle*, hotch-potch, is used by Latimer

mingy [slang] Thinned form of *mangy*

miniature It *miniatura*, MedL, from *miniare*, to rubricate, paint in *minium*, red lead, prob an Iberian word (cf river *Minus*, now Port *Minho*, ? from colour) Orig applied to the ornamental capitals of MS, and later, perh by association with *minor, minimus*, to small pictures and portraits in gen

minatura a limning, a painting with vermillion (Flor)

minié-rifle [hist] Used to fire *minié-bullet*, from F inventor's name Superseded by *enfield*

minify Incorr. formed from *minor* after *magrify*

- minikin** [*chiefly dial.*] Dainty affected Obs
Du *minneken* dim of *minne* love Cf
minnesinger *minson*
- minim** [*rims*] L *minimus* because orig in
ancient notation the shortest note Cf
minimize coined by Bentham *minimalist*
incorr rendering of Russ *menshevik* (q v)
minimum (cf *minimun*)
my ym of nge minna (P ompt Parv)
- minion** F *minyon* darling from Ger *minne*
love cf *minikin* and It *minione* Esp
of favourite of the powerful but used in
16-17 cents without d^r paraging sense
m n a minion a f vount a dill ng a min kin
a darling (Flor)
The Min of Power—in other word a ribald
turncock ita h d to th waterworks
(Mr Micawber)
- minish** [*archa c*] See *diminish* *mince*
- minister** L servant related to *minor* as
maister is to *major* Local sense after F
ministre is found in pre Reformation times
of an ecclesiastic charged with some spec
function Sense of high officer of Crown
from 17 cent
- murver** *munever* OF *menuver* the furre
miniver also the beast that beares it
(Cotg) lit little grey (see *menu* and *tail*)
suppos d to have been orig the skin of the
small grey squirrel F *petit gris* ME *terre*
is us d of a stoat or weasel and *minister* sur
vives in same sense in EAngl dial Cf
synon Ger *grau weh* lit gray fur
- mink** Cf Sw *menk* mink IC *mink* otter
Now u of Amer species Early examples
all in s
My russet gown perv id w th menks
(Past I et li 47)
- minnesinger** Ger also *sänger* from *minne*
love cogn with *mint* Applied to MHC
poets who imitated (c 11,0-1300) the
troubadours of Provence Cf *meister*
singer
- minner** [*rind*] From 1915 Abl rev of Ger
minenwerfer mine thrower See *mine*
warp
- minnow** MF *menos* fish sing from VL
menux & *menusse* small fish of divers
sorts (Cotg) VL *minidus* neut pl
There is also an AS *myne* but it is un
certain what fish it was and it does not
appear to have survived
pascol a manner of minnow (sic) f yr c small
fishes (Flor)
If ar 30 th s Trt n of the minnows? (Cor 12)
- minor** L from a root which app ars in L

- minuere* G *parvior* to make less cf
ME *min* less Ger *minder* Hence *minor* &
frat major Franciscan In gen contrast
with *major* *Minor poet* (19 cent) seems
to imitate *minor prophet*
- minorca** Fowl from island of *Minorca*
- Minotaur** [*myth*] G *Minotauros* monster
fed in Cretan labyrinth on human flesh
offspring of Pasiphaë wife of King Minos
and a bull
- minster** AS *mynstre* Church L *monasterium*
cf OF *mostier* whence archaic F *monastère*
(replaced by learned *monastère*) Ger *Minster*
Serb *Manastir* etc
- munstrel** OF *menestrel* (replaced by *meretrier* fiddler) Late L *munisterialis* from
munister servant. Orig any buffoon or
entertainer For restriction of sense f
14th (Christmas) For rise in dignity due
to Scott & Co cf *barf* See quot s v *wait*
C 11 Jam tumbl eod d f tents mal t al
s m (F 1 of Derby's Exp d 300-93)
- munst** Plant AS *munte* L *mentia* G *munta*
cf F *menthe* Du *munst* Ger *min* & *mint*
- mint** For coin AS *mynet* L *moneta* cf
Du *munst* Ger *munze* For list see *monet*
- munnet** F *munnet* from *menu* small L
minutus because danced with short steps
From 17 cent Form influen ed by It
minuetto from F
- minus** L neut of *minor* (3 v) First (15
cent) in quasi prep s nse unknown to F
Plus and minus with symbols + - at
first found in Ger book on commerc
arithmetic (1489) Cf *minuscule* small
letter 1 L *minusculus* (sc little d)
- minute** Noun 1 Late L *minuta* (sc *pa
primā*) from *minutus* small cogn with
minor 2ly is taken later from L *minuta*
For sense of detail as in official *minute*
minutes of meeting cf *menu*
- My mother took nd tea, which I ha d seen
in the first! 10th prayer book of the ritual stra
dreams sb h 1 (Delee Mem Car ch 1)
- minx** Farther also *minx* L *mix* & *witch*
cf Ger *mens h* (neut) in same sense on
adj OHG *manisc* from man man For
metath of sh cf *hunts* *Minx*
- miocene** [*geol*] Coined (19 cent) from G
miu 1 s name new Cf *pliocene*
- muquet** [*hist*] Sp irre ular guenille 11 et
et Also *muquet* Dim of Sp *muget*
Catalan *muget* Mcl 1
- miracle** 1 L *miraculum* from *mirus*
wonderful Cf AS *miradont* ce *grund* &
weore

mirage F, from *se mirer*, to be reflected, mirrored See *mirror*

mire ON *mýrr*, cogn with *moss* Allusive uses, *stick in the mire*, etc., are very common in ME

mirific F *mirificus*, L *mirificus*, from *mirus*, wonderful, *facere*, to make

mirk See *mirik*

mirror OF *mirēor* (replaced by *miroir*), L *mirator-em*, from *mirari*, to contemplate, wonder at

Playing, whose end is to hold, as 'twere, the mirror up to nature (*Hamlet* iii 2)

mirth AS *myrith*, from *merry*, of which it follows the sense-development

mirza Complimentary title Pers *mirzā*, for *mīrzād*, from *mīr* (from Arab *amīr*, ameer, emir), *zād* (= natus)

mis- In majority of compds is AS *mis-* Com Teut prefix, cf Du *mis-*, Ger *miss-*, ON *mis-*, Goth *missa-*, cogn with *miss*¹ This prefix has been confused with the unrelated OF *mes-* (*més-*, *mé-*), L *minus*, whence Sp Port *menos-* (see *muscovado*), OIt *menes-* (*mis-*)

misanthrope F, G *μισάνθρωπος*, from *μισῶν*, to hate, *ἄνθρωπος*, man Cf *miso-gymist*

miscarry OF *mescarier*, to go astray See *mis-* and *carry* The simplex is not used as intrans verb exc in to *carry on* (orig naut), where it has become equivalent to *go on*, cf fig *such goings (carryings) on*

miscegenation Orig US Badly coined from L *miscēre*, to mix, *genus*, race

miscellaneous From L *miscellaneus*, from *miscellus*, from *miscēre*, to mix

mischievous OF *meschief* (*méchef*), from *meschever*, to come to grief, opposite of *achieve* (q v) See *mis-* Orig evil plight, discomfort As euph for the Devil (*what the mischievous*) from 16 cent

In siknesse nor in meschief to visite
The ferreste in his parisshe, muche and lite
(Chauc A 493)

Souvent celui qui demeure
Est cause de son meschef
Celuy qui s'enfuit de bonne heure
Peut combattre derechef

(*Satire Ménippée*, 16 cent)

miscreant OF *mescreant*, pres part of *mescreire* (*mécroire*), L *minus* and *credere*, to believe Orig epithet of Saracens, cf It. *miscredente*, heathen Current sense first in Spenser

misdeemeanour From *demeanour* with E

prefix *mis-* Orig sense of misbehaviour now restricted to leg. use

misdoubt [*archaic*] From OF *se mesdouter*, to suspect, where the *mes-* appears to have rather intens than neg force

mise [*hist*] Agreement, esp in *Mise of Lewes* (1264) F, pp fem of *mettre*, to put, lay down, L *mittere*, to send

miser L, wretched, cf It Sp *misero*, wretched, avaricious, which prob suggested adoption of L word (16 cent) Also *miserable*, F *miserable*, L *miserabilis*; *misery*, OF *miserie* (replaced by *misère*), L *miseria*

Sir John Hawkins had in him malice with dissimulation, rudeness in behaviour, and passing sparing, indeed miserable (Purch xvi 133)

miserere Imper of *misereri*, to have pity Init word of Ps h used as penitential *misericord* [*antiq*] Hinged seat in choir-stall to lean against F *miséricorde*, L *misericordia*, pity, from *misereri* (v s) and *cor*, *cord-*, heart Also (*archaic*), dagger of mercy, relaxation room in monastery

misery See *miser*

misfeasance [*leg*] OF *mesfaisance*, from *mesfaire* (*méfaire*), to misdo, L *minus* and *facere*

misgive Orig (c 1500) in *my heart misgives me*, i e forebodes to me unhappily, from *give* in ME sense of to suggest

My hert gyveth me that v^e mater wyll nat reste longe in the case that it is nowe in

(Berners' *Froissart*)

mishap As silly euph for defeat, dates from SAfr war See *hap*

mish-mash Redupl on *mash* Cf Ger *misch-masch*

mishnah Precepts forming basis of Talmud Post-Bibl Heb from *shānāh*, to repeat

misnomer AF infin, OF *mesnomer*, L *minus* and *nominare* See *mis-* For infin as noun in AF law terms cf *rejoinder*, *attainder*

misogynist From G *μισογύνης*, from *μισῶν*, to hate, *γυνή*, woman An enthusiastic temperance orator, unversed in the classics, once declared himself an "uncompromising beerogynist"

misprision¹ [*leg*] OF *mesprision*, mistake, L *minus* and *prehensio-n-* Now chiefly in *misprision of felony*, orig crime partly due to error, but now concealment

misprision² [*archaic*] Contempt On above from OF *mespriser* (*mépriser*), to despise, L *minus* and *pretiare* See *prize*¹

children call woolly gloves "pussies" To give (get) the mitten is US ? in contrast with the glove, regarded as a mark of lady's favour

mittimus Form of writ. From init word. L, we send Cf obs *bannimus*, formula of expulsion at Oxf

mix Back-formation from *mixt*, F *mixte*, L *mixtus*, from *miscere*, to mix To be mixed up with is a metaphor from the apothecary's shop

mixen [dial] Dunghill AS *miæn*, from *meox*, dung, ult cogn with Ger *mist*

Thet coc is kene on his owne myenne

(Ancien Riwle)

mizen Orig a sail, now a mast F *misaine*, now foremast, It *mezzana*, name of a sail, cf Sp *mesana*, Du *bezaan*, earlier *mezane* (Kil), Ger *besan* (from Du) It is possible that the It word, taken as meaning middle (see *mezzo*, *mezzanine*), is really adopted from Arab *mizān*, balance "The mizen is, even nov, a sail that 'balances,' and the reef in a mizen is still called the 'balance'-reef" (W B Whall, author of *Shakespeare's Sea Terms Explained*)

The ship was laid to under a balance mizen, tumbling about dreadfully (Hickey's *Memoirs*, II 213).

mizmaze Mystification. Redupl. on *maze* (q v)

mizpah [Bibl] Heb, watch-tower (*Gen.* xxxi. 48)

mizzle¹ To drizzle Cf Du dial *miezelen*, LG *miseln*, prob cogn with *mist* Pepys speaks of a "cold, misling morning" (Sep. 15, 1665)

muzzle² [slang] To slink off Shelta *mish*, to go

mnemonic G *μνημονικός*, from *μνήμων*, mindful, *μνάσθαι*, to remember

moa Native Maori name of *dinornis*

Moabite stone Erected (c 850 B C) by Mesha, king of *Moab*, with earliest known inscription of Phoenician alphabet.

moan AS **mān*, cogn. with *mānan*, to mourn, whence obs *mean*, replaced after 16 cent by *moan*, from noun Orig. chiefly in to make moan

If you should die for me, sir knight,
There's few for you would meane (Sc Ballad)

moat ME *mote*, mound, embankment, OF & AF, hill-fortress surrounded by water. Ident. with F *moite*, clod, ? of Teut origin and cogn with *mud*. For change of sense cf. double meaning of *dike* Older sense of

F word appears in common surnames *Lamothe*, *Delamotte*

E si avert une mote environée de marreis e de ewe, e là fist Payn un tour bel e fort

(Hist de Fouques fitz Warin).

mothe a little earthen fortress, or strong house, built on a hill (Cotg)

mob¹ Crowd Abbreviated (late 17 cent) from *mobile* (sc *vulgus*), the fickle crowd Addison (*Spect* 135) speaks of "*mob* *rep* *pos* *mcog* and the like" See *mobile* and *vulgar*

der tolle pobel the rascally sort of people; the mobile, mobb, or rabble (Ludw)

mob² Cap Archaic Du *mop*, of unknown origin

mop a thrum cap worn by sea men (Hexham)

mop-muls a night-coif (ib).

mobile F, L *mobilis*, from *movēre*, to move *Mobilize* is 19 cent, F *mobiliser*

moccasin N Amer Ind, with forms varying in different tribes Earliest *mockasin* (Capt John Smith)

Mocha Arab port on Red Sea, whence coffee. It is prob that *mocha*, chalcedony, is of same origin

mock F *moquer*, now only reflex., cf synon Prov *mochar*, It *moccare* Orig. sense perh to blow the nose, as derisive gesture, from L *mucus*, whence also F *moucher*, to blow the nose, of which *moquer* would be a dial form Sense of imitating, orig derisively, as in *mocking-bird*, *mock* *heroics* (*modesty*, etc), is developed in E *Mock* *turtle* is first recorded in Mrs Glasse (1763)

moccare to snuffe or blow the nose, to snuffe a candle Also to mocke, flout, or skoffe (Flor)

moucher to snyte, blow, wipe, or make cleane the nose, also, to snuffe a candle, also, to frumpe, mocke, scoffe, deride (Cotg)

moco Kind of cavy Tupi (Brazil) *mocó*

mocomoco Kind of arum Carib *moucou-moucou*

mode F (m), manner, mood (gram), (f) fashion, L *modus*, measure, limit, etc, cogn with *mete* See *mood*². *Modish* is in Pepys

model F *modèle*, It *modello*, dim from L *modus* (v s), cf L *modulus* and see *mould*².

moderate L *moderatus*, from *moderari*, from *modus*, measure (v s) For depreciative sense cf. *mediocre* Oldest is *moderator*, formerly univ. official acting as umpire in academic disputations Hence Oxf *Moderations*, *Mods*, "first public examination" for degree of B A

- modern** F *moderne* Late L. *modernus* from *modo* just now cf *hodiernus* from *hodie* to-day
- modest** F *modeste* L. *modestus* from *modus* measure Cf *moderate*
- modicum** Neut of L. *modi* us moderate
- modify** I *modifier* L. *modificare* to limit moderate (v s) In F orig to alter in the direction of moderation
- modillion** [arch] Bracket It *modiglione* app from L. *mutulus* in tymbler worke a braggel shouldering or suchlyke (Coop) confused with *modulus*
- Moda** [Oxf] See *mod rats*
- modulate** From L. *modulāre* to give measure to from *modulus* dim of *modus*
- modus** L. measure method esp in *modus operandi* *modus vivendi* the latter app of quite mod introduction into E
- Moeso-Gothic** [ling] Formerly used for simply *Gothic* usu in allusion to the lang from *Moesia* corresponding to Bulgaria and Serbia where the Goths settled
- moët** Champagne from firm of *Moët and Chandon* Reims
- mofette** Exhalation of mephitic gas F It (Duples) *mofetti* ? cogn with *mephitic*
- mofussil** [Anglo-Ind] Country as distinguished from presidency Arab *mu fassal* pp of *fassala* to divide
- mogo** [Austral] Stone hatchet Native (NSW)
- mogra** Arab jasmine Hind *mogra*
- Mogul** Pers & Arab *mughal* for *Mongol* (q v) Hence *Great Mogul* (16 cent) Europ title of Emperor of Delhi till 1857 Cf archaic *Great (Grand) Turk*
- mohair** Mod spelling is due to association with *hair* The fibres, in most Europ langs are numerous and varied all ult from Arab *mukharrir* cloth of goats hair lit choice pp of *shayyara* to choose Later applied to other fabri See *moire*
- Mohammedan** From *Mohammed* a common Arab name lit (much) praised Now more usual than the pop form *Mahometan*
- Mohock** [hist] Aristocratic street ruffian (c 1700) Transferred use of name of Vamer Ind tribe now written *Mohawk* Cf ModF *apiche* in similar sense also from a Red Ind tribe name
A rare allied th Mohocks that play th devil boat this town every night (Swift)
- mohur** Coin Pers *muhur* orig seal seal ring cogn with Sanskrit *mudā* seal

- moldore** Com Port *moeda d'ouro* money of gold See *money*
- Fai tree-n bles and broad moi res
Th waite pulls out of their pockets by scooe
(I gold by)
- moiety** F *moitié* L. *medietas* lat half from *medius* middle
- moi** Usu in *tail and moi* In ME to vet bedaub F *moisir* VL *molliare* from *molis* soft So VED and Skeat but I am inclined to think that in current sense *moi* is rather from a common early var of *mule* In W Cornwall to *mule* is to work hard (Smythe Palmer) Cf Ger *och en* to swot from *o* as ox
A *mole* or *mule* in lus m l 4 m i or lab m g
beast yument m. T *mole* or *drudg* laborare q d
instar m ill (Litt)
- moire** F earlier *maire* from E *ha* with which it was orig synon
- moist** OE *moiste* (*moiste*) L *musteus* like must (q v) or new wine fresh green new senses all found in ME
- Matrymonye** I m y nym a m i frut
(Perr Flossm B 68)
hot mug to putte in al
Wh th rilt be m yst o at le (Cha c. B 1953)
If r hosen weren of fyn sea let reed
Ful strete y teyd and shoes ful moiste and newe
(b A 456)
- moke** Perh from some proper name (? *Moggy*) applied to the ass Cf prov phrase *Moke hath lost her shoe* (Skelton)
Mocle *Mok* *Mo* *Mig* all occur as pers names in 13 cent and survive in surnames *Mo es* *Moron*
- moko** Maori tattooing Native word
- molar** T tooth AF *mouelle* F *molaire* L *molaris* from *mola* mill stone grinder
Of osae erant molentes in m uo numer
(b Ig Eccl xl 3)
- molar** Of maw L *molas* See *mole*
- molasses** Earlier (16 cent) *molasses* pl from Port *melaço* Late L *mel lacum* from *mel* mell honey cf obs It *mela...* Sp *mela...* F *mélasse* ? Form influenced by F *molasse* over soft "quaggy swagging" (Cotg)
- mole** spot AS *mal* spot blemish esp on linen etc whence iron mole now corruptly, ironmould cf OHG *meil* Goth *maist* also ModGer *mal* in current E sen e which Kluge regards as ident. with *mal* point of time (see *mea*)
- The best col H ukyn, hath many moles and spotted (Perr Flossm B xlii 315)

mole² Animal. Earlier also *molde*, short for *mouldwarp* (still in dial), lit earth-thrower (see *mould*¹, *warp*), cf Ger *maulwurf*, "a mole, a molewarp, a want" (Ludw), and similar compds in other Teut langs *Moleskin*, cotton fustian, is fanciful (cf *doeskin*, kind of cloth)

Making mountaineers of molehills (Fove)

mole³ Breakwater F *môle*, "a peere; a bank, or causey on the sea-side neer unto a rode or haven" (Cotg), L *moles*, heap, mass.

Letters to Boloynne for the making of a jettie or mole (Privy Council Ads, 1545)

molecule F *molecule*, dim from L *moles*, mass A 17 cent word coined in connection with Descartes' physical speculations

molest F *molestere*, L *molestare*, prob from *moles* (v s) Cf *cark*, *burdensome*

Molinist [theol] Adherent of (1) *Luis Molina* (†1600), (2) *Miguel de Molinos* (†1696)

mollify F *mollifier*, L *mollificare*, to make soft, *mollis*, cogn with *melt*

mollusc Adopted by Linnaeus (1758) from L *molluscus*, from *mollis*, soft

molly-coddle Orig noun, one who coddles himself From *Molly*, Mary, used contemptuously for a milksop For change of -r- to -l- cf *Sally* (*Sarah*), *Hal* (*Harry*)

Molly a Miss Molly, an effeminate fellow (Grose)

molly-hawk Bird, fulmar Folk-etym for *mollymawk*, earlier *malle-muck*, Du *malle-mok*, lit foolish gull

Molly Maguire [hist] Name assumed by members of Ir secret society (1843) Cf *Luddite*, *Rebeccaite*

Moloch L (*Vulg*), G. (LXX), Heb *mōlek*, from *melek*, king Canaanite idol to which infant sacrifices were made For fig senses cf *Juggernaut*

molten See *melt*

moly Plant Orig of fabulous herb by which Ulysses was protected against Circe L, G *μῶλυ*

That moly
That Hermes once to wise Ulysses gave
(*Comus*, 636)

moment F, L *momentum*, for **movimentum*, movement, moving power Sense of time-division orig in *moment of time* (*Luke*, iv 5) Sense of "weight" now only in *of great* (*little*, any) *moment* See also *psychology*

Momus L, G, personification of *μῶμος*, ridicule

monachal Church L *monachalis*, from *monachus*, monk (q v)

monad Unity L *monas*, *monad*-, G *μονάς*, from *μόνος*, alone

monarchy F *monarchie*, L, G *μοναρχία*, from *μόνος*, alone, *ἄρχειν*, to rule

monastery Church L, Late G. *μοναστήριον*, from *μονάζειν*, to live alone, *μόνος* ME had also *monaster*, F *monastère* See *munster*.

Monday AS *mōnandæg*, moon day, rendering Late L *lunae dies*, whence F *lundi*, It *lunedì*, etc Cf Du *maandag*, Ger *montag*, ON *mānadagr* With *Saint-Monday*, holiday observed by workers exhausted by the week-end, cf F *fête Saint-Lundi*, and *Mondayish*, of the weary cleric

monetary L *monetarius* (v 1).

money OF *monere* (*monnaie*, coin, change, mint), L *moneta*, ? orig admonishing goddess (L *monēre*), to whose temple the Roman mint was attached, cf. It *moneta*, Sp *moneda* See *mint*², *moidore* *Moneta* may, however, be an old goddess-name unconnected with *monēre*.

The ointment of saffron, confectioned at Soli in Cilicia, imported for a good while and carried the praise alone but soon after that of Rhodes was every man's money (Holland's *Pliny*, 1601)

monger Now usu in compds From AS *mangian*, to trade, cf OHG ON *mangari*, from L *mango*, dealer (contemptuous) Common since 16 cent in nonce-formations implying "one who carries on a contemptible or discreditable 'trade' or 'traffic' in what is denoted by the first element of the compound" (*NED*)

Professor Weekley is well known to our readers as the most entertaining of living word-mongers
(*Daily News*, Nov 8, 1916)

Mongol Native name, said to be from *mong*, brave Cf earlier *Mogul*

mongoose Mahratti *mangūs*, whence also Port *mangus*, Sp *mangosta*, F *mangouste*

mongrel With pejorative suffix (cf *washel*), from obs *mong*, to mix, cogn with *among* (q v) Orig of dogs

monial [arch] Mulhon OF *moinel*, *meinel* (*meineau*), app from *moien*, *meien*, *mean*³, because dividing the window into halves, cf F *moyen* (*de fenestre*), "the crosse-barre of a window" (Cotg), also F. *moreau*, middle tower of bastion, OF *morenel* See *mulhon*.

moniker [slang] Sign ? A Shelta word

He bore the moniker of his experience in blood and wounds (D Newton, *North Afire*)

to defray expenses of senior collegier at Camb

montero From Sp *montera*, hunter's cap, from *montero*, hunter, lit mountaineer
Montessorian Educational method From It originator's name (20 cent)

montgolfier Formerly used for balloon, from brothers *Montgolfier*, who invented it (1783)

month AS *mōnath*, from *moon* (q v) Com Teut, cf Du *maand*, Ger *monat*, ON. *mānuthr*, Goth *mēnōths*, cogn with L *mensis*, G μῆν, Sanskrit *mās* A month's *mind*, sometimes used (e.g. *Two Gent of Ver* 1 2) of an inclination, expectation, is prop the commemoration of the dead by a mass one month after the death, sometimes after a longer interval (v1) The custom is still usual in Ireland

I will that ther be xxli bestowed to brynge me on erthe [i.e. bury me], at the monethe mynd, and the twelwe monethe mynd

(Will of John Denham, Prebendary of Lincoln, 1533)

monticule F, Late L *monticulus*, dim of *mons*, *mont-*, mountain

monument F, L *monumentum*, from *monēre*, to remind First in E (c 1300) in sense of funeral monument, whence *patience on a monument* (*Twelfth Night*, u 4).

moo Imit of voice of cow; cf L *mugue* See *baa*

mooch, mouch To loaf, earlier to play truant OF *muchier* (*musser*), to skulk, hide, from a root which appears in both Celt & Teut, e.g. OIr *múcham*, I hide, Ger *meuchel-mord*, assassination Cf earlier *mich* (q v), also L *muger*, cheat (Festus)

mood¹ State of mind AS *mōd* Com Teut; cf Du *moed*, Ger *mut*, ON *mōthr*, Goth *mōths* The cognates have usu sense of wrath, courage, also an early E sense, surviving in name *Moody* In some phrases, e.g. *lighter (merry) mood*, it combines with *mus* sense of *mood*²

mood² [*mus*, *log*, *gram*] Alteration of *mode* (q v.), due to association with *mood*¹

moolvee, moulvee Mohamimedan doctor of law Urdu *mulwī*, Arab *maulawīyy*, adj, judicial, from *mullah*

moon AS *mōna* Com Teut, cf Du *maan*, Ger *mond*, ON *māne*, Goth *mīna*, cogn with G μῆν. See *month* Hence verb to *moon*, to behave as though moonstruck, *mooncalf*, orig abortive birth attributed to influence of moon; *moonlighting*, perpe-

tration by night of outrages by ruffians taking the name of *Captain Moonlight* (Ireland, c 1880), *moonlit*, coined Tennyson, *moonshine*, unreality, of *moonshine in the water* (*Paston Let*) W *moonstruck* cf *lunatic*

Mon in the mone stond ant strit, on is bot fo is burthen he bereth (NED c 1300).

moonshee [*Anglo-Ind*]. Native secretary language-teacher Urdu *munshī*, Ar *munshī*, pres part of *ansha'a*, to compose
moor¹ Noun AS *mōr*, cf archaic Du. *moor* Ger *moor*, fen, cogn. with ON *mōrr*, with *mere*¹

moor² Verb Prob AS **marian*, implied *mærclstap*, mooring rope, cf Du. *meeren* earlier *marren*, whence F *amarver*, *moor*

Moor F *Mose*, *Mause*, L *Mauris*, G *Maū* ident with μαῦρος, black Cf *negro* Inm Europ langs In 16-17 cents applied by explorers to all Mohammedans exc "Turks, Tartars, Persians, Moguls" (Purch)

moose Namer Ind (Virginia or N England) *mos*, also *mus*, *muns*, etc Sp *moos* by Capt John Smith (1616).

moot AS *mōt*, *gemōt*, meeting, coalesced with cogn. ON *mōt*, cf Du *gemoot*, ML *mōz* See *meet*², *witenagemot* In comp usu -*mote*, e.g. *folk-mote*, *hundred-mote* (hist), exc in *moot-hall* (*Wyc Matt* xx 27) Hence to *moot a question*, as tho before judicial assembly, *moot point*, fit to be there discussed These phrs are perh rather due to the practice scribed below

The pleadynge used in courte and Chaunc called "motes", where fyrst a case is appoynted to be moted by certayne yonge men, contaynyng some doubtefull controversie

(Elyot, *Governour*, 1)

moot a term used in the Inns of Court [St Gray's Inn], and signifies the handling or arguing a case for exercise (Blount)

mop¹ Noun Orig naut Earlier (15 ce) *mappe*, Walloon *mappe*, napkin, L *mapa* which in F gave *nappe* See *map*, *nap* Also in ME for rag-doll, whence *moppe*

He [Private Dancox] was one of a party of a ten men detailed as moppers-up (Official award of VC, Nov 27, 1914)

mop² Verb Chiefly in to *mop and mope* (*Temp* iv, *Lear*, iv 1), where *mow* is *moue*, a grimace As it usu refers to a face it may be connected with obs *mop*, 1 Ger *mops*, fool, pug-dog, of LG on

- which Kluge regards as cogn with MHG *mupf* *muff* grimace whence perh *F* *moue* (v s)
- mope Ong to stray aimlessly as still in dial Cf Sw dial *mopa* to sulk archaic Dan *maabe* to mope ? cogn with *mop*²
- mopoke Owl (New Zeal) nightjar (Tasm) other birds (Austral) Imt of cry Also *more pork* *mope* *hauk* etc.
- moppet See *mop*¹
- moquette Fabric *F* for earlier *mocade* ident with obs *E* *mockado* This is usu associated with *moche* but i prob ident with obs *moquet* *mu* get intestines of calf Another name for it was *tripe* (q v) Cf also *frill*
- mora SAmér tree Tupá (Brazil) *moira* *luga* tree white
- moraine Débris deposited by glacier *F* ModProv *mourenne* of unkno vn origin
- moral *F* *L* *moralis* coined by Cicero from *mos* *mor* manner custom to represent G *ἦθος* s ethic Adopted by Rom & Teut. langs with very wide range of meanings Early sense of what is naturally right as opposed to law and trad ceremony appears in *moral* victory (*impossibility* certainly) *Moral* *courage* (19 cent) contrasts with *physical* *courage* *F* distinguishes between *le moral* temperament spirit (cf *le physique*) and *le morale* morality and some *E* writers are beginning to realize this From the former comes mil sense of *dénationalise* With *moral* of a fable (whence *moralise*) cf *morality* *F* *moralité* early play with ethical tendency. The very *moral* of is a vulgarism for *model* (cf *inference* for *impudence*)
- He [Charles XII of Sweden] *let a new at which the world grew p l*
To point a moral and adorn a tale
(Johns *l* *ity* / *H* *man* *l* *shes*)
- morass Du *morras* corrupted by association with *moor* *moor* from earlier *marasch* *maras* OF *maresc* (*marais*) marsh (q v) cf Ger *mora* *t* earlier *morass* from Du
- moratorium [leg] Neut of *L* *moratorium* from *morari* to delay Ah says in italics before 1914
- Moravian Protestant sect of emigrants from Moravia MedL for *Mähren* (in Austria) founded (early 18 cent) in Saxony by Count Zinzendorf
- morbid *L* *morbid* is from *morbus* disease from root of *mior* to die For current fig sense (from 18 cent) cf *F* *malad* *f*
- morbleu *F* altered from *mort Dieu* sdeath
- morceau *F* see *morse*
- mordacious Comed after *audacious* *rapacious* etc from *L* *mordax* *mordac* from *mordere* to bite Cf *mordant* pres part. of *F* *mordre* also *mordent* (mus) Ger It *mordente*
- more AS *mar* Com Teut cf Du *meerder* (double compar for earlier *irre*) Ger *mehr* ON *meire* Goth *hai* a AS *mā* is itself a compar ME *u* *u* (eg in Chauc) has for number *mo* AS *na* compar a *l* *more* being used rather of size extent as still in the *more* *s* the *pits*, the *more* *fool* you The *Coventry Leet Book* has several references to the *more* *park* and the *little* *park*
- Cathay that is a gret d l more than *F* *m* (M *le* *ll*)
- A d m o t h m e m e r i s a f o v e r t h e e k e (Gasco g e)
- moreen Fabric ? Trade word formed on *moir* *e*
- morello morella Cherry Also obs *morel* OF *morelle* (Cotg) App altered from early It em *marelle* apheet fr It *amarello* dum from *amaro* bitter *L* *amiris* Cf *maraschino*
- more-pork See *mopoke*
- moresque *F* It *moreesco* Moorish
- morganatic ModL *morganaticus* from MedL *matrimonium a l m e r g i n t c a* s alluding to the *mo ganaticum* latinization of Ger *vor en* abe morning gift um handed over to wife after consummation of left handed marriage and dispensing hu band from any further pecuniary responsibilities for possible children See *morn*
- morgen Measure of land Ger Du also SAfrDu & US Ong what could be ploughed in a morning (v s) Cf similar use of *die* *diurnal* in MedL
- morgue [US] Mortuary *F* earlier room in prison in which new arr al were viewed by the taff (cf *Pickwick* ch xl) Perb ident. with *morgue* haughty air of un kno n origin
- moribund *L* *moribundus* from *mori* to die monon [hist] Brimmed helmet which (16 cent) superseded the salade or salet *F* Sp. *morrión* or It *morione* Origin unknown Understood by early etym lists as Max ish Morian helmet which may be right
- morisco Sp Moorish Cf *resque*
- Monison's pill Invented by James Morris n (†1840) Used ironically by Carlyle of gen remedy for abuses etc

morley Borrow's spelling of *mauley* See *maul*

Mormon Sect founded (1830) at Manchester, New York, by Joseph Smith, who claimed to have discovered the *Book of Mormon*, which he explained as from E *more* and Egypt *mon*, good¹

morn ME *moirwe(n)*, AS *morgen* Com Teut, cf Du Ger *moigen*, ON *morgunn*, Goth *maingins*, ident with *morrow*, with which it is often synon in dial *Morning* is a ME formation, after *evening*

morocco Leather orig tanned in *Morocco*

morose L *morosus*, from *mos*, *mor-*, custom (see *moral*) For limitation of sense (in L) cf E *humorous*, *moody*

morphia Earlier *morphium*, coined from *Morpheus*, Ovid's name for god of sleep and dreams, from G *μορφή*, form

morphology [*biol & ling*] Study of form and structure, G *μορφή*

morris-dance From 15 cent Cf Flem *mooriske dans*, F *danse moresque* In E associated with Robin Hood characters, but perh orig danced by people with blackened faces (cf "nigger") Cf *morris-pike* (*Com of Errors*, iv. 3)

Morris tube Invented by *Richard Morris* (†1891)

morrow ME *moirwe*, from *moirwen*, *morn* (q v) The words are still interchangeable in dial Cf Ger *moigen*, morning, to-morrow

The Kyng, the Quene, and the Prynce remeven to morwen to Hertford (*Paston Let* 1 335).

morse Walrus F, orig *moise marin* (16 cent), Lapp *moisa* or Finnish *mursu* *Sea-moise*, very common in Purch, was gradually pushed out again by the earlier *sea-horse* Cf obs perversion *mohorse* (passim in Purch)

This yere were take iij grete fisshes bytwene Eerethe and London, that one was callyd mors matine (Croxton)

Morse code From name of US electrician (†1872).

morsel OF (*morceau*), dim of *mors*, bite, L *morsus*, from *mordere*, *mors-*, to bite. Cf L *bit* from *bite* Orig. sense in a dainty *morsel*

He sendeth his cristal as morselis [*Vulg bucellas*, lit. little mouths] (Wyc Ps. cxlviii 17).

mort¹ [*archaic*] Death (of the deer), as in to blow a *mort* App altered, after F *mort*,

death, from earlier *mole*, F *mot*, word note of horn

mol a motto, a word, also, the note winded by huntsman on his horn (Cotg)

mort² [*dial*] Large quantity ? Cf northern dial *murth*, *meith*, in same sense, ON *meigth*, from *maigr*, many Perh affected by *mortal* in a *mortal deal*, etc, and by F *mort*, as in *boire d mort*, to drink excessively

"We have had a mort of talk, sir," said Mr Peggoty (*Copperfield*, ch xxvii)

mortal F *mortel*, L *mortalis*, from *mors* *mort-*, death With use as intens, e.g. *mortal hurry*, *two mortal hours* (also in F cf awful, ghastly, etc Now differentiate in some senses from native *deadly*

Elye was a deedli man Iyk us (Wyc James, v. 17)

mortar Vessel for pounding AS *moirere* or F *moirier*, L *mortarum*, whence also Ger *mörser*, Sw Dan *møster* Hence *mortar* piece of artillery, orig (16 cent) *mortar piece*, from shape (cf obs *pot-gun* in same sense) *Mortar*, for building, is the same word, "pounded material," and comes to us from F *mortier*, cf Du *mortel*, Ger *mörtel*, of later adoption than *mörser* (v s) It is curious that we have *mortar-board* college cap, from this sense, while F *mortier*, cap worn by some F judicial dignitaries, is from the first sense

mortgage OF (replaced by *hypothèque*), lit. dead pledge, because the pledge becomes dead to one or other of the contracting parties according as the money is, or is not forthcoming (Coke) See *gage¹*.

mortify F *mortifier*, L *mortificare*, to make dead Sense of causing humiliation (cf fig to wound) also from F

The Lord mortifieth, and guykeneth (*Wyc 1 Kings*, ii. 6)

mortise, mortice Cavity in wood to receive *tenon* F *mortaise*, Sp *mortaja*, ? Arab *mutazz*, fixed in

mortmain [*hist*] Inalienable tenure of land by eccl (and other) bodies OF *morte main*, dead hand, MedL *mortua manu* Prob extended use of *mortua manu* (feud), incapable of disposing of property *Amortize* is used in *Paston Let* of allotting money in perpetuity to a pious foundation

mortuary L *mortuarius*, from *mors*, *mort* death As noun euph for earlier *deadhouse*

mosaic *Γ mosaïque* It *mosaico musaico*
MedL *mosaicus musaicus* of the muses
cf Late G *μωσαϊσμος* mosaic whence Late
L *musivum opus* in same sense For sense
development cf *antic grotesque minia-
ture*

moschatel Plant. I *moscabelle* It *mosca-
tello* dum of *moscato* musk (q v)

moselle Wine from region of river Moselle

Moslem Arab *muslim* pres part of *aslama*
to submit obey Cf Islam Mussulman
salaam

mosque Larher {16 cent} *mo quce* F
mosque It *moschea* Arab *masjid* pro-
nounced *masjid* in *NAir* whence the
word reached Europe often *meskite* in
Purch From verb *sajada* to prostrate
oneself adore The word is pre Moham-
medan and is found in an inscription of
1 cent (Doughty)

mosquito Sp Port *dum* of *mosca* fly L
musca See *musket*

moss AS *mōss* bog sense of plant character-
istic of bogs appearing in early ME cf
Du *mos* Ger *moos* ON *mose* all in both
senses ult cogn with *mire* and with L
muscus moss Hence Sc *moss hag* hole
from which peat has been dug *moss*
trooper free booter infesting mooses or
marshy moors of the Border The latter
is one of Scott's revivals (Lay 1 19)

most AS *mōst* superl of *mī* (see *more*)
Com Teut cf Du *moest* Ger *meist* ON
meistr Goth *maists* Mod vowel (cf Sc
maist) is due to influence of *more* *mo* Orig-
sense of greatest (see *more*) survives in the
most part

most Altered by association with *most*
from AS *moest* from double superl
Aryan suffix *mo-* and *-isto-* the first of
which appears in AS *forma hindema* and
L *prius* while the second has given *-est*
Forms like *aftermost innermost uttermost*
AS *aftemest innermost* *innermost* add a compar-
to the two superl suffixes The *format* on
has spread much in E but is restricted to
words of position exc in the case of *better*
most

mote Noun AS *mot* speck of dust cf
archaic Du *mot* sawdust grt LC *mut*
dust Perh cogn with *smoke*! Low allusive
(exc in dial) to Matt vi 3 where *ful-*
has *festuca*

He kan w i n n u y seen a st lk
But in his owne he kan nat seen a halke
(Ch c A 3919)

mote Verb Archaic survival of AS *mot*
may must⁸ (q v) in *so mote it be* Amen

mote [hist] See *moot*

motet [mus] F dum of *mot* word L *nut-
tum* grunt murmur cf It *motetto*

moth AS *molthe* *molthe* cf Du *mol* Ger
molle ? Conn with *maggot* ? or with
midge Up to 16 cent applied rather to
the larva as enemy of clothes (Matt vi 20)
than to the perfect insect

mother AS *modor* Aryan cf Du *moede*
Ger *mutter* ON *móðer* L *mater* C *μήτηρ*
Sanskrit *māta* OIr *mathir* Orig from
baby sound *ma* (cf *father*) Goth has
aiðis (see *faller*) Sense of *scum* etc c p
in *mother of vinegar* is from some early but
obscure metaphor cf Ger *mutter* Du
mo(der) It Sp *madre* *scum* Γ *μήτηρ* de
timat re VED supposes it to be con-
nected with the lang of alchemy but the
similar use of G γπα *old woman* (v i)
points to still earlier folk lore So also for
mother of pearl (c 1500) we find It Sp
madreperla Ger *perlenmutter* etc *Mother*
ea th is after L *terra mater* a goddess In
mother tongue (lanl wit etc) it is equi-
valent to *native*

μητέρα ἔκ δὲ αὐτῆς ἡ γὰρ
ἡ γὰρ ἔκ δὲ αὐτῆς ἡ γὰρ
ἡ γὰρ ἔκ δὲ αὐτῆς ἡ γὰρ
(Ani toph Plutus 1 05)

By the feyth th t i ow to Seynt Edward and to
thi Coron f i glond I shal destruy them e ery
mode soone

(Hien. VI at St Alban Paston Let 1 329)

mother Carey's chicken Sailors nam f r
stormy petrel Has been explained as
corrupt of It *madre ca* a dear mother
ie the Holy Virgin but this is a con-
jecture unsupported by evidence

motif [neol] I in various artistic and
literary senses See *motif*

The skirt was bordered with la s j tted lace
moult (T me May 4 1906)

motion F L *mot o n* from *moître* *mot*
to move E senses corresponding to those
of verb to *move* express not only L *mot o*
but also *motus* the latter represented in
Γ by *movement*

motive F *motif* VeilL *motus* (v s)

motley I suggest that orig sense was not
variegated but half and half then striped
and finally speckled whence *black* forma-
tion *motille* Cf *pie* orig black and white
(see *pie*) but used by Brown nç for half
of yellow and half of red (Fed Pipe)

and practically equivalent to *motley*. The sense has also been affected by *medley*, from which the early philologists derived it. The fool's dress, with which *motley* was later associated, was half and half, F *mi-parti* (12 cent), and this is also the earliest sense of Ger *halbirt*, which was likewise used of a knight's parti-coloured shield. I propose AF **mortelē*, formed from *mortie* (AF *motie*), half, by analogy with *écartelē*, quartered. Chaucer's use of *motley* and *medley* (v 1) suggests that the former might orig. be worn with dignity, while the latter was a homely "pepper and salt".

A marchant was ther with a forked berd,
In mottelye, and hye on horse he sat

(Chauc. A 270)

He [the sergeant of the lawe] rood but hoonly in
a medlee cote (ib. 328)

polimulus ray [striped] or motlee or medlee (Voc.)

Scharlachrot unde brun

War sin mantel gehalbiert (Wigamur, 4685)

A worthy fool motley's the only wear

(As You Like It, II 7).

motor L., from *movēre*, *mot-*, to move. Hence *motor-car* (NED 1895), shortened to *motor* (ib. 1900), first allowed without red flag Nov. 14, 1896.

mottle Back-formation from *motley* (q.v.)

motto It, "a word, a mot, a phrase, a saying, a posie or brieve in any shield, ring" (Flor.), as F *mot* (see *molet*). In Shaks. (*Per* II 2),

We pulled the Christmas crackers, each of which
contained a motto,

And she listened while I read them till her mother
told her not to (*Bab Ballads*)

mouth See *mooch*

moucharaby Latticed balcony in NAfr. F., Arab *mashrabah*, lit. drinking place (see *sherbet*), from porous water-vessels kept in it to cool by evaporation.

moufflon Wild mountain sheep (Corsica, etc.) F., Late L. *musfron*- (5 cent). Pliny's name is *musmo*.

moujik Russ. *muzhik*, peasant, dim. of *muzh*, man, husband, ult. cogn. with *male*. For occ. rather contemptuous sense of the Russ. word cf. F. *bonhomme* as in Jacques *Bonhomme*, peasant, churl. Usu. *mousik*, *mowsike* in Hakk.

Kuas [Kass] whereby the musick lives (NED 1568)

mould¹ Humus. AS *molde*. Com. Teut., cf. obs. Du *moude*, Ger. dial. *molt*, ON. *mold*, Goth. *mulda*, cogn. with *meal*², *mill*, L. *molere*, to grind, etc.

mould² Form. With excrement -d from *moule*, L. *modulus*, dim. of *modus*, meas. cf. *model*.

The glass of fashion and the mould of form
(Hamlet II)

mould³ Spot. Only in iron-mould. See *mole*¹.

mould⁴ On cheese, etc. Back-formation from *mouldy* (q.v.).

moulder A late word (16 cent), usually associated with *mould¹*, but probably represented by Ger. *moder*, decay. Kluge supposes that this word may be from Du. *moder*, *mold* (q.v.), in fig. sense. For intrusive -l- *moult*.

vermodern to moulder, to moulder away, to dust (Ludw.).

mouldy Extension of ME. *morld*, pp. of obs. verb *moul*, to become mildewed, earliest form *muwle*, ON. *mygla*, cf. *mögla*, Norw. *mugla*; cogn. with *migg*.

Lat us nat mowlen thus in ydelnesse

(Chauc. B)

moult With intrusive -l- from ME. *m*. AS *mūtran*, in *bemūtran*, L. *mutare*, change, whence also F. *muer*, Du. *mu*. Ger. *mausen* (OHG *mūzōn*). See *mews*. *mowtyn*, as *fowlys* plumeo, deplumeo.

(Prompt Pa)

moulvee See *moolvee*

mound¹ [archaic] Orb or ball of gold or mounted by cross held in hand by figure of Christ or of royal personage. F. *monde*, L. *mundus*, world.

mound² Hillock. App. due to confusion between obs. Du. *mond*, protection, and *mount*, with which it is completely confused in midlang. of 16 cent. The word orig. *mil*, a rampart, is of late appearance (16 cent.) and is used in dial. in sense of boundary, hedge, etc. Du. *mond* is cogn. with Ger. *mund*, AS *mund*, guardianship, protection, poet. hand, and perh. ult. with L. *manus*.

mount¹ AS *mund* and F. *mont*, L. *mont-*. In archaic *mil*, sense used *mound²* (see quot.). Cf. *mountain*, F. *montagne*, VL. **montanea* (sc. *terra*), whence also It. *montagna*, Sp. *montaña*. In present sense used of the *montagnard* party, led by Danton and Robespierre, which occupied the highest seats in the assembly. *Mountain dew*, whisky, is in Scott. (*Old Mortality* Introd.).

I will lay siege against thee with a mount [Vagabond] (*Is* xxix 3)

mount Verb F *monter* from *mont* (v s)

In some senses for *amount* (q v) Sense of setting in order set going is found in F hence to *mount a picture* to *mount guard* orig to post sentinels With *mount horse* cf F *monsure*

Qui veut voyager l'in mèn ge sa monture
(R. *Plaisir* s. 1 r)

mountain See *mount*

mountebank It *monlambanco* mount (im per) on bench or obs F *monle banc* mount bench Orig a quack juggler etc appearing on a platform at a fair Cf F *saltimbanque* acrobat It *saltimbanco* jump on bench. The surname *Saltinstall* is similarly formed from OF *salle en estal* (aule et d'il) See my *Surnames* (ch xii)
m lar' in ba co t pl i the m intib ke (Flor)
sa-la banco a mo ntubanke (ib)

mourn AS *myrnan* Com Teut cf OSax *myrnan* OHG *mornen* ON *morna* to pine Both *maurnan* to be anxious cogn with G *myrnen* care

mouse AS *mus* Aryan cf Du *mus* Ger *maus* ON *mus* L *mus* G *mus* Sanskrit Pers *mus* See *muscle*

mousseline F see *muslin*

moustache F It *mostaccio* or Sp *mostacho* (cf earlier E *mustachio*) from G *muoraz* *muoraz* ? cogn with *muoraz* jaw

mouth AS *muoth* Com Teut. cf Du *mond* Ger *mund* ON *munir* *muith* Goth *munis* prob an old pres part (cf *tooth*) For normal loss of Teut n before spirant in F cf *tooth oth r fire* Down in the mouth refers to the drooping of the corners of the mouth as sign of dejection

move F *mouvoir* L *movēre* The spirit *moves me* was orig Qal or (v 1) Parl use (cf *motion*) is due to earlier sense of urging Current use of *moves* (US) is curiously like that of Tudor *moions* for a puppet play

The sayd p^r the mo ed this inq^r te [w tness; to take one of the sayd barckes Upon wh ch moom this said inq^r yete mo ed th same t th h l compave of the shyppe And they ll agreed therunto (*Voyage of the B. bwa* 34)

The power of the Lord God Arose in me and I w s moved in it to (Georg Fo 1656)

now¹ Corn stack AS *ruga muca* cf ON *mu* 1 swath of corn crowd of people

now² Verb AS *maewin* WGer cf Du *maeten* Ger *mahen* cogn with *ead²* m adow G *dmay* to reap L *metere* S e *aftermath*

now³ Grimace See *mop²* Orig in to *mate* the *mox* F *faire la moue*

MP First MED record is from Byron

He tells me th t be tha ks God he r er k ew what it was to be tempt d to be a kn e in his lif till he dud com into the House of Commons (Pepys Oct 31 667)

mpret Title of ruler of Albania Alb prince L *imperator* Cf *emperor* The titl whl h Prince William will bea in Alb a is Mpret a corruption f Imper t r (Times Oct 23 1941)

Mr First MED record 1 from Cromwell's letters (1538) Orig abbrev of *master* weakened to *master* by unstressed position Cf *Mrs* orig for married or unmarried woman latter use surviving latest in case of actresses (as *Madame* in ModF) and within the writer's recollection of head nurse in county family

This yeare [1542] w boyled n Smiths d d e M gret Da le wh ch h d poysoned h r Mrs

(Wri thesley Chre)

One Mrs B Hon n a n ent mayde referred to take the title of wh gent (Egerton P per 16)
Mrs Veal w s a mud gentl w man (Defoe)

much ME *m che* for *muchel* (see *schle*) cf ME *lit lute* little Orig like *more* Most of s i e as still in place names e g *Much Hadham* and surname *Mut h* (see quot s v *mischiefs*) So also *mu h* of a *muchness* i e size In 16-17 cents equivalent to many e g *much people* (*thanks*) Thenn is h a moche foot that pour ey th not to doo w ll whil s he l be o lywng

(Ca ton M r r J World)

mucilage I viscous fluid Late L *mucilago* musty liquid from *mucus* Has replaced *gum* (for sticking) in US

muck¹ Uncleanliness Cf ON *myki* dung Not related to *myren*

muck Incorr for a *nuck* (q v)

mucous Lsp in *mucous membrane* L *mucus* from *mucus* cogn viter ur ere follow the nose G *muor ob* (in compds only)

mud Cf LG *mod mud* Ger dial *moll bog* peat (see *moat*) al o Du *modder* whence *Modder River* (S Afr) With *clear* as *ud* cf Ger *klar wie dicke t nle* (thick ink) *Mudlark* is a joc formation in *skylark*

muddle Orig to wallow in mud to make muddy esp in archaic to *muddle the water* (see *trouble*) cf obs Du *modderen* frequent of *modden* to dabble in mud Later senses perh affected by *n dde*

The North m St tes will m nag soon bow to m d d through (Bright, 1864)

mudir Governor Turk use of Arab *mudir*, pres. part of *adāna*, to administer, causative of *dāna*, to go round

muezzin Crier who proclaims hour of prayer from minaret, "clarke, sexton, priest, bell-ringer" (Purch) Arab *mu'adhdhin*, pres. part of *adhdhana*, frequent of *adhana*, to proclaim, from *udhn*, ear

The motor cars, the carts, the clogs and boots, and the stern muezzins calling the faithful to work
(Arnold Bennett, *Mr Coelshaw*).

muff Du *mof*, Ger *muff*, Walloon *mouffe*, shortened from F *moufle* (see *muffle*) Sense of duffer prob started with "muffling" a catch, as though through wearing mittens The first record is from the match at Muggleton (v 1) Connection with obs *muff*, contemptuous term for foreigner, Du *mof*, Westphalian, is unlikely, as this died out c 1650 But it may have survived in dial and have influenced the other word

And being 2000 mofes, had small courage, and seeing the enemy coming on with a new assault, ran away

(*Letter from Antwerp*, 1585, in *Cal State Papers*)

Such denunciations as—"Now butter-fingers"—"Muff"—and so forth (*Pickwick*, ch vii)

muffetee Worstest cuff From *muff* Orig. (c 1700) a neck-wrap

muffin Orig dial Cf OF. *pain moufflet*, *moufflet*, soft bread

muffle First as verb Aphet from F *em-mouffler*, to swathe, from *moufle*, "a winter mittaine" (Cotg), MedL *muffula*, whence also Du *moffel* Perh of Teut origin, cf. Du *mouw*, MHG *mouwe*, sleeve F *manchon*, muff, is extended from *manche*, sleeve

mufti Arab *muftī*, Mohammedan expounder of law, pres part of *afī*, to give a leg decision From 16 cent Current sense of civil dress (early 19 cent) may be due to a suggestion of the stage mufti in the flowered dressing-gown and tasselled smoking-cap worn off duty by the officer of the period

mug Cf LG *mokke*, *mucke*, Norw *mugga*, Norm dial *moque*, Guernsey *mogue* Origin unknown, but perh orig a pers name (cf *jug*) Hence perh *mug*, face, early mugs often representing grotesque faces With *mug*, muff, duffer, cf *clock*, and also F *cruche*, in same sense To *mug up* (for an examination) may be an obscure metaphor from theat to *mug up*, make up one's mug (face) with paint

mugger Broad-nosed Ind crocodile, Hind. *magar* Curiously confused in quot. below with *mizzer*, ceremonial present

Sir Salar Jung was presented to the Queen and offered his mugger as a token of allegiance, which her Majesty touched and restored
(Quoted from *Standard* by Pritch, July 15, 1876).

muggins [*slarg*] Juggins (q v) Both are existing surnames, and their selection as common nouns is due to phonetic fitness (cf *Lushington*)

Muggletonian [*hist*] Of sect founded (c 1651) by *Lodowicke Muggleton* and John Reeve, who claimed to be the "two witnesses" of Rev xi. 3-6

muggy From dial *mug*, drizzle, mist, ON. *mugga*, ? cogn with L *mucus* Verb to *mug*, drizzle, occurs in *Gawayne and the Greene Knight* (14 cent)

mugwort AS *mugwyrt*, midge wort

mugwump [US] Boss, also one who stands aloof from politics N Amer Ind. *mug-quomp*, great chief, used in Eliot's *Massachusetts Bible* (1663) to render E *duke*.

It was inevitable that one or other of our mugwumps would emerge from his shell for the purpose of "queering" the national pitch

(*Globe*, Nov 30, 1917).

mulatto Sp Port *mulato*, from *mulo*, mule (q v), in sense of hybrid, mongrel

mulberry From F *mûre*, mulberry, and E *berry*, the *l* being due to dissim, cf Ger *maulbeere*, OHG *mûlberi*, by dissim for earlier *mûrberi* Or perh AS *môrberie*, cf *môrbēam*, mulberry tree In any case first element is ult from L *morus*, mulberry (tree) See *sycamore*, which Wyc renders *mulberry* (2 *Chron* 1 15)

mulch [*gard*] Orig (16 cent) noun, wet straw, etc Perh from ME adj *molsh*, cogn with Ger dial *molsch*, beginning to decay

mulct L *mulctare*, from *mulcta*, mulla, penalty, fine

mule OF *mûl* (replaced by *mulet*, whence *muletier*), L *mulus*, cogn with G *μῦλος*, ass In most Europ langs Orig offspring of male ass and mare (see *hunny*¹) Hence a gen term for hybrid, e.g. Crompton's (spinning) *mule* (1779) was a compromise between the machines of Arkwright and Hargreaves

mulga Austral tree Native name

muliebrity, mulierosity [*pedantic*] - From L *mulier*, woman Both in Blount See *Cloister and Hearth*, ch xxxiii

mummen, to disguise oneself, put on a mask, because the mummies wore vizards
? Ult cogn with *Momus*

mummy F *momie*, MedL *mumia*, Arab *mūmryā*, embalmed body, from *mūm*, wax
Current sense from c 1600, but that of medicinal preparation from substance of mummy from c 1400 It is from this transferred sense, passing into that of glutinous mass, that we have to *beat to a mummy*, now usu misunderstood

It must be very thick and dry, and the rice not boiled to a munny (Mrs Glass)

mump [archaic] To beg, sponge Du *monpen*, to cheat, perh orig to mumble (cf *cant*°, *maunder*)

mumps From obs *mump*, grimace, cf *mum*°. Senses of neck-swelling and melancholy are equally old Cf Ger *mumps*

recchione a disease or swelling in the neck called the mumps (Flor)

mumpsimus Erron belief obstinately adhered to Allusion to story (c 1500) of illiterate priest who, on being corrected for reading, in the Mass, "quod in ore *mumpsimus*," replied, "I will not change my old *mumpsimus* for your new *sumpsimus*"

Some be too stiffe in their old *mumpsimus*, others be too busy and curious in their new *sumpsimus*
(Henry VIII, *Speech from the Throne*, 1545)

munch Imit, perh partly suggested by F *manger* and *crunch* (q v)

I manche, I eate gredylke je briffe (Palsg)

Munchausen Hero of narrative of impossible lies written (1785) in E by Raspe The Ger form would be *Munchhausen*

mundane L *mundanus*, from *mundus*, world, prob ident with *mundus*, clean, orderly (cf *cosmos*)

mungo Superior shoddy Perh from dial *mong*, *mung*, mixture, with humorous assim to name *Mungo*, often applied to a dog in Yorks The Yorks legend that the word came from the inventor's "it mungo," is, of course, apocryphal

mongoose See *mongoose*

municipal F, L *municipalis*, from *municipium*, city with Roman privileges, from *munus*, gift, office, *capere*, to take Cf *common*

magnificent After *magnificent*, from L *municipis*, from *munus* (v s), *facere*, to make

muniment AF, L *munimentum*, defence,

from *munire*, to fortify, applied in MedL to a title-deed able to be used in defence of rights In ME often confused with *monument* (cf *praemunire*).

monymen te, or charkrys, or oder lyke monumen
(*Prompt. Parv*)

munition F, L *munition*-n, from *munire* (v s) See *ammunition* Hence *munitioneer*, *munitionette*

All that fight against her and her mutation
(Is xvii 7)

Smoking big cigars and shouting for special Scotch as if he was a blinking munitioneer
(Heard in the train, 1917)

munition Incorr for *mullion* (q v)

munshi See *moonshee*

muntjak Small deer (Java) Native *munchek* (Sunda)

mural F, L *muralis*, from *murus*, wall Esp in *mural crown*, of embattled pattern, granted to soldier who first scaled hostile wall Cf hist *murage*, toll for upkeep of town walls

murder AS *morthor* Com. Teut, cf Du. *moord*, Ger *mord*, ON *morth*, Goth *maurth* The lengthened form is only recorded in AS & Goth, but MedL *mordrum*, F *meurtre* point to its existence in other Teut langs Cogn with L *mors*, *mort*-, G *βροτός* (**μυρός*), mortal, Sanskrit *mṛti*, death, Welsh *marw*, Ir. *marbh*, dead

Mordre wol out, that se we day by day
(Chauc B 4242)

mure [poet.] F *murer*, to wall up, Late L *murare*, from *munus*, wall Has influenced to *mew up* Prob as a rule aphet for *immure*
I mure up in stonewall jemure (Palsg).

murex L, shell-fish producing (esp Tyrian) purple; cf. G *μύαξ*, sea-mussel, and see *mussel*

Who fished the murex up?

What porridge had John Keats?

(Browning, *Popularity*)

muriatric [chem] L *muraticus*, from *muria*, brine, pickle

muricated [biol] Spiny From *murex* (q v)

murk, murk ON *myrk*, darkness, cf AS. *micce*

murmur F *murmur*, L *murmurare* Imit redupl, cf Ger *murmeln*, G *μυρμυρεύειν*

murphy Potato Jocular use of familiar Ir. name The name, sea-warrior, is cogn with Sc *Murdoch*, Welsh *Meredith*

murrain *OF moraine* penitence (*morine* carcass) from *mourir* to die Not orig limited to cattle

In cel an [r] 5 f t graunt familie ga poeple
sauntz noumb e mo erent d f in et f t aux it
gr unt m ri e d autre gentz (f r Ch o f Lo d)

Dyvers myshappes of w res and mo yn

(Tt v i 343)

murrey [*arclanc*] Mulberry-coloured *OF* *more* from L *morum* mulberry

murrhine Kind of glass L *murr(h)inus* from *murra* substance of which precious vases were made

muscat Wine grape *Γ Prov* It *roscato* having flavour of mu l (q v) Hence dim *mus icel* also archaic *muscadine* in same sense Cf *muscadin* (hust) lit musk cornfit applied to Parisian sop esp thos of the moderate upper-class party (1794-6)

mo cal sweeten d or perfumed with muske Also the w e nuskadine (Flor)

muscle *F L musculus* dim of *mus* mouse In all Rom & Teut langs Cf *F souris* a mouse also the sinewy brawn of the armes (Cotg) *Ger maus* a muscle the pulp the fleshy part t e brawn of the arm or other parts (Ludw) *Du mus* a mouse the muscle of the hand also *G mus* mouse muscle See also *musset* *Muscular Christianity* (1858) is associated e p with Charles Kingsley

muscology From L *musculus* moss

moscovado Unrefined sugar *Sp mascabado* constructed p p of *moscobar* to lessen depreciate ident in origin with *OF naschete* (see *mischief*)

Muscovy Archai for Russia *Γ Moscovia* Russ *Moscou* *Muscovy duck* from tropical America is an alteration of *musk duck*

mus¹ Noun *F L musa* *G musa* ult cogn with *mind* The names of the nine are first recorded in Herod

mus² Verb Archaic *Γ muset* to loiter lone one s time (see *amuse*) cf *Prov musa* It *musare* in same sense Perf connected with *mus ale* (v i) but higher senses prob associated with *mus¹*

m i e to m t th ke to urmise, also to musle t m lie to ock t jst t gape th about to bould oget musl or su ut in the a re

(Flor)

musette *Γ bagpipe* dim of *OF muse* in same sense from *OF muset* to play music (q v)

museum L (*μ ο σ α*) seat of the Muses

mush¹ Porridge etc *Onw LS Ger mus*

cogn with *AS mus* food Perf associated with *mash* Very common in *Ger compd* such as *apfelmus erbsenmus* pea e por ridge (Ludw)

mush² [*slang*] Umbrella Short for *mus sh room*

musha [*An lo Ir*] *Ir m diseadh* lit if it is so

mushroom *Γ monsseron* from *notasse*

moss prop applied to v i n et v whi h grows in moss For final m cf *gro am ellum venom*

mu h toady hald bol t is fungus

(P mpt P r)

music *Γ musique* *L musica* *G μ υ σ ι κ η* (c coryn) art of the muses In all Rom & Teut langs To face the *mus* like a performer in front of th orchestra is first quoted by *NED* from (eccl) Rhodes

Musi b harms to sooth a ag breast

(Co gr *M r g Bide t*)

Fi tu e taste Shakespear nd the mu l gl ses (f f Wak f cl)

musk Scent obtained from gland of musk deer *F musc* Late *L muscus* Late *G μ ο σ χ ο ς* *Iers mīshh* Sanskrit *mīshha* testicle Applied also to various plants with similar odour and to numerous musky smelling animals

musket In *W* sparrow hawk *OF musquet* It *mos hette* dim of *mosca* fly *L musca* cf *mo gu t* The hawk as named from its small size Early fire arms were giv n the names of hawks (falconet sake) or of serpents and monsters (c i herin iagoon) *Γ musquet* now means only musket the hawk sens being replaced by *émouchet*

mo squet musket (hawk or peec) (Cotg)

Muslim See *Moslem*

muslin *F m i ssel ne* It *missina* from *Mosul* on the T i is near ruin of Ninevel

musquash Musk rat *N Amer Ind* (*Al gonkin*) Mod form has been altered c n *musk* from earlier *mus sascus* (Capt John Smith)

musset *AS nisse* Late *L muscula* f r *musculu* little mouse muscle cf *Du morsal* *Ger mus kel* from *L* also *L murex* (q v) from *Γ μ υ σ* mouse

Mussulman *Musulman* Pers *musulman* adj from *mus l n* *Moslem* (q) fr m Arab For ending cf *Tu roman Muss d* *r sn Mussu* from *ru* (Dryden) are due to mistaken association with *F man*

must¹ New wine, etc AS *must*, L *mustum*. (sc *vinum*), fresh wine See *not* 1

must² Verb AS *mōste*, past of *mōt* (see *mote*²) Com Teut preterito-present verb (cf *can*, *may*, etc) not found in ON.; cf Du *moet*, Glr *murs*, Goth *ga-mōt* Orig. idea was space, leisure, as in Ger. *murse*, idleness Now used as present (cf *ought*), orig. past sense surviving in literary use

It was necessary to make a choice. The government must either submit to Rome, or must obtain the aid of the Protestants (Macaulay)

must³ Frenzy of elephant, etc. Urdu *rust*, intoxication, from Pers

must⁴ Mildew, etc Back-formation from *musty* (q v)

mustachio [archaic] See *mustache*

mustang Orig. strayed horse of Sp conquistadors Sp *mestizo*, *mostrenco* both occur in the sense of strayed animal, the former from *mesta*, association of graziers, ? L *mixta*, the latter perh. from *mostrar*, to show, L *monstrare*, the finder being expected to advertise a stray horse

mestengo y mostrenco a strayer, ovis errans" (Percyvall).

mestengo ou mostrenco. appartenent aux foires des bergers; c'est aussi une beste esgarée qui n'a point de maistre, une espave (Oudin).

mustard OF *moustarde* (*moutarde*), from *moust* (*mōst*), must¹ (q v.), the condiment being orig. prepared by mixing the seeds with must The plant is thus named from the preparation In all Rom langs *Mustard-pot* is in Wyc The *mustard seed*, κόκκος σινά-εως, of *Mall* xii 31 is prob. the black mustard, which grows to a great height in Palestine

mustee, mestee Half-caste, or esp. offspring of white and quadroon False sing. from *mestese*, mestizo (q v) Cf *Chinee*, *Portugee*, etc

muster First as verb OF *mostrer*, *mouster* (replaced by *montrer*), L *monstrare*, to show, cf It *mostrare*, Sp *mostrar*; also Du *monster*, Ger *muster*, pattern, from F or It To *pass muster* was orig. of mil. or nav. inspection. With to *muster up* (e.g. courage) cf to *enlist* (e.g. the public sympathy).

Muster your wits, stand in your own defence (Love's Lab. Lost, v. 2).

musty For earlier *moisty*, in same sense See *moist* Perh. immediately from Gascon *moust*. The sense has been affected by

F *moist*, p.p. of *moisir*, L *mutere*, "to be filthy, vineyard, or hoarse" (Coop)

mutye as a vessel is or a shoe or any other thing moist (Palsg)

Musulman See *Musulman*

mutable L *mutabilis*, from *mutare*, to change

mutch [dial] Cap. Du *mut* (see *amut*)

mutchkin [Sc] About three-quarters of pint Obv. Du *mutschken* (*mutye*), dim. of *mut*, cap (v s)

mutye a little cup, a quartem (Sever)

mute Restored, on L *mutus*, from ME *mutet*, F *muet*, dim. of OF. *mu*, L. *mutus*, ult. cogn. with *mum*¹ As noun used (17 cent) of actor playing dumb part. The funeral *mule* is 18 cent

A mute is a dumb speaker in the play —

Dumb speaker! that's a bull

(Brome, *Ant. poëtes*, v. 4, 1635)

mutilate From L *mutilare*, from *mutilis*, maimed; cf G. *mißlos*, hornless

mutiny From obv. verb *mutine*, F *mutiner*, from *mutin*, rebellious, from OF *mutle*, rebellion (*meute*, pack of hounds), for *muele*, Late L *moita*, from *morere*, to move Cf F. *émeute*, insurrection.

mutograph, mutoscope Neologisms from L *mutare*, to change

mutter Frequent formation on imit. sound which appears also in F *mot* (see *mōt*¹)

mutton F *moiton* (OF *molton*), sheep, of Celt. origin; cf. Gael. *mull*, Ir. *moll*, Welsh *mollt*, ram; perh. ult. cogn. with *mutilate*, in sense of castrate For limitation of sense cf *beef*, *port*, *veal* (see quot. s v *beef*)

mouton a mutton, a weather, also, mutton (Colg)

mutual F *mutuel*, from L *mutuus*, cogn. with *mutare*, to change Orig. of feelings, but now currently for common, as in Our *Mutual Friend* *Mutual admiration society* was coined by O. W. Holmes

mutule [arch] F, L *mutulus*, modillion

muzhik See *moujik*

muzzle OF *musel* (*muscau*), snout, dim. of OF *muse*, cf It *muso*, Osp *mus* Derived by Diez from L *morsus*, bite (cf OF. *jus*, downwards, L *deorsum*) This etym. is supported by Prov. *murset*, Bret. *morzeel* (from F), and ME var *murset*, but is not now generally accepted Earliest E. sense (Chauc.) is that of contrivance to stop biting In connection with the etym. proposed by Diez it may be noted that Wyc. has *mussel* as var. of *morsel*

nacelle [aeron] Of aeroplane F, car of balloon, lit skiff, L *navicella*, dim of *navis*, ship

The floor of the nacelle was burnt out
(*Royal Flying Corps in War*, 1918)

nacre Mother of pearl F, It *nacchera*,
? from Arab *nakara*, to hollow out Orig
applied to the shell

nadir F Sp It, Arab. *nadīn*, opposite, esp
in *nadīr ez-zeml*, opposite the zenith (q.v.)

nag¹ Noun Cf Du *negge*, cf Ger *nackel*,
a dim of *Nikolaus*, Nicholas, applied to
an undersized man or horse

nagge, or *lytlyl beeste* *bestula*, equulus
(*Prompt Parv*)

nag² Verb Only dial till 19 cent Sw
Norw *nagga*, to peck, nibble, cogn with
Ger *nagen*, OHG *gnagan*, to gnaw (q.v.)
Cf Ger *necken*, to tease, nag, which is also
a dial word of recent adoption

nagaika Russ, whip of *Nogai Tatars* (S
Russ), perh named from a famous khan
Nogai (13 cent)

The Cossacks drove off the agitators with their
nagaikas (*Daily Chron* June 22, 1917)

nagor Senegal antelope Coined by Buffon
(1764)

naïad F *naïade*, L, G *naïas*, *naïadē*, cogn
with *naïw*, to flow

naik Now sepoy corporal, orig governor
Urdu *nā'ik*, Hind *nāyāk*, leader, chief, etc.,
Sanskrit *nāyaka*, leader

nail AS *nægl*, in both senses Com Teut,
cf Du Ger *nagel*, ON *nagl*, Goth **nagls*
(in verb *naglian*), ult cogn with L
unguis, G *ōrvē*, Sanskrit *nakha*, OIr
ingen Orig anat, but secondary sense of
pointed spike is developed early in Teut
langs Cf relation of L *ungula* and *unguis*
Also as measure and weight (cf *cloué*)
Used in many fig phrases of obvious origin
On the nail refers to the nail of the hand,
and must orig have alluded to drinking
fair and square Cf F *payer rubis sur*
l'ongle, a variation on *boute rubis sur l'ongle*,
to drink out so that the inverted tankard
leaves only one red drop of wine on the
thumb-nail (see *supernaculum*) The anti-
quity of the phrase and its early asso-
ciation with the other nail are shown by
quot below To nail (a lie) to the counter
alludes to the old-fashioned treatment of
spurious coin in banks.

Pro quibus prisus et carmagus plena fiat solutio super
urgum (Robert Bruce, 1326).

nainsook Fabric Urdu *nainsukh*, from
nain, eye, *sukh*, pleasure

naïve F, fem of *naïf*, simple, L *nativus*

naked AS *nacod* Com Teut., cf Du
naakt, Ger *nacht*, ON *nokkvithr*, Goth
naquathis, all p p formations from a lost
verb the root of which appears in L *nudus*,
Sanskrit *nagna*, Russ *nagó*, OIr *noch*
Many of the fig. senses occur in AS, e.g.
naked sword, *naked word*, the latter being
the origin of later *naked truth*. In *naked eye*
(cf It *occhio nudo*), which dates from the
telescope, the adj has the archaic sense of
unarmed (v 1)

Naked as I am I will assault thee (*Oth* v 2)

naker [hist] Kettle-drum OF *nacaire*,
Arab *naqārah* Medieval crusading word
revived by Scott

namby-pamby Nickname of *Ambrose Philips*
(†1749), whose poetic addresses to infant
members of the nobility excited the de-
rision of Pope, Carey, and their friends

Namby-Pamby is your guide,
Albion's joy, Hibernia's pride
Namby-Pamby Pilly-pis,
Rhymy-pim'd on missy mis (Henry Carey, 1726)

name AS *nama* Aryan, cf Du *naam*, Ger
name, ON *nafn*, *namn*, Goth *namō*, L
nomen, G *ōnoma*, Sanskrit *nāman*, OIr
anm With *namely*, orig especially, cf.
Ger *namentlich*, L *nominativum* *Namesake*
is for earlier *name's sake*, a person named
for the sake of someone

nankeen From *Nankin* (China), lit southern
capital

nanny-goat From *Nanny*, pet-form of *Anne*,
cf *billy-goat*

nantz [archaic]. Brandy from *Nantes* (Loire-
Inf.)

nap¹ To take a short sleep AS *hnappian*,
cogn with OHG *hnafizzan*, in same sense,
perh cogn with Norw Dan *nap*, *snap*,
with idea of quick closing of eyes, cf
colloq Norw *nippe*, to take a nap, i.e.
to nip the eyes to Orig in more dignified
sense

Tha se brydguma yldē, tha hnappudon hig ealle
& slepun (AS. Gosp Matt xxv. 5)

nap² On cloth. Du *nop*, whence *noppen*, to
shear Orig the knotty matter removed
by the process; ? cogn with *knob* and dial
knab, *nap*, hillock No doubt introduced
by Flem cloth-workers Earlier is obs
nopsack, mattress stuffed with flock
rope of a cle'h villus (*Prompt Parv.*).

natty Orig slang ? From *neat*²
 nature F, L *natura*, from *nasci*, *nat-*, to be
 born Has superseded native *kind* in many
 senses Orig sense of the inherent appears
 in *in the nature of things* Collect sense of
 natural phenomena and objects from 17
 cent *Natural*, imbecile, is for ME *natural*
fool (idiol) *Naturalism* in art and litera-
 ture, i.e. exaggerated realism, is adopted
 from F *naturalisme*, popularized in F by
 Zola's school *Naturalize*, in current sense,
 is 16 cent

naught, nought AS *nāwihht*, no whit See
ought, *not* Hence *naughty*, worthless, now
 limited to the nursery

The other basket had very naughty [*Vulg* *malus*]
figs (*Jer* xxiv 3)

naumachia Sham sea-fight L, G *ναυμαχία*,
 from *ναῦς*, ship, *μάχη*, fight

nausea L, G *ναυσία*, sea-sickness, from
ναῦς (v s)

nautch Urdu, Hind *nāch*, Prakrit *nachcha*,
 Sanskrit *natya*, dancing, acting

nautical From F *nautique*, L, G *ναυτικός*,
 from *ναῦτης*, sailor, from *ναῦς*, ship

nautilus L, G *ναυτίλος*, sailor, from *ναῦτης*
 (v s)

naval F, L *navalis*, from *navis*, ship

nave¹ Of wheel AS *nafu* Aryan, cf Du
naaf, Ger *nabe*, ON *nōf*, Sanskrit *nābhī*,
 nave, navel See *auger*, *navel* The wide
 extension of this word, as of *wheel*, points
 to early invention of waggons

nave² Of church F *nef*, L *navis*, ship,
 cogn with G *ναῦς* Cf Ger *schiff*, in same
 sense ? From shape ? or from church
 being regarded poet as ship (see *anchorite*),
 ? or from early Christian confusion be-
 tween G *ναός*, temple, and *ναῦς*, ship

navel AS *nafela* Aryan, cf Du *navel*,
 Ger *nabel*, ON *nasle*, Sanskrit *nābhīla*,
 cogn with L *umbilicus*, G *ὀμφαλός* See
*nave*¹, the navel being the nave, or centre,
 of the body, or rather, the nave being the
 navel of the wheel

He unseam'd him from the nave to the chaps
 And fix'd his head upon our battlements

(*Shak* i 2).

navew. Wild turnip F *navéau*, dim from
 L *napus* Cf F *navet*, turnip, once in
 common E use

navicular [*biol* & *eccl*] Boat-shaped Late
 L *navicularis*, from *navicula*, dim of
navis, ship

navigate. From L *navigare*, from *navis*,
 ship, *agere*, to drive Hence *navigator*, now

navy, applied in 18 cent to labourer em-
 ployed in canal construction for inland
 navigation

It was seldom indeed that the bargee or the navi-
 gator had much to boast of after a young blood
 had taken off his coat to him

(Doyle, *Rodney Stone*, ch 1)

navy See *navigate*

navy OF *navie* fleet, from *navis*, ship The
king's (royal) *navy* dates from 16 cent, the
 word being also used of any fleet or col-
 lection of ships, not necessarily of fighting
 character.

It is upon the Navy that, under the good Provi-
 dence of God, the wealth, prosperity and the peace
 of these Islands and of the Empire do mainly
 depend (*Articles of War*)

nawab Urdu form of *nabob* (q v)

nay ON *nei*, for *ne ei*, not ever (see *ay*)
 Orig differentiated in use from *no* (q v)
 Cf *yea*

Nazarite One who has taken certain vows of
 abstinence (*Numb* vi) From L *Nazareus*,
 from Heb *nāzīr*, from *nāzar*, to separate,
 consecrate, oneself Often confused, as by
 Shylock (v i), with *Nazarene*, inhabitant
 of *Nazareth*, follower of Jesus of *Nazareth*

Yes, to smell pork¹ to eat of the habitation which
 your prophet, the Nazarite, conjured the devil into
 (*Merch* of Ven. i. 3)

NB L *nota bene*, note well

Neanderthaloid [*ethn*] From prehistoric
 skull found (1857) at *Neanderthal* (Rhenish
 Prussia)

neap Of tide AS *nēp*, in *nēpflōd*. The
 simplex is recorded only once, app in sense
 of helpless, incapable, in phrase *forth-*
ganges nēp, without power of advancing.
 Origin obscure; ? cf Norw. dial *næpen*,
 hardly touching, *nōpen*, hardly enough

Neapolitan Of *Naples*, L, G *Nēapolis*, new
 city

near Orig adv AS *nēar*, compar. of *nīah*,
nigh (q v), or cogn ON *nār*, compar. of *rā*
 Already often posit in ME, but compar
 sense is still common in 16-17 cents,
 esp in *never the near*, none the nearer. As
 adj has almost supplanted correct *nigh*
 For sense of stingy and other fig uses cf
close As applied to animals (*near hind*
leg, etc) it means left, because they are
 led or mounted from that side Various
 adv senses are now usu replaced by *nearly*
 (16 cent)

Nearctic [*geog*]. Of arctic regions of N Amer.
 Lit new Arctic, from G *neos*, new.

neat¹ Noun Now chiefly in *neat cattle* and *neat's foot-oil* AS *neat* cattle Com Teut cf obs Du *noot* OHG *noz* ON *naut* whence S. *nout* I from root of AS *nōtan* to enjoy possess cogn with Ger *genießen* Cf hist of *se pecuniary cattle* I could a had as upon bt a f blow as e er trod on neat's leather (11 *sogo* as iv 1 c 1510)

neat² Adj F *net* neat clean pure (Cotg) L *nitidus* from *nīkē* to shine Cf *net³* Sense of undiluted (spirit) from c 1800 is evolved from 16 cent sense of undiluted (wine)

neath Aphet for obs *aneath* beneath (q v)

neb (n¹th & Sc) Beak bill AS *nebb* cogn with ON *nef* Du *neb* and ult with *snaf* and Ger *schnabel* beak Cf *nib* and see quot s v *rid*

nebula L mist cogn with C *nebulā* Ger *nebel* ON *nifl* The *nebular hypothesis* (astron) was first propounded by Kant.

necessary F *n¹esaire* L *necessarius* from *necessa* (neut. adj) needful from *ne* and *cedere* to give way With *necessity* *knows no law* Cf Ger *rot kennt kein gebot* (Bethmann Hollweg Aug 1914) Thann is it *nyschm*, as t *tyndeth me*, To make v t of necessities (Chauc A 304)

neck AS *hnecca* nape of the neck Com Teut cf Du *nek* Ger *nacken* genick ON *anakti* all meaning nape Neck or nothing implies risking nothing less than one's neck For *ne klace* see *lace* Neck *terse* (hist) usu first verse of *Ps* li by reading which in black letter criminal could claim benefit of clergy is recorded for 15 cent Mod to *g t it in the neck* appears to allude to where the chicken got the axe A further playful variation is where Maggie wore the beads

We be cl rks all and can o neck *erse* (11 *discorser* c 1500)

Away went Gūfin neck or nought (Cowper)

With your admirable command of foreign idioms thou very possibly know o r cant London phrase "Wh re M ge were th beads. Well first dear that is wher you ar going to get it (Globe May 24 1915)

necrology Obituary From C *nos* dead person cogn with L *necare* to kill Cf *necromancy* orig divination by raising the dead corrupted into MedL *nigromantia* F & E *nigromantie* and translated as *black a t metropolis cemetery ne resus mortification esp of horses G *re paires* *spuma* or *nigromantie* con) ring the blacke art (Cotg)*

nectar L G *néctar* drink of the Gods Hence *nectarine* orig adj as in *nectarine peach* Cf *nectary* honey secreting organ of plant

neddy Donkey From pet form of *Edna* d Cf *e ddy* In slang also a life preserver

need AS *nēd* Com T ot cf Du *nōd* Ger *n¹t* ON *nauf* Goth *nauf* Ground sense is constraint necessity In adv *needs* the *s* is by analogy with other adv genitives *need must* is ellipt for some such phrase as *needs must who need shall* The curious use of *he need* for *he need* (*needeth*) is due to analogy with the preterite present verbs (*may dare* etc) followed by infin without *to* With *the needful* cf G *xyppa* (in pl) mon v cogn with *xyppō* obai to need

Nodes in t he nn that th de vll drywith

(Skelton)

We've been most of us ta ght in th course of our lives

That "Needs must when the Eld sty Gend man drives (1 *gildob*)

needle AS *nēdl* Com Teut cf Du *naald* (as F dial *neeld*) Ger *nael* ON *nael* Goth *nāla* cogn with Du *naaien* Ger *nāhen* to sew is to *get the needle* quite mod slang due to some association with *needle* used in similar sense in 18 cent

ne er-do well Ong Sc hence often written *n¹ er-do-well*

nefarious From L *n¹farius* from *ne* as wrong from *fas* right lit (divinely); poken from *fari* to peak

negative F *négatif* Late L *negatus* from *negare* to say no deny from *ne* (= *ne* as in *ne olim*) cf Ger *vernemen* from *rein* Scient enses (math photogr etc) as contrast to *positive*

neglect From L *negere* etc *negl¹* not to pick up *lece* A Older is *negl²* *ence* through F *negl²* *is* restored from 18 cent *neglig²* *ee* *loo* *e gown*

negotiate From L *negotia* from *ne* of *num* business lit not leisure *chium*

negrillo Dwarf negro Sp dim of *negro* (q v) Cf *negrit¹* also Sp dim applied to dwarfish negro i race of Polynesia

negro Sp L *ni¹er* n *er* *blak*

Negus Ruler of Abyssinia Native for king

Identified by Purch with F *ste John*

negus First compounded by Co *Fauvris* *Neus* (13)

neigh AS *neah* *ne* of *neat* orig n Similar forms are found in other Teut. langs

neighbour AS *nēah-gebūn*, lit nigh boor, cf obs Du *nageboer*, Ger *nachbar*, ON. *nābūe* Orig sense of *neighbourhood* was neighbourly conduct, friendliness See *bond*² and cf EAngl *bor*, as used by Mr Peggotty, from Du

neither Altered, on *either* (q v), from *nauthei*, *nouthē*, conti of AS *nāhwæther*, not whether (q v)

nek [geog] Between hills (SAfr) Du, neck Cf F *col*, in same sense

nelly Largest kind of petrel. From name *Nelly* (*Helen* or *Eleanor*) Cf *robin*, *magpie*, etc

nelumbium Water-bean Coined by Jussieu (1789) from Singhalese *nelumbu*

nem con L, *nemine contradicente*, no one contradicting

Nemean Of *Nēmea*, near Argos, abode of lion killed by Hercules

nemesis G *νέμεσις*, from *νέμειν*, to apportion one's due Personified as goddess of retribution

memoral Of a grove, L *nemus*, *nemori-*

nenuphar Water-lily MedL, Arab Pers *nūnūfar*, *nīlūfar*, Sanskrit *nīlōtpala*, from *nīl*, blue, *utpala*, lotus Cf F *nénufar*, It Sp *nenufar*

neolithic [geol] Of later stone age From G *néos*, new, *λίθος*, stone Cf *neologism*, F *néologisme*, from G *λόγος*, word, *neophyte*, F *néophyte*, Church L, G *νεόφυτος* (1 Tim iii 6), new-planted, from *φύτεύειν*, to plant, *neoteric*, recent, up-to-date, G *νεωτερικός*, from *νέωτερος*, compar of *néos*, *neotropical*, of tropical America (cf *neartic*)

nepenthe For earlier *nepenthes*, L, G *νη-πειθής* (sc *φάρμακον*, *Odys* iv 221), neut of *νηπειθής*, from *νη-*, neg, *πένθος*, grief

nephew F *neveu*, L *nepos*, *nepot-*, grandson, nephew, also prodigal Used in ME and up to 17 cent in L senses and also of descendant in gen Replaced cogn AS *nefa*, which survives as surname *Neve*, *Neave*, cf Du *neef*, Ger *neffe*, ON *nefi*, Sanskrit *napāt*, classical Pers *nabīrah*, colloq Pers *navādah* Perh ult helpless, thus *nepos* for *ne potis*

nephritis [med] G *νεφρίτις*, from *νεφρός*, kidney

ne plus ultra Trad inscription on Pillars of Hercules

nepotism F *népotisme*, It *nepotismo*, from *nepote*, nephew (q v), Orig in allusion to favours conferred by the Pope on his

nephews, often euph for illegitimate sons. E use of the word dates from the transl of *Il Nepotismo di Roma* (1667)

Got my wife to read me in the *Nepotisme*, which is very pleasant (Pepys, Apr 27, 1669)

Neptunian [geol] Of action of water From L *Neptunus*, god of the sea Planet was discovered (1846) by Galle

neroid L *νερείς*, *nerēid-*, G *Νηρηΐς*, daughter of sea-god *Νηρεΐς*, ? cogn with L *nare*, to swim

neroli Oil from flower of bitter orange F *néroli*, from name (*Neiroli*) of It princess to whom its discovery is attributed. Cf *frangipane*

nerve L *neurus*, sinew Mod sense appears in Late G use of cogn *νεῦρον* (see *neuritic*) The meaning which our harder ancestors attached to the word survives in to strain every nerve Nervous is occ used in orig sense A nervous (nervy) individual is illogically one who has no nerve *nerveur* sinewie, full of sinewes; also, strong, stiffl, pithie, forcible (Cotg.)

nescient From pres part of L *nescire*, from *ne*, not, *scire*, to know

nesh [dial] Soft, timid, delicate, etc AS *hnesce*, cf archaic Du *nesch*, soft, damp, Goth *hnasqus*, tender Very common in ME and still used occ by writers of the north and Midlands, e g in *Festus* by P J. Bailey, to whom it would have been an every-day word

A neshie answerē brith wraiche (Wyc Prov av. 1)

ness Promontory AS *nass* or ON *nes*, cogn with AS *nasu*, nose Cf *Gris Nez*, of which second element is more prob ON *nes* than F *nez*. See *nose*.

-ness AS *-nes(s)*, *-nis(s)*; cf Du Ger *-nis*, Goth *-nassus*, in which *-n-* is orig. part of stem, real Teut suffix being *-assus* from weak verbs in *-atan* Much used in mod jocular formations, e g *Why this thusness?*

nest AS *nest*, cf Du Ger *nest*, cogn with L *nidus*, Sanskrit *nīda*, Ir *nead*, Welsh *nyth* Supposed to be ult cogn with *neither* and *sit* Hence *nestle*, to snuggle into a nest

Nestor G *Νέστωρ*, aged and wise Homeric hero

Nestorian [theol] Adherent of *Nestorius*, patriarch of Constantinople (5 cent)

net¹ Noun AS *nett* Com Teut, cf Du *net*, Ger *netz*, ON *net*, Goth *natī*; ? cogn with L *nassa*, wicker net

also for jocular *his nbs*, his lordship, we find earlier *his nabs*

nibble Frequent of *nip* (q v), cf *Du knubbelen*

niblick Recorded 1862 Origin unknown As golf is prob of *Du* origin, I suggest *Du knuppelig*, from *knuppel*, "a club, truncheon" (Sewel) Cf *Ger knebel*, "a knubble or truncheon, a short club" (Ludw)

nice OF, foolish, weak, simple, etc., *L nescius*, ignorant, cf *It nescio*, "a fool, an idiot, a natural, a dolt" (Flor), *Sp naccio* Earliest sense, foolish, suggests influence of *F niais*, for which see *cyas*, while some later senses show confusion with *nesh* The sense-development has been extraordinary, even for an adj (cf *quaint*), and the interpretation of 16-17 cent examples is often dubious Current sense (from 18 cent) has perh been evolved from that of fastidious, as in *not to be too nice about*, to which is allied the idea of delicate, as in *a nice point (distinction)* and *to a nicety* In *nice* and it is an adv, now felt as mere intens, e.g. *we must start nice and early*, which orig meant punctually and early

Nicene Of *Nicaea* in Bithynia, where eccl. council (325) dealt with *Arrian* (q v) controversy and produced the *Nicene Creed*

niche *F*, *It nicchia*, ? from *nicchio*, mussel shell, *L mitulus* For change of init cf *F nefle*, medlar, *It nespola*, *L mespilum* ? Or rather from *VL *indicare*, to nestle, cf *F nicher*, *VL *indicare*

nicchio the shell of any shellfish, a nooke or corner Also such little cubboards in churches as they put images in (Flor)

nick App cogn with *nock* (q v), of which it may in some senses be a thinned form

God have mercy for that good dice, yet that came i' th' nick (*Misogonus*, ii. 4, c. 1550)

Nick, Old From 17 cent For *Nicholas* The choice of the name may have been suggested by *Ger Nickel*, goblin, etc (v 1)

nickel Sw abbrev of *Ger kupfernickel*, copper nickel, in which the second element is *Ger Nickel*, goblin, pet-form of *Niklaus*, a name given to the deceptive ore (1751) by the Sw mineralogist Cronstedt Cf *cobalt*

nicknack For *knick-knack*

nickname For *eke-name* (see *eke*), an *eke-*

name having become a *reke-name* Cf *ON aukanafn* and see *neut*.

As moche than he ys to blame

That geveth a man a vyle eke-name
(*Handlyng Synne*, l 1531)

neckname, or *eke name* agnomen (*Prompt Parre*)

nicolo Kind of onyx It, for **oricolo*, dim from *L onyx*.

nicotine *F*, from *Jacques Nicot*, *F* ambassador at Lisbon, who sent (c. 1560) some tobacco plants to Catherine de Médicis His name is a dim of *Nicolas*

nicutite From *MedL nictitare*, frequent of *nictare* to wink

niddering [*pseudo-archaic*] Taken by Scott (*Itankoe*, ch xlii) from an error in early printed edition of William of Malmesbury Correct form is *nothing*, *ON. nothingr*, from *nith*, envy, cogn with *Ger neid* This was obs from c. 1300, but has been revived by lust writers

nide Brood or nest of pheasants *F. nid* or *L nidus*

nidification From *L nidificare*, to build a nest, *nidus*

nid-nod Redupl. on *nod*

niece *F nièce*, *VL neptia*, for *neptis*, cogn with *AS nist*, *Du nicht*, *Ger nichte*, etc See *nephew*, with which it may also be compared for vagueness of meaning

niello Black alloy in metal-work It, *L nigellus*, dim of *niger*, black

nessen See *nessen*

Nietzscheism Doctrine (superman, blond beast, etc) of *Friedrich Nietzsche* (†1900)

Mr Weekley has also adopted the foolish idea that Nietzsche gave Germany war-madness, if he had taken the trouble to read Nietzsche and to acquaint himself with the limited spread of Nietzscheism in Germany, he would not have fallen into this popular error (*To day*, Nov. 11, 1916)

nigella Plant *L*, from *niger*, black Cf *F nelle*, "the herb nigella" (Cotg)

niggard First in Chauc, for earlier *ng*, *nigon*, which are app of Scand origin, cf *Norw dial gnikka*, *gnigga*, to be stingy, *Ger knicker*, "one that would shave an egg or flea a louse for covetousness" (Ludw) Ground-idea is app that of rubbing, squeezing

nigger Earlier *neger*, *F nègre*, *Sp negro*, *L niger*, *ngi-*, black

niggle *Norw dial nigla*, *nugla*, cogn with *niggard*

nigh Orig adv *AS nēah* Com Teut; cf *Du na*, *Ger nah*, *nach*, *ON. nā-* in compds

Niobe Emblem of grief G Νύβη, daughter of Tantalus, changed into stone while weeping for her children

nip Earlier also *gnip*, *knip*, cf Ger *kneifen*, *kneipen* (from LG), also Sw *knipa*, Dan *knibe*, to pinch A *nip* (of gin) is short for *nipperkin*, a small measure, app of Du origin, cf Du Ger *nippen*, to sip, also Ger *kneipe*, tavern, *kneipen*, to booze *Nipperkin* occurs in the transl of Schouten in Purch Perh orig idea is as in Ger *schnaps* (q v), for which *knips* is used in dial *Nipper*, small boy, was orig a thief or pickpocket, one who "pinched" other people's property All these words belong to a Teut root containing the idea of pinching

And divers dying give good gifts,
But their executors nip them

(*Coblers Prophetie*, 1594)

nypper a cut-purse so called by one Wotton, who in the year 1585 kept an academy for the education and perfection of pickpockets and cut-purses He that could take out a counter, without noise of any of the bells, was adjudged a judicial nypper (Grose)

nipple Earlier *neble* (Palsg) App dim of *neb* *nirvana* Buddhist name for extinction of individual and absorption into the divine Sanskrit *nirvāna*, blowing out, extinction, from *vā*, to blow

nisi [leg] L, unless, lit if not (other cause, etc is shown) Cf *nisi prius* (*justitiam ad assisas capiendas venerint*)

nissen [neol] Army hut ? From inventor's name

In a nissen hut or a pill-box

(*Purch*, Apr 17, 1918).

nut Egg of louse AS *hnutu* Com Teut, cf Du *neet*, Ger *niss*, ON *gnit*, cogn with G *kovis*, *kovid-*, Czech *knida*, Russ *gnida*, Welsh *nedd*

nothing [obs] See *niddering*

nitid L *nitidus*, from *nitēre*, to shine

nitre F, L *nitrum*, G *nitrop*, prob of Oriental origin, cf Heb *nether*, rendered *nitrop* by LXX and *nitrum* in *Vulg* (Jer 11 22) Hence *nitrogen*, generating nitre (cf *oxygen*, *hydrogen*.)

nix [slang] Colloq Du & Ger, for *nichts*, nothing

Nizam Urdu *nizām*, Arab *nizam*, order, arrangement As title of ruler of Hyderabad it is short for *nizām-al-mulk*, governor of the empire Also adopted in Turk as name for "regular" troops

no The adj, as in *nobody*, *no room*, is for earlier *none* (q v), the -n being orig.

dropped before consonant and kept before vowel (e g *none other gods*, of *none effect*). Here belongs *whether* or *no*, earlier or *non*, a noun being understood The adv represents ME *nō*, for *ne ō*, southern form of *nā*, for *ne ā*, not ever (see *ay*, *nay*) In ME it is a stronger negation than *nay*, as *yes* is a stronger affirmation than *yea* The neg *ne* is Aryan

n° Abbrev of It *numero* (see *number*)

Noachian Of Noah *Noah's ark*, in toy sense, is first quoted by *NED* from *Cricket on the Hearth*

nob Head, etc Later spelling of *knob* In sense of swell, "tuft," it is the same word, the suggestion that it is short for *nobleman* being contradicted by Sc *nab*, in same sense, earlier than our *nob* So also Sc has *knabbie*, for *nobby*, smart, etc

nobble [slang] To "get at" (e g a race-horse, the electorate, etc) App a mod frequent of *nab*

Nobel prize Established by will of *Alfred Nobel* See *dynamite*

noble F, L *nobilis*, from root (g)*nosc-*, to know, cf *notable* The coin called a *noble* was first minted temp Ed III Among arts esp applied to fencing and boxing

Richard Tarlton, master of the noble syence of defence (*NED* c. 1588)

nock Orig (14 cent) horn end of a longbow, also *notch* of an arrow Perh ident with Du *nok*, Ger *nock*, tip, point But the Rom langs use derivatives of L *nux*, nut, both for the *nock* of the longbow and the *notch* of the cross-bow, and in the latter sense we find also Du *noot*, Ger *nusz*, and even E *nut* Unsolved

nocturnal Late L *nocturnalis*, from *nocturnus*, from *nox*, *noct-*, night

nod Prob an E word, but not found before Chauc Of obscure origin With sense of dozing, from noddling of the head which accompanies sleepiness, cf F *niquet*, mid-day nap, from *niquer*, to nod, Ger *nicken* The *land of Nod* is a punning allusion to Gen 14 16

Indignor, quandoque bonus dormitat Homerus

(*Hor De Art Poet* 359)

noddle First in late ME, and not orig jocular (cf *pate*) ? Evolved from earlier *noll*, AS *hnöll*, crown of the head, by analogy with such pairs of words as *pool*, *puddle*

nodyl, or *nodle* of the head, or *nolle* occupat

(*Prompt Parv*)

noddy [archaic] *Sumpleton* ? Let form of *Nicodemus* I have not found this name in L. in required sense but *nicoedème* ! F for a fool prob a reminiscence of a part played in some medieval mys ery Cf *nincompoop* and see *looly*

Do you lik the name of Ni odemus? The kito'er
N l or Noddy (*Manual F and* h. v)

node L. *nodus* knot Also dim *nodule*

noetic Of the mind G *noytrikos* from *noytris* from *noy r* to perceive Cf *nous*

nog¹ Peg stump snag etc Cf ME *knog* in same sense

nog² Strong ale An L Angl word of unknown origin ? Back formation from *nuggin*

noggin Small drinking vessel or measure Analogy of *peg* suggests connection with *nog*¹ Cf *pigger*

Tow peones towc oogenes (*March 1 century* 160 in *Chatham MS* c 1915 p 10)

noil Short refuse wool combings A very familiar word in Bradford ? An OF *d m* of *noil* knot L. *nodus*

noise F now only in *chercher noise* to pick a quarrel Of doubtful origin L. *nausea* nts the form but hardly the sense

noisette Rose First raised in America by a Mr *Noisette*

noisome From obs *noy* for *annoy* (qv) Now usu of smells but orig in wider sense of harmful

The sword and th farrue a d then some (f m malus) beast (*RhA* xiv 21)

noles volens I cf *u lly ni y*

noli me tangere L. thou h me not (f i g *John* xx 1)

nolle prosequi [leg] L. to be unwilling to pursue Of a suit abandoned by plaintiff or prosecutor

nomad I C *nomas* *nomad-* from *nomos* to pasture

no man's land In early use esp a piece of waste ground outs de north wall of London used for executions Now esp l i i between opposin trenches

Quaed m dmnz nomi J lusa f it combons
and Nonmannedond t a Loucou

(*NED* 132)

nom de plume Used in L (r F *nom de* *plume* pseudonym lit war name

nomenclator L. a sward or official who announced vi itors to his master and esp an election helper who prompted the candidate for office as to the names and pro

harities of those whom he was trying to humbug From *somen* name *calare* to proclaim

nominal L. *nominalis* from *nomen* *nomen* name Hence *nomen nomen* system of philosophy opposed to realism Cf *nomina* the naming case *Nominee* s badly formed from *nomine* by analogy with *paye lessee* etc

nomology Science of law or rule C *nomos*

nomy I *nomia* from *nomos* law

non L. n t in some L phrase e g *n n possumus* we cannot *n n sequi* it does not follow *non est (n est)* be i n t (found) *non compes (men)* n t mast r (of ones mind) Also very common a prefix in which case it often represents l *non* from l *Withl n n fur r u i n* cf *Cer nein no l r re e n* not one

nonage OF *non a e* stat of being urd r age

nonagenarian From L. *n n natus* from *nonageni* ninety each

nonagon Irreg formation after *pentagon* etc from L. *nonus* ninth Cf *n nary* L. *nonarius*

nonce In ME *for the names* *nonces* where the *n res* is fr earlier then *ones* the or e (qv) then being for AS dat. *tham* Cf *neat nickname* and see or e

A cock t y had with hem f e the nces

To boll the ch knes with th mays bores

Cf *W A* 179)

nonchalant I pres part of *nonchaler* n t to care from L. *non* and *calare* to be hot

non com For *non-commis* m t off er Cf *F* 2015-off (100)

nonconformist Orig (early 17 cent) clergyman of Church of England refusing to conform with certain ceremonies After Act of Uniformity (1562) applied to those who were ejected from their livings The *non conformist* conference first b named (c 1870) in connection with Farnell's attacks

non-descript Coined (17 cent) in strict sense of not hitherto described

none AS *nan* for *nan* not one As adj reduced to *n* exc in a few archaic phrases be *no vowel* I *no ark* of *n n effe* I In *n n the beaver* (*no e le* etc I *whi* h is f and from c 1800 it appears to be a vague term of F *n n* in such sentences A *n n n f p n* n n n n n q n it is not e l i s tru that

nonentity Coined (17 cent) for *n n* (1)

nones [eccl] F, L *nonae*, ninth day before Ides, from *nonus*, ninth Also Church service at ninth hour, about 3 p m See *noon*

nonesuch For *none such* Now usu *nonsuch*
Therefore did Plato from his None Such banish
Base poetasters (Sylv *Urania*)

nonjuror [hist] Clergyman deprived of benefice for refusing to take oath of allegiance to William and Mary (1689) See *jury*

nonpareil F, for *non pareil*, VL **pariculus*, dim of *par*, equal

nonplus L *non plus*, not more From scholastic disputation

il y perdit son latin he was there gravelled, plunged, or at a Non plus (Cotg)

non plus ultra For *ne plus ultra*

nonsense Cf F *non-sens*, not sense

nonsuch See *nonesuch*

nonsuit Orig cessation of suit by withdrawal of plaintiff (cf *nolle prosequi*), now by action of judge

noodle From 18 cent ? Variation on *noddy*
nook Orig corner Chiefly north & Sc.
Cf Norw dial *nok*, hook, bent figure,
? cogn with *neck*

noon AS *nōn*, L *nona* (sc *hora*), orig about 3 p m, but early shifted back to midday
Also in other Teut langs., and, in sense of Church service, in Rom langs (see *nones*)

noose App from pl of OF *no*, *nou* (*nœud*), knot, L *nodus*

nopal Sp, Mex *nopalx*, cactus

nor Contr of ME *nother* (see *neither*) Cf *o'er*, *e'er*, etc

nordenfelt Obs machine-gun From name (*Nordenfeld*) of Sw inventor. Cf *gatlign*, *maxim*

Nordic [ethn] ModL *Nordicus*, of the north

Norfolk AS *Northfolc* Fuller records the fact that the inhabitants are called "dumplings" from their favourite dish *Norfolk Howard*, bug, dates from an advertisement in the *Times* (June 26, 1862) announcing assumption of this name by one *Joshua Bug* *Norfolk jacket* is late 19 cent
normal L *normalis*, from *norma*, carpenter's square *Normal school* (college) is after F *école normale*, a Republican foundation (1794).

Norman Orig in pl, OF. *Normanz*, pl of *Normand*, Teut *north man* Application to a style of architecture, called *roman* in F, is not much earlier than 1800 *Norman*, F dial of Normandy, should be dis-

tinguished from *Anglo-Norman*, its further development in this country

norm One of three Fates in Scand. myth
ON *norm*, app cogn with Sw dial. *norm*, *nyrna*, to warn secretly (cf hist of *fate*)
First E occurrence in Bishop Percy (18 cent)

Norroy Third King of Arms, whose jurisdiction is north of the Trent. AF *nor-ro-rey*, north king

Norse Du. *noorsch*, for *noordsch*, from *noord*
north Old Norse is chiefly represented by Old Icelandic, which preserves the most archaic form of the Scand langs Owing to isolation, ModIcelandic has not greatly changed from it *Norseman* appears to be due to Scott

north AS *north* Com Teut, cf Du *noord*, Ger. *nord*, ON *northr* Also borrowed with other points of compass, by Rom langs, e.g F *nord*, It Sp *norte*.

The voyage to the North West by Martyn Frobisher (*Privy Council Acts*, 1577)

Northumbrian [ling] AS dial. spoken north of the *Humber*

Norwegian Earlier *Norwegian* (from MedL *Norvegia*), altered on *Norway*, lit north way, a name from the viking period; cf ON *sulhrvegar*, Germany, *austrvegr*, the Baltic countries

nose AS *nosu*, cogn with Du *neus* The more usual Teut form is represented by AS *nasu*, cf obs Du *nase*, Ger *nase*, ON *nōs*, L *nasus*, Sanskrit *nās* (dual), nostrils To *pay through the nose* seems to be a playful variation on to *bleed*, in money sense, in which the metaphor was orig surgical *Nosegay* is from obs *gay*, bright object, pretty ornament, a substantival use of adj *gay*

And (as it chaunst) the selfe same time she was a sorting gayes

To make a poisse (Golding's *Ovid*, 1565)

He may be led by the nose as quietly as the tamest beare in the Garden

(Glapthorne, *Hollander*, 1, 1, 1640).

The King is pleased enough with her; which, I fear, will put Madam Castlemaine's nose out of joynt (Peyps, May 31, 1662)

he cut off his nose to be revenged of his face said of one who, to be revenged on his neighbour, had matically injured himself (Grose)

nosology. Science of disease, G. *νόσος*

nostalgia Home-sickness From G *νόστος*, return home, *ἄλγος*, pain Cf *neuralgia*

nostoc [bot] Genus of algae Name invented by Paracelsus

Nostradamus Soothsayer Latinized name of *Michel de Nostredame* F physician and prophet (1566)
nostra damus cum falsa damus, nam fallere nostrum est
Et cum falsa damus nil nisi nostra damus (Jodel)
nostril AS *nostril* nose-hole. Cf *thrill* and dial *thril* to pierce
His nostril riles blake were and wyde (Chaucer 4 55)
nostrum L. neut of *nostrer* our (unfailing remedy) From the patter of the quack doctor
not Unstressed form of *naught* *nought* S'e *an hi*
notable F L. *notabilis* from *notare* to note for sense of prominent man (F hist) cf *noble*
notary F *notaire* L *notarius* clerk secretary from *no ire* to note Cf *notation* L *notatio* n
notch App for *otch* F *hoche* earlier *osche* *osche* Prov *osca* whence VL *ochen* to cut dent The n may be the indef art as in *newel* *nichname* or may be due to association with *noak* Formerly used of a run at cricket, scored on a stick e.g. at Muggleton (see *muff*)
ocke a sack, nock or notch the cut of a tilv (Cotg)
note F L. *nota* mark ? cogn with *nomen* name Earliest sense is mus as in to *chanse one's note* Very common in 16-17 cents for characteristic distinctive quality and now much overworked (with *alto sphere technique* etc.) in intellectual jargon Sense of small document arises from that of memorandum jotted down briefly
nothing On_o written as t o words With *nothingarian* cf *anythingarian*
notice F L. *notitia* from *notus* from (g) *noscere* to know Cf *notify* F *notifier* L *notificare*
notion L *notio-n* (vs) Esp common in neg construction with of US en of miscellaneous articles springs from that of clever in ention
Machines for flying in the air and other wonderful notions (L elys)
notorious From MedL. *notorius* from *notus* known (vs) cf F *notoire* It Sp *notorio*
notwithstanding From *not* and *n* *istand* to oppose the word now app got turned by the prep being really the subj ct of the verb e.g. *notwithstanding this is this not*

opposing Cf archaic F *nonobstant* L *non ob stante* (abl absolnt)
Not th t with lauding be answered in this man r (AED 1500)
nougat F Prov VL *nucati* from *nu* *nuc* nut cf Sp Port *nogada*
nought AS *þuht* var of *maurht* Now usu represented by *naught* *ht* n t See *ought*
noumenon G *νοῦμενον* neut. of pres part pas. of *νοεῖν* to apprehend Introduced by Kant in contrast to *phenomenon*
noun AF form of OF *non* (nom) L *nomen* name (qv)
nourish F *nourrir* *nourriss* L *nutire* to feed See *nurse* For fig senses cf *cherish* *foster*
nous G *vous* mind Curiously common in dial
novel OF (*nouveau*) L *novellus* dim of *novus* new In sense of fiction orig applied to short tales F *novelles* such as those of Boccaccio and in 1-18 cents still contrasted with the *romance* or long novel
A novel is a kind f abbreviation of a romance (Lord Chesterfield)
November L *november* or *novembris* sc *mensis* from *novem* nine Replaced native *blot monath* sacrificial (blood) month
novenary L *novemarius* from *novem* nine
novercal L *novercalis* of a step-mother *noverca* ? from *novus* new
novice F L *novitius* from *nov* s new Orig of probationer in rel order
now AS *nu* Aryan cf Du OHG ON Goth Sanskrit *nu* G *nu* L *nunc* Use of *now* (then) to introduce command goes back to AS For *nowadays* see a
Hough Beamed is d d whether I wold ye had bys rooms n we or n e (Paston Let xl 13)
Nowel [archaic] F *Noël* Christmas L *natalis* (sc. dies) cf It *natale* Sp Port *natal* whence *Natal* (SMr) discovered on Christmas Day
nowhere See *no where* and cf obs *no whither* (2 *Kin s v* 45)
noxious From L *noxius* from *noxa* harm from *nocere* to hurt
noyade [A st] Wholesale drowning of royalists by Carrier at Nantes (1794) F from *noyer* to drown L *noce* e to kill. For restriction of sense cf *E starve*
noyau Liqueur F kernel OF *noial* *noiel* dim of *noy* L *nux nuc* nut cf Prov *ingall* corresponding to Late L *nucl* s

nozzle Dim of nose
 nuance F, from *nuei*, to shade, from *nue*,
 cloud, VL **nuba* for *nubes*
 nub, nubble, nubbly Vars of *knob*, etc Cf
 Ger *knubbe*, knot on a tree
 nubile F, L *nubilus*, marriageable, from
nubere, to marry
 nuchal [anat] Of the nape From MedL
nucha, Arab *nukhā*, spinal marrow, whence
 It Sp *nuca*, F *nuque*, nape
 nucleus L, kernel, from *nux*, *nuc-*, nut
 nude L *nudus* Orig (16 cent) as law term,
 later adopted as art euph for naked
 nudge Cf Norw dial *nugga*, to push Perh
 cogn with *knock*
 nugatory L *nugatorius*, from *nugari*, to
 trifle
 nugar Large boat on Upper Nile Native
 name
 nugget From Austral gold-fields (c 1850)
 App from E dial *nug*, lump, block, ? var
 of *nog*¹ Not connected with *niggot*, a mis-
 print for *ingot* in North's *Plutarch*
 nuisance OF, from *nune*, *nuns-*, to harm,
 VL **nocere* for *nocēre*, cogn with *necare*,
 to kill Current sense perh affected by
 obs *noyance*, aphet for *annoyance*
 Keepe us from his [Satan's] nuisance (Hoccleve)
 My book inveighing against the nuisance of the
 smoke of London (Evelyn, 1667)
 null F *null*, L *nullus*, for *ne ullus*, not any
 Orig leg, as in *null* and *void* Cf *annul*,
nullify, *nullifidian*, of no faith
 nullah [Anglo-Ind] Hind *nālā*, water-
 course, ravine
 numb AS *numen*, pp of *numan*, to take
 (see *numble*), cf Norw *nummen*, numb,
 Ger *benommen*, stunned See also the
 earlier *benumb*, from which *numb* is usu
 a back-formation Hence *num(b)skull*
nommy, or *takyn with the palsy* paralyticus
 (Prompt Parv)
 number F *nombie*, L *numerus*, cogn with
 G *νόμος*, law, *νέμειν*, to distribute In
 all Rom & Teut langs, e.g. Du *nommer*,
 Ger *nummer* In sense of order F. uses
numéro, from It, whence our abbreviation
 No Number one, oneself, is recorded c
 1700 Mus sense (*mournful numbers*) is
 from 16 cent The *Book of Numbers* con-
 tains a census of the Israelites
 numbles [archaic] See *humble-pie*
 numdah [Anglo-Ind] See *numnah*
 numeral Late L *numeralis*, from *numerus*,
 number Cf *numerate*, *numerical*, *numerous*

numismatic F *numismatique*, from L *nu-*
misma, *nomisma*, G. *νόμισμα*, current coin,
 from *νομίζειν*, to have in use, from *νόμος*,
 law, usage, from *νέμειν*, to distribute
 nummery L *nummarius*, from *nummus*,
 coin, cogn with *numerus*, number
 nummulite [zool] Disk-shaped fossil From
 L *nummulus*, small coin (v s)
 numnah Horsecloth, pad under saddle.
 Var of *numdah* (Anglo-Ind), Urdu *namdā*,
 from Pers *namad*, carpet, rug
 numskull See *numb*
 nun AS *nunne*, Church L *nonna*, fem of
nonnus, monk These are orig pet-terms
 for elderly people and belong to the baby
 lang of remote antiquity, cf It *nonno*,
nonna, grandfather, grandmother, San-
 skrit *nanā*, "mammy" Also borrowed
 afresh in ME from F *nonne*, whence Du
 Ger *nonne* Cf list of *abbot*, *Pope*
 nunatak [geog] Peak over inland ice of
 Greenland From Sw, into which it was
 introduced from Eskimo by Nordenskjöld
 Nunc dimittis L, now dismissest thou Song
 of Simeon (Vulg Luke, 11 29)
 nuncheon [dial] ME *noneshench*, noon
 draught, AS *scenc*, cf Ger *schenken*, to
 pour out, obs E *skinker*, drawer, tavern-
 waiter (from Du) Shortened *nunch* is also
 current in dial See *lunch-eon*, which has
 been affected by it in form and sense Cf
 also synon dial *nammet*, i.e. noon-meat
ressie an afternoones nunchion or drinking (Cotg)
 Munch on, crunch on, take your nuncheon,
 Breakfast, supper, dinner, luncheon
 (Browning, *Pied Piper*)
 nuncio It (*nunzio*), L *nuntius*, *nuncius*,
 messenger, whence also F *nonce*, "a
 nuntio, messenger, tiding-bringer, and par-
 ticularly an ambassador from the Pope"
 (Cotg)
 nuncupative Of will made orally instead of
 by writing From L *nuncupare*, to men-
 tion by name, from *nomen*, name, *capere*,
 to take For vowel cf *occupy*
 nunky Playful for *uncle* Cf obs *nuncle*
 (Lear, 1 4), *naunt*, due to wrong separation
 of *nine uncle*, *nune aunt* into *my nuncle*,
my naunt
 Send me word how my *naunte* is dysposyd, now
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nurse ME *nurice* *norice* F *nourrice* foster mother I *nutrix* *nutric* from *nutrire* to nourish Orig what is now called a wet nurse Older form survives in name *Norris* The verb ME *nursh* *noresh* contr of *nourish* has been assimilated to the noun For fig senses cf *cherish* *nourish*

And he c m to Nazareth where he was nursed (Wyc n rischid) (Tynd Luk iv 16)

nutrix a n uric a nouriser or pl ce where in a pl nt and gr fte trees or hea b to th enle fter ward to rem ve them and set them in a gard n or orchards (Coop)

nurture F *nourriture* nourishment also in OF training education which is earliest E sense

nut AS *anuut* Com Teut cf Du *noot* Ger *nuss* O^N *anot* cogn with OIr *enu* Gael *enu* *enò* but not with L *nux* To be (dead) nuts on (Grose) seems to be evolved from earlier to be nuts (i.e an enticement) to recorded in a letter from Sir Edward Stafford to Burghley (1587) with which we may cf US *as good as pie* Current slang use of *nut* seems to have arisen from earlier contemptuous sense *an old nut* where *nut* prob means head cf a *silly chump* In AustralE a *nut* meant (1882) a long lank lunter jawed whiskerless youth (AED) *Nuthatch* ME *nolshach* means nut hacker the bird having a special gift for breaking nuts *Nutmeg* is ME *notemi* *gge* of which second element is OF *musque* usu *muscade* (now *noir muscade*) musk nut cf Ger *muscat* *nuss* The phon relation of *musque* to *muscat* is obscure It has a mod F derivative *muscat* lily of the valley In a *nutshell* is allusive to the copy of the Iliad which according to Pliny was minute enough to be thus contained

He [Cicero] wroote He the gestes of Troye sotell che a it myghte be closed in a note sch l

(Tre iv 14)

soupiot de bois a woodie sol or n t for a scrue (Cotg)

nutation Slight oscillation of earth's axis L *nulatio* n from *nuta* s to nod frequent of *nucere* cogn with G *nuciv*

nutriment L *nutrimentum* from *nutrire* to nourish Cf *nutrition* *nutritious*

nux vomica MedL. irreg from *vomere* to vomit

nuzzle Frequent formation from *nose* but in sense of nestling cuddling up to asso ciated with *nursle* frequent of *nurse*

nyctalopia Late L from G *νυκταλωπ* used by Galen for blind by night G *νυξ* *νυκ* night *δλαος* blind *ωφ* eye Misunder stood as seemg be t by night

nylghau *nylghau* Pers *nyl* blue (cf *anil*) *gau* ox cow (q v)

nymph Γ *νυμφη* L G *νυμφη* *bride* nymph From first sense comes med *nympomania* Cf *nympholepsi* enthu siasm after *epilep* s

o oh Not found in AS Partly a natural interj partly adopted from L

o [prep] Represents both of *o'clock* *will o the wisp* and *on (o night)*

O Ir *ó ua* descendant grandson cf Gael *ogha* whence Sc *oe oy* grandchild

oaf Earlier also *auph* *oiph* *ars* of *cif* (q v) Orig of a changeling

Tb flannell d fool t the wicket,

Tb mudd d oafs at the goal (Hjrling)

oak AS *ac* Com Teut cf Du *eik* Ger *eiche* O^N *eik* With *Oakhapple Dry* (May 29) day of Restoration of Charles II cf *Royal Oak* allusive to tree in which he hid (Sep 6 1651) after Worcester The *Oaks* race founded in 1779 is named from an estate near Epsom

t sport oak t shut the outward door of student s room at coll ge (Grose)

oakum AS *acumbe* *decumbe* off combing cf OHG *achambi* Orig coarse refuse of flax First element is a *ð* privative pre fix See *comb* t *nkempt* For formation cf *offal*

oar AS & ON *ar* A viking word With *oarsman* for earlier *earman* cf *huntsman* *steersman* etc To rest upon one s oars is mod for to l e t pon one s oars

f dillon a little bu bodi medler Jacke-sh kler one that bath a oare in e ene mans boat (Cotg)

oasis L G *oasis* of Egypt origin cf Copt *ouahe* dwelling place from *ouah* to dwell

oast [local] AS *a* t cogn with Du *ees* and nit with L *aestas* summer Ir *acdh* heat Orig *kūn* in gen now for malt or hops

oat A gram which in England is generally given to horses but in Scotland supports the people (Johns) AS *ðæ* with no known cognates The fact that it is usu pl while all other cereals are sing suggests that orig sense was the whole grain and not the plant The Corn Teut name for the cereal is represented by Sc

nozzle Dim of nose

nuaunce F, from *nuer*, to shade, from *nue*, cloud, VL **nuba* for *nubes*

nub, nubble, nubbly Vars of knob, etc Cf Ger *knubbe*, knot on a tree

nubile F, L *nubilis*, marriageable, from *nubere*, to marry

nuchal [*anat*] Of the nape From MedL *nucha*, Arab *nukhā*, spinal marrow, whence It Sp *nuca*, F *nuque*, nape

nucleus L, kernel, from *nux*, *nuc-*, nut

nude L *nudus* Orig (16 cent) as law term, later adopted as art euph for naked

nudge Cf Norw dial. *nugga*, to push Perh cogn with *knock*

nugatory L *nugatorius*, from *nugari*, to trifle

nugger Large boat on Upper Nile Native name

nugget From Austral gold-fields (c 1850) App from E dial *nug*, lump, block, ? var of *nog*¹ Not connected with *niggot*, a misprint for *ingot* in North's *Phitarch*

nuisance OF, from *nuire*, *nuis-*, to harm, VL **nocere* for *nocēre*, cogn with *necare*, to kill Current sense perh affected by obs *noyance*, aphet for *annoyance*

Keepe us from his [Satan's] nuisance (Hoccleve)

My book inveighing against the nuisance of the smoke of London (Evelyn, 1661)

null F *null*, L *nullus*, for *ne ullus*, not any Orig leg, as in *null* and *void* Cf *annul*, *nullify*, *nullifidian*, of no faith

nullah [*Anglo-Ind*] Hind *nālā*, water-course, ravine

numb AS *numen*, p p of *numan*, to take (see *numble*), cf Norw. *nummen*, numb, Ger *benommen*, stunned See also the earlier *benumb*, from which *numb* is usu a back-formation Hence *num(b)skull*

nummyn, or *takyn with the palsy* paralyticus (Prompt Parv)

number F *nombre*, L *numerus*, cogn with G *ἵστος*, law, *ῥέπειν*, to distribute In all Rom & Teut langs, e g Du *nommer*, Ger *nummer*. In sense of order F uses *numéro*, from It, whence our abbreviation No Number one, oneself, is recorded c 1700 Mus sense (*mournful numbers*) is from 16 cent The *Book of Numbers* contains a census of the Israelites

numbers [*arclair*] See *humble-pie*

numdah [*Anglo-Ind*] See *numnah*

numeral Late L *numerals*, from *numerus*, number Cf *umerate*, *numerical* *numerous*

numismatic F *numismatique*, from L *numisma*, *nomisma*, G *νόμισμα*, current coin, from *νομίζω*, to have in use, from *ἵστος*, law, usage, from *ῥέπειν*, to distribute

nummary. L *nummarius*, from *nummus*, coin, cogn with *numerus*, number nummulite [*zool*] Disk-shaped fossil From L *nummulus*, small coin (v s)

numnah Horsecloth, pad under saddle Var of *numdah* (*Anglo-Ind*), Urdu *namdā*, from Pers *namad*, carpet, rug

numskull See *numb*.

nun AS *nunne*, Church L *nonna*, fem of *nonnus*, monk These are orig pet-terms for elderly people and belong to the baby lang of remote antiquity, cf It *nonno*, *nonna*, grandfather, grandmother, Sanskrit *nanā*, "mammy" Also borrowed afresh in ME from F *nonne*, whence Du Ger *nonne* Cf hist of *abbot*, *Pope*

numatak [*geog*] Peak over inland ice of Greenland From Sw, into which it was introduced from Eskimo by Nordenskjöld Nunc dimittis L, now dismissest thou Song of Simeon (*Vulg Luke*, 11 29)

nuncheon [*dial*] ME *noneshench*, noon draught, AS *scenc*, cf Ger *schenken*, to pour out, obs. E *shinker*, drawer, tavern-waiter (from Du) Shortened *nunch* is also current in dial See *lunch-eon*, which has been affected by it in form and sense Cf also synon dial *nammet*, i e noon-meat

ressie an afternoones nunchion or drinking (Cotg)

Munch on, crunch on, take your nuncheon, Breakfast, supper, dinner, luncheon (Browning, *Pied Piper*).

nuncio It (*nunzio*), L *nuntius*, *nuncius*, messenger, whence also F *nonce*, "a nuntio, messenger, tidings-bringer, and particularly an ambassador from the Pope" (Cotg)

nuncupative Of will made orally instead of by writing From L *nuncupare*, to mention by name, from *nomen*, name, *capere*, to take For vowel cf *occupy*

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- oath** AS *āth* Com Teut, cf Du *eed*, Ger *eid*, ON *eith*, Goth *aiths*, cogn with OIr. *oeth* For later sense cf *swear*
- ob-** L prep *ob*, with gen sense of towards, against Also *oc-*, *of-*, *op-*
- obligato** [nus] It, obliged, i.e. indispensable accompaniment
- obdurate** L *obduratus*, p p of *obdūare*, to make hard, *durus*
- obeah**, **obi** A WAfr word, with senses of *juju*
- obedient** OF., from pres part of L *oboedire*, to obey (q v)
- obeisance** F *obéissance*, obedience, from *obéir*, to obey With usual E sense, found in Chauc., cf. *reverence*, but this meaning is not found in F and is due to confusion with archaic *abaisance* (q v)
- obelisk** F *obélisque*, L, G *ὀβελίσκος*, dim of *ὀβελός*, spit, pointed pillar, also used of a critical mark (— or —) placed against a passage of doubtful authenticity, as E *obelisk* is of a reference mark (†)
- obese** L *obesus*, p p of *obedere*, to eat all over For transposition of sense cf *drunk(en)*
- obey** F *obéir*, L *oboedire*, from *audire*, to hearken (cf Ger *gehörchen*, to obey, from *hörchen*, to hearken)
- obfuscate** From L *obfuscare*, *offuscare*, to darken, from *fuscus*, dark Cf F *offusquer*
- obi** See *obeah*
- obit** OF, L *obitus*, departure, decease, lit a going to meet, from *obire* Obs exc in (abbrev) *post-obit(um)*
- obiter** L, by the way, *ob iter*. Hence *obiter dictum*, orig in law, expression of opinion not regarded as binding or decisive.
- obituary** MedL *obituaris* See *obit*
- object** First as noun MedL *objectum*, thrown in the way, from *obicere*, *object-*, from *jacere*, to throw Cf synon Ger. *gegenstand* Used, as early as Shaks, with of pity (*derision*, etc) understood *Objective*, contrasted with *subjective*, in philosophy, etc, is MedL *objectivus*, but its currency is from Ger Mil sense, short for *objective point*, is from F.
- It lacks what the Anglo German jargon calls objectivity (J S. Philimore).
- objurgate** From L *objurgare*, from *jurgare*, to scold, quarrel, from *jus*, *jur-*, law, *agere*, to do, etc
- oblate**¹. Person devoted to religious work.
- L *oblatus*, used as p p of *offerre*, to offer
- Cf *oblation*
- oblate**² Flattened at poles, as earth MedL *oblatus*, formed on its opposite *prolate*
- oblation** L *oblatio-n-*, from *offerre*, *oblat-*, to offer
- oblige** F *obliger*, L *obligare*, from *ligare*, to bind Pronounced *obleege* by old-fashioned people within living memory.
- oblique**. F, L *obliquus*, slanting, indirect Cf L *hincus*, bent
- obliterate** From L *oblit(er)are*, to blot out, efface, from *lit(er)a*, letter, script
- oblivion**. OF, L *oblivio-n-*, from *oblivisci*, to forget, ? cogn with *levis*, light, smooth
- oblong**. L *oblongus*, from *longus*, long
- obloquy**. Late L *obloquium*, speaking against, from *loqui*, to speak
- obmutescence** From L *obmutescere*, from *mutescere*, to become dumb, *mutus*
- obnoxious** L *obnoxiosus*, from *obnoxius*, exposed to harm, *noxa* Still occ in orig. passive sense
- obnubilate** To dim, etc From L *obnubilare*, from *nubes*, cloud
- oboe** It, F *hautbois*, hautboy (q v.)
- obol**, **obolus** Coin F *obole*, L, G *ὀβολός*
- obscene** F *obscène*, L *obscaenus*, ? from *caenum*, mud
- obscure** F *obscur*, L *obscurus*, from root *scu-*, Sanskrit *sku*, to cover, cf L *scutum*, shield, G *σκένη*, dress *Obscurant* was introduced (c 1800) from Ger, the name being applied to the opponents of *aufklärung*, enlightenment
- obsecrate** From L *obsecrare*, to entreat in the name of something holy, *sacer*
- obsequies** F *obsèques*, MedL *obsequiae*, due to confusion between L *exequiae*, *exequies* (q v), and *obsequium*, service (v.i.)
- obsequious** F *obsequieux*, L *obsequiosus*, from *sequi*, to follow. For degeneration of sense cf *officious*
- observe** F *observer*, L *observare*, from *servare*, to guard, keep Orig to attend to a law, custom, religious practice, etc For sense of mention cf *remark*
- The new observatory in Greenwich Park (Evelyn, 1676).
- obsess** From L *obsidère*, *obsess-*, to sit down (*sedere*) before, besiege. Cf *beset* In current use a 19 cent revival
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ocular L *ocularis*, from *oculus*, eye; cf *oculist* F *oculiste* Esp in *ocular demonstration* (cf *earnestness*)

od Hypothetical force supposed to pervade nature and explain mesmerism, etc Arbitrary coinage of Reichenbach (†1869) Also *odyn*

odalisque F, Turk *odaliq*, female slave in seraglio, from *odali*, chamber, hall

odd ON *odda*, as in *odda-mathr*, odd man, umpire (q v), *odda-tala*, odd number, from *oddi*, point, angle, triangle, cogn with AS *ord*, point, tip OHG *ort*, point, angle, whence Ger *ort*, place. Sense-development starts from the unpaired one of three, extends to the general opposite of *even*, and finally to what appears solitary or unique. For noun use of *odds*, difference, etc., orig. used in sing., cf *re-as*. The betting and sporting senses are in Shaks (*Hamlet* v. 2, *Rich II*, 1-1) *Odds and evens*, for earlier *odds*, may have been influenced by *ort* (q v) *Oddity* and *odorous* are 18 cent formations. The *Oddfellows* originated at Manchester (c 1813), the name having previously been used of various convivial societies.

ode F, late L *oda*, G *Odē*, for *doōnē*, from *doōnē* to sing. Cf *odéon*, theatre for music, L, G *Odēon*, whence F *odéon*

odie From *od* (q v)

odious F *odiosus*, L *odiosus*, from *odium*, from *odi* I hate.

odontic Of the teeth G *odonticus* from *odōn*, *odon*, tooth

odour F *oleur*, L *odor em*, cf G *ōdōr*, to smell In Wye (*Rev* v. 8) *Odour of sanctity*, F *odour de sainteté*, alludes to belief in fragrance exhaled by the soul of the holy after death

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odonometer Measure of pain, G *ōdōn*

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Oedipus. G *Oīdipos*, lit. swollen foot. Theban hero who solved riddle of Sphinx. For name cf. E. *Puddifoot*

oenomel Drink of wine and honey. Also fr. G *oīnōmel*, from *oīnos*, wine, *mel*, honey.

oenothera Plant L, G *oīnōthēras*, lit. we catcher (v s).

oesophagus G *oīsophāgos*, gullet, of which second element is app. cogn with *phāgō*, to eat

of, off AS *of* Aryan, cf Du *af*, off, Ger. *ab*, off, away, ON Goth *af*, L *ab*, G *ab*, Sanskrit *apa*, away from. *Off* is the stressed form and is often used for *of* in dial. The *off*, right, in speaking of horses and vehicles (see *mar*), is extended to cricket, *on* being adopted as its opposite from phrase *off and on*. The latter is prob. naut., of a ship sailing on alternate tacks away from and towards the shore. *Off colour* appears to have been first applied to gems. Orig. sense of *offhand* is forthwith, extempore, hence, without ceremony. Vulg. *what are you doing off?* is for *what are you in the doing of?*

I was writing of my epitaph (*Timon*, v. 1)

offal For *off fall*, cf Du *afsal*, Ger *abfall*, "the parbage in butchers-shops" (Ludwig Now (March, 1918) oddly familiar.

We are not surprised that the last lines are by some to object to the use of the term "offal" to describe their local refuse.

(Daily Chron Feb 27, 1918)

offend OF. *offendre* (replaced by *offencer*), L *offendere*, to strike against, stumble, from *ob* and *ferere*. The *offensive* (sub) is F *l'offensive* (see *parhe*). Peace *offensive* was used (1917) of Ger. intrigue for stalemate, cf *patente offensive* (1918).

The last lastest - a great example of offensive (A. L. Dixon, Mar. 10, 1918)

offer AS *offrian*, L *offerre*, from *ob* and *ferre*, to bear, originally I am born Christ L; cf Du *offrian*, Ger. *offern*, to sacrifice. Ger. *offen* rather from F *offrir*, *offrir*, for *off* (cf *profiter*, *disputer*), orig. *offen*, late L *offerre*, from *off* and *ferre*. Late L *offerre* from *off* and *ferre*. Sense of *offer* in church is quite modern.

offer See *off*

offer See *off*

in kind *office* For each sense of *service*
Sense of place for transaction of business
is in Chauc (D 1377) Current sense of
officer in ME any public servant is from
16 cent *Officious* *Officieux* L. *officiosus*
friendly serviceable (cf *obsequious*) pre-
serves its orig good sense in diplomacy
being used for informally friendly as op-
posed to *official*

official Of herbs drugs From L. *officina*
workshop laboratory for *opificina* from
opifex opific workman from *ops* work
facere to do

officious See *office*

offing [wa it] From *off*

offspring AS *ofspring* from *of* and *spring*
cf *off* *hoot*

offuscate See *obfuscate*

oft *often* AS *oft* Com Teut. cf obs Du
ofte Ger *oft* ON *oft* *oft* Goth *ufta*
Lengthened in ME to *ofte* before con-
sonant *of en* before vowel *Oft* survives
poet and in compds (*oft-times oft told*)
also in many a time and *oft*

ogdoad Set of eight Late L. G. *dyōdoas*
dyōdoas from *oxw* eight

ogee Curve (-) From F o u e (q v) "an
ogive or ogee in architecture (Cotg)

ogham *ogam* Ancient Ir alphabet Ir
ogham from myth inventor *Ogma*

ogive [arch] F earlier also *auge* ? From
Sp *auge* highest point Arab *auy* apogee
G *droyau* ? or ult from L. *alicus*
channel trough (whence F *auge* trough)
? from *grooving*

ogle Late 17 cent cant word LC *oegeln*
frequent of *oegen* to look at from *oeye*
eye (q v) Cf Ger *ludweln* to ogle
to smicker to look amorously to cast
sheep's-eyes to cast amorous looks
(Ludw)

ogre F first used and prob invented by
Perrault in his *Contes de Fées* (1697) It
occurs in OF in sen e of pagan (? orig
Hungarian) but this is not likely to have
been known to Perrault

oh See *o*

ohm Unit of electrical resistance From (er
physicist G S Ohm (†1854) Cf *ampère*
oid G *-oidēs* from *loos* form

oidium Fungus attacking vine Modl dim
from G *ov* egg

oil OF *oile* (Auit) L. *oleum* orig oil of
olive (q v) Also as early Church word
(consecrated oil) in the Teut *linga* o g
AS *ale* (see *ancle*) Du *olie* Ger *öl* Often

allusive to night study as in *oil* *oil*
(17 cent) also to aggravation or appease-
ment in *oil on flame* (*troubled waters*) To
strike oil (US) is to bore successfully for
petroleum *Oilskin* 19 cent.

ointment ME *oynement* OF *oiment*
from *oindre oin* to anoint, L. *ungere*
Altered on obs *oin* to *ointment*, from pp
of above verb

ok For *or* *horrect* US since 1790

okapi Central Afr animal resembling zebra
and giraffe discovered (1900) by Sir H
H Johnston Native name

-ol [chem] Extended use of ending of
alcohol

old AS *eald* (Merc *ald*) Com Teut. cf Du
oud Ger *alt* ON *ellr* (compar) Goth
d native *alikeis* Orig a pp *er*gn with
L. *alere* to nourish whence *allus* high
orig nourished grown Prob sense of
measurement as in *ten years old* preceded
the absolute use Intens and endearing
senses occur early (v i.) and Satan is called
se colda in AS As noun only in *of old*
whence adj *olden* in *olden time*

God *olde* *fygthyng w s* there (MED c 1440)

oleaginous F *oléagineux* from L. *oleaginus*
from *olea* olive tree

oleander MedL. whence F *oldandre* It
oleandro OSp *eloandro* Late L. *lorandrum*
explained by Isidore as a corrupt in-
fluenced by *laurus* laurel of *rhododendron*
cf F *laurier rose* *oleander* Further
affected by assim to L. *olea* olive tree

oleaster L. from *olea* olive tree

olefant Only in *olefant gas* choke damp
Coined (1795) by Du chemists to mean
oil producing

olent From pres part of L. *olere* to smell
oleograph Printed unit of oil painting
From L. *oleum* oil

oleomargarine Earlier name of *margarine*
(v s)

olfactory From L. *olfacere* to cause to smell
olens from *olor* smell with Sabine I for
-d (cf *lingus lacrima*)

olibanum Aromatic gum MedL. whence
F *oliban* It. Sp *olíbano* Corrupt ? by
association with L. *oleum* oil of Late I
libanus frankincense G *libanos*

oligarchy F *oligarchie* Late L. G *ὀλιγαρχία*
from *ὀλίγος* few *αρχα* to rule

ollo [e wā] Altered from Sp *olla* or Port *olla*
hitch patch L. *olla* pot jar Cf *olla*
pod idā

only First as adj AS *ānli* one like
onomasticon Vocabulary of names G
ὀνομαστικόν (sc β βλίων) from *onoma* name
onomatopoeia G ὀνοματωειν a from *ποιω* to
to make (v s) Used by E poet theorists
of 16 cent

onslaught Du *aansla* or Ger *anschlag*
enterprise from *slagen schlagen* to strike
slay Form and sense have been influenced
by obs *slaught* slaughter slaying cogn
with Ger *schlacht* battle A 17 cent word
from the Low Countries Cf obs mil
slau ht beam barrier Ger *schli baum*

anschlag enterprise wurd sond ri h im kri ge
gebrauchet wenn etwas g gen lns festung oder
sonsten g gen den f lud wat ruomen wurd
(Fisch k & Le ico 1735)

onto For *on to* indicating motion Cf *into*
ontology Study of being From *on*
pres part neut of *εἶναι* to be

onus L burden

onward From *on* and *weard* (q v)

onymous Having a name Coined (18 cent)
on its opposite anonymous

onyx L ὄνυξ finger nail onyx stone

oof [slang] Short for Yiddi h *oof tish* for
Ger *auf (dem) tisch(e)* on the table Cf
plank down Hence oof bird with allusion
to "golden eggs"

oolite [geol] Concretionary limestone Γ
oolithe from G *ωον* egg *λίθος* stone

oology Study of birds eggs (v s)

oom Du uncle as in *Oom Paul* Pres dent
Kruger Cf Ger *ohem* E dial *eme* AS
ēam and see *uncle*

oomiak Eskimo woman's boat Cf *kajak*

The ca oe is called *kajak* o m u s boat to
distinguish it from *umi k* th woman's boat
(Fal)

oorali One of the many forms of *curare* (q v)
Oordoo [lin] See *Urdu*

ooze The noun represents (1) AS *was* juice
sap now only of tan vat whence verb to
ooze (2) AS *was* mud cogn with ON
veisa stagnant pool whence Norw dial
veisa mud bank For loss of w cf dial
ooman The second word has been confused
with AS *geuasc* alluvium (the Wash)
Richard alle Wase of Norfolk is mentioned
in *Patent Polls* (13 cent)

Rght as weodes w en in wose and in donze
(Piers Plowm C. xiii 229)

OP [theat] Side of stage opposite *prompter*
opah Fish Prob native name of Guinea
coast

opal L G ὀπαλλιος cf Sanskrit *urala* gem
opaque ME *opake* L *opacus* now spelt
after Γ *opaque*

ope open Ope is shortened (cf *awake*) from
AS *open* (adj) Com Teut cf Du *open*
Ger *offen* ON *opinn* prob cogn with *up*
With *open handed* cf *close fist* Naut to
open (i urch) come in view of is evolved
from adj in naut sense of unobstructedly
visible

Our economic rise has been i a ery real sense d
to the Brit h policy of th open door
(Zimmermann Mitteleurop)

opera It L cogn with *opus oper* work
A 17 cent borrowing First in Evelyn

They sometime e tertaine the people [of Si n]
with operas they call th m (L clyn)

Strang to see this house that used to b wo
thronged now empty sc the p ra begun
(Pepys July 4 1661)

operation F *opération* L *opera* io n from
operari from *opus oper* work In Chauc
Surgical sense from 16 cent Later is
operate (c 1600) *Operative* workman is
19 cent (cf F *ouvrier* L *operarius*)

operculum [biol] L. lid from *operire* to
cover

opereose L *operos* is laborious from *opus*
oper work

ophicleide Γ *ophicleide* coined (early 19
cent) from G *οφς* serpent κλ s κλ δ-
key the instrument being a development of
the earlier serpent

ophidian Of snakes From G *οφίδιον* dim
of *οφς* (v s) Cf *oph opha us* snake
eater scient name of hamadryad (snake)
ophite serpentine rock also name of early
Christian sect reverencing serpent as em
bodiment of wisdom

ophthalmia Late L G *ὀφθαλμία* from
οφθαλμ eye From 14 cent

opiate MedL *opiatius* from *opium*

opinion Γ L *opinio* n from *opinari* to be
of opin on cf *inopinatus* unexpected With
current sense of *opinionated* orig holding
a spec opinion cf F *opiniâtre* obstinate
opisthograph Manuscript written on back
as well as front From G *ὀπισθεν* behind
opium L G *ῥον* poppy juice dim of
δρoν vegetable juice

opodeldoc Medical plaster Coined by Para
celsus (16 cent) perh from above Cf
no loc

opoponax Gum resin. L. G *ὀπων* αξ from
δρoν vegetable ju ce *πανακει* all healing
Cf *panacea*

opossum N Amer Ind name, variously spelt from c 1600 With *possum* cf *coon*

oppidan L *oppidanus*, from *oppidum*, town Now chiefly of Eton boys lodged in town as opposed to "collegers"

opilate [med] To obstruct From L *opplare*, from *ob* and *pilare*, to ram

opponent From pres part of L *opponere*, to place against, from *ob* and *ponere*

opportune F *opportun*, L *opporturus*, from *ob* and *-porturus* as in *importune* (q v) *Opportunist* is F *opportuniste*, coined (1876) by Rochefort in ref to Gambetta and his followers

oppose F *opposer*, compd of *poser*, see *pose* *Opposite* is immediately from L *oppositus*, pp of *opponere* *Opposition* in pol sense is 18 cent (Burke)

oppress F *oppresser*, MedL *oppressare*, from L *opprimere*, *oppress-*, from *ob* and *primere*, to press

opprobrium L, from *ob* and *probum*, infamy

oppugn From L *oppugnare*, from *ob* and *pugnare*, to fight

opsmathy Learning late in life G *ὀψυμαθία*, from *ὀψέ*, late, *μαθάνειν*, to learn

opt F *opter*, L *optare*, to choose, cf *adopt*, *co-opt* Hence *optative* (gram.), mood of wishing, *option*

optic F *optique*, MedL, G *ὀπτικός*, from *ὀπτός*, visible, from stem *ō-*, as in *ὠψ*, eye, *ὀψομαι*, I shall see

optime L, best (adv), esp in *Senior* (*junior*) *Optime*, 2nd (3rd) class in math tripos, Camb

optimism F *optimisme*, coined (1737) by the Jesuit editors of the *Mémoires de Trévoux*, from use by Leibnitz of L *optimum* (cf *maximum*, *minimum*) in connection with his theory that this is the "best of all possible worlds" The vogue of the word is due to Voltaire's satire *Candide ou l'optimisme* (1759) Cf *pessimism*

option See *opt* and *local*

opulent F, L *opulentus*, from *ops*, *op-*, resources, wealth, cf Sanskrit *apnas*, wealth

or¹ Conj Contr of ME *other*, replacing AS *oðthe*, cogn with OHG *edo*, *odo* (*oder*), Goth *auðihau* The contr took place in the second term of an alternative, cf *vor*, and see *cither*

Other in the world other in religion, other clerk other lewed (*Avien's of Inuite*, 1340)

or² [archaic] Sooner Northern form of *ere* (q v), with which it forms an app pleon

in *or ere*, altered from *or ever* by confusion between *ere* and *e'ei*

or³ [her.]. Gold, yellow, F, L *aurum*

orache Plant ME also *orage*, *arache*, etc, F *arroche*, L *atriplex*, *atriplex*, G *ἀτρί-φάξ*, cf It *atriplex*.

oracle F, L *oraculum*, divine pronouncement, from *orare*, to speak, pray, from *os*, *or-*, mouth Hence to *work the oracle*, allusive to tricks by which response was produced

oral From L *os*, *or-*, mouth

orange F, Sp *naranja* (Port *laranja*), Arab *nāranj*, Pers *nārang*; cf It. *arancia*, earlier *narancia*, Hind *nārangī*, Sanskrit *nāraṅga*; also MedL *aranga*, *aurantia*, altered to *aurantia* by association with *aurum*, gold, which perh also explains F *orange* for **arange* Loss of *n-* is due to confusion with indef art, cf *adder*, *apron*, etc Pers has also *turunj*, whence Catalan *laronge*

Orange French town (Vaucluse), formerly capital of small principality, which passed (1530) to House of Nassau, whence came William III of England Hence *Orangerien*, Ir secret society founded (1795) by the *Orange Lodge* of Freemasons at Belfast, with *orange* colours as punning allusion

orang-outang Malay *orang utan*, man of the woods In most Europ langs

Javan nomen ei induunt ourang outang, quod hominem silvae significat (NED. 1631)

orator ME *oratur* (Chauc, Wyc.), OF. (*orateur*), L *orator-em*, from *orare*, to speak, from *os*, *or-*, mouth

oratorio It. Orig (16 cent) semi-dramatic mus service in the *oratory*, chapel for prayer, of St Philip Neri at Rome, to which belonged also the earliest *oratory*, brotherhood of priests Church L *oratorium*, from *orare*, to speak, pray (v s).

orb F *orbe*, L *orbis*, circle, disk, etc Hence *orbit*, *orbicular* Poet sense of eye springs from that of eyeball, perh influenced by that of star, planet

orc, ork F. *orquie*, L *orca*, cetacean Vaguely used, by association with L *Orcus*, hell, of myth monsters in gen

Orcadian From L *Orcaades*, the Orkneys orchard AS *orþgeard*, ? pleon formation from VL *ortus*, for *hortus*, garden, and cogn AS *geard*, yard, garth, cf Goth *aurigards* ? Or first element from Teut by-form of *uort* (q v); cf AS. *uorþgeard*

orchestra L, G. *ὀρχήστρα*, space where chorus danced, from *ὀρχήσθαι*, to dance

orchid Coined (1845) by Lindley from ModL *orchideae* (Linnaeus) incorr formed from L. *G. opus* testicle from shape of tuber

orchil See *archil*

ordain From tonic stem (*ordain*) of OF *ordener* (replaced by *ordonner*) L. *ordinare* from *ordo ordin* order Earliest (13 cent) in eccl sense Cf *ordination*

ordeal Revived by 16 cent antiquaries from AS *ordal* *ordel* judicial test with artificial spelling and pronunc (v s) Second element is ident with *deal* *dole* first is only F survival of prefix *or* out cogn with Du *oor* Cer 17 Goth *us* cf Du *oordeel* Ger *urteil* judgment decision not in the restricted sense which is alone found in AS

Where s you li t by ordal r by oth

(Chauc. *Troil* 11 46)

order F *ordre* L. *ordo o din* from *ordiri* to begin (to weave) For ending cf *coff r* Earliest E sense (13 cent) is eccl as in *holy ord rs to take orders order of the Temple* springing from the old belief in the nine *orders* of angels This is extended to the *order of the Garter Bath* etc Ftyrn sense of sequence arrangement appears in *in order to (that)* with which cf *archaic to take order*

ordinal Late L. *ordinalis* from *ordo ordin* (v s) In spec sense of book of rules represents MedL *ordinale*

ordinance OF *ordenan s* (replaced by *or donnance*) from *ordener* to ordain

ordinary OF *ordinaris (ordinaire)* L. *ordinarius* from *ordo ordin* (v s) Eccl sense of churchman exercising independent authority descended to that of chaplain of Newgate Naut sense now chiefly in *laid up in ordinary* was orig regular reserve staff in charge of vessel in harbour *Farmers ordinary* is evolved from F sense of regular allowance For depreciatory meaning as in *ordina y (not able) seama s* cf F *tin ordinaire*

ord s an o d ri a bishop (or his chaunclo &c) within hi d ocesse also an ordinal tabl dyet fare (Cotg)

ordination See *ordain*

ordnance Contr of *ordnance* in spec sense of mil supplies in gen now u u restricted to artillery The *Boa d of Ordnance* first established temp Hen VIII is responsible for maps

ordure F from OF *orl* disgusting etc L. *horridus*

ore Sense from AS *ora* ore cogn with Du *oer* form from AS *ar* brass bronze cogn with obs Du *eer* MHG *er* O\ *eir* Goth *ai* cf L *aes aer* brass

oread L. *G. op ias opiad* mountain nymph from *opos* mountain

orectic Appetitive G *ὀρεκτι* *or* from *ὀρεγν* *v* to stretch out

orfray See *orphrey*

organ F *organe* L. *organa* neut pl from G *πυρον* instrument cogn with *apy v* work Earliest E sense is mus the word being found in L form in AS Wider sense in *organic organ s* etc

El nli deli pe dimes or organes

(Oxf P 1 1 1)

organdie Muslin F *or and* ? connected with *organ s* *ne*

organzine Silk thread F *organzin* It *organsino* ? from U *gandisch* Chin alk market

orgasm F *orgasme* an extreme fit or expression of anger (Cotg) from C *ὀρυ v* to swell be excited

orgeat F *sirup* from *orge* barley L. *hordeum* A Pro word

orgies F L G *ὄρπια* secret rites esp of Dionysos

orgulous [archaic] F *orgueilleux* from *or uel* pride of Teut origin cf It *orgoglio* Revived by South y and Scott

oriel OF *orioi* MedL *auriculum* by dissim for Late L *aulacolum* from *aulacus* curtain but used rather as dim of *aula* hall The *oriel* was orig a side chapel or little *anctum* (v s)

a l of m acellum b a lo eccles a (D c)

A1 is [entrance] de la ch mbre out un oriel s tme Drol d vers) chardin (garden)

(1 de S Thoma 12 ent)

orient F from pres part of L *oriri* to rise cf *occident Orient* *pea l* is for earlier *pearl of orient* F *perle d orient* i e from the East *Orientation* now much overworked is adapted from F *s orienter* to take one's bearings prop to face the east whence also Cer *orienting*

It (th Russ *r ol u*) h s changed the fa ct th earth a d the ci atat m ol bum society (D dy Vers Ap 9 7)

orifice F Late L *orific i m* from *os* or mouth *facere* to make

oriflamme [hist] F OF *or e flame* L. *aurea flamma* golden flame name of sacred banner of St Den s

Gett iz d Anjou i port t l ori flambe (Rof 3093)

organ-um Wild marjoram F *organ*, L *organum*, G *ὀργάνον*, ? from *ὄρος*, mountain, γάμος, brightness

Origenist [theol] Follower of *Origen* of Alexandria, Christian Father (3 cent)

origin F *origine*, L *origo*, *origin-*, from *oriri*, to rise *Original* occurs first (c 1300) in *original sin*

oriole Bird OF *oriole* (replaced by *loriot*, for *l'oriole*), L *aurculus*, golden

Orion G *Ὠρίων*, giant of G myth slain by Artemis

orison AF *oreison*, F *oraison*, as *oration* (see *orator*) Revived (c 1800) by romantics

ork See *orc*

Orleanist [hist] F *orléaniste*, partisan of *Duke of Orleans*, younger brother of Louis XIV, and his descendants

orlop [naut] Orig deck covering whole of hold Earlier (15 cent) *overlop*, Du *overloop*, from *overloopen*, to run over (see *leap*) See also quot s v *bilge*

ormer Mollusc, sea-ear Channel Isl F, L *auris maris* Also called *oreille de mer*

ormolu F *or moulu*, lit ground gold, from p p of *moudre*, OF *moldre*, L *molere*

ornament Restored from ME *ournement*, F *ornement*, L *ornamentum*, from *ornare*, to adorn, ? contr of *ordinare* Has absorbed also ME *aornement*, OF, from *aorner*, L *ad-ornare* Application to persons (*ornament of the bar*, etc) is 16 cent

The synue of *aornement*, or of *appareil* (Chauc. I 432)

ornithology From G *ὄρνις*, *ὄρνιθ-*, bird Cf *ornithorhynchus*, duck-billed platypus (Austral), from G *ὄρνις*, bill

orography, orology. From G *ὄρος*, mountain. oronoco, oronooko Tobacco, from Virginia, and prob not connected with river Orinoco

orotund Playful coinage from L *ore rotundo* (v.1), one syllable being lost by dissim. (cf *heroi-comic*)

Graus ingenuum, Graus dedit ore rotundo Musa loqui (Hor *Ars Poet* 323)

orphan Late L *orphanus* (*Vulg.*), G *ὀρφανός*, from **ὀρφός*, bereft, cogn. with L *orbis*

Orphic G *Ὀρφικός*, from *Ὀρφέας*, myth musician of Thrace, later regarded as philosophical adept.

orphrey, orfray [archaic] Rich embroidery False sing from ME & OF *orfrais* (*orfrois*), from L *aurum* and an obscure second element The older form app survives in

orris, trade-name for various kinds of embroidery, etc

orpiment Yellow arsenic F, L *auripigmentum*, pigment of gold.

orpin Plant F, app shortened from *orpi-ment*, with which it is synon in OF

orpington Breed of fowls from village in Kent Cf *dorking*.

orra [Sc] Odd, as in *orra man* Var of ME. *odde*, cf dial *impercence* and see *moral* *Orra woman* as offic designation for single woman is found in 16 cent Sc

orrery Invented (c 1700) by George Graham and named after Charles Boyle, *Earl of Orrery* (Cork)

orris Esp in *orris-root* Ident with *iris*, form having perh been affected by association with *liquorice*, *licoris*, both plants having sweet root The It is *irios*, app from G *ἴριος* ῥίζα, where *ἴριος* is a var genitive of *ἴρις*.

The nature of the orrice is almost singular for there are but few odoriferous roots

(Bacon, *Sylva*)

ort [archaic] Fragment of food Usu in pl Cf archaic Du *orete*, *ooriete*, LG *ort*, Sw dial *oäle*, in which first element is cogn with *oi-* of *ordeal* and second with *eat*

oor-ate, *oor-de* reliquiae, fastidium pabuli sive cibi, esca superflua (Kil)

orthodox F *orthodoxe*, L, G *ὀρθόδοξος*, from *ὀρθός*, straight, right, *δόξα*, opinion, from *δοκέειν*, to seem Spec epithet of Eastern (Greek) Church Cf *orthophy*, G *ἔπος*, *ἔπε-*, word, *orthography*, G *γράφειν*, to write, *orthopaedy*, G *παίδιον*, child, *ταεία*, rearing, *orthopterous*, G *τερόν*, wing.

ortolan Γ, Prov., It *ortolano*, lit gardener, L *hortulanus*, from *hortus*, garden

ortoano a gardner, an orchard keeper. Also a kinde of danthe birde in Itale (Flor)

orvietan [hist] Antidote, "Venice treacle" F *orvietan*, It *orvietano*, from *Orvietto* (It), where inventor lived

oryx Scient name of gemsbok. G *ὄρυξ*, pick-axe, earlier applied to Afr antelope with pointed horns, vaguely used by LXX and *Vulg* (*Deut* xiv 5) and hence by Wyc and Coverd

Oscan [ling] Ancient It. dial akin to L. oscillate From L *oscillare*, to swing oscitant. Drowsy From pres part of L *oscitare*, to yawn, from *os*, mouth *citare*, to put in motion frequent of *citare*, to stir.

osculate From L *osculari* from *osculum*
kiss lit little mouth (v s)

osier F of unknown origin Cf Late L
(8 cent) *ausaria osaria* bed of willows

Osmanli Of *Osman* Turk pronunc of Arab
Othmān See *Ottoman*

osmium [chem] From G *οσμή* odour

osmosis Intermixture diffusion From G
ωσμος thrust push

osmund Fern F *osmonde* (17 cent) of
unknown origin

osnaburgh [archaic] Fabric from *Osnabruck*
(Westphalia) Cf *holland arras* etc

Four hundred ellies of osenbriges very fine
(Hahl xi. 28)

osprey Ult L *ossifraga* lit bone breaker
(cf *sarifraga*) whence also F *orfraie* for
osfraie Neither the late appearance (15
cent) in L & F nor the forms are at pre
sent explained

The e le a d the ossifrage and the ospray
(Lev xi. 13)

osram [neol] Electric lamp with filament
of osmium and wolfram

osseous From L *osseus* from *os* oss bone
Ossianic Of *Ossian* anglicized by Mac
Pherson from Gael *Oisín* name of bard
whose works he claimed to have collected
and translated (1760-3)

ossifrage See *osprey*

ossuary After *mortuary* from L *os* oss
bone cf F *ossuaire*

ostensible F MedL *ostensibilis* from *osten*
dere ostens to show, compd of *tendere* to
stretch With *ostensory* monstrence cf
F *ostensoir* MedL *ostensorium*

osteology From G *οστόν* bone

ostuary [eccl] Doorkeeper L *ostiarus* from
ostium door cf *usher*

ostler Ident with *hostler* OF *hostelier* from
hostel (q v) Orig inn keeper but early
associated with *osses*

Osses soon will all b in th carcuses
And if you want an ostler try the work uses
(E V Lucas)

ostracize G *οστρακίζω* from *οστρακον*
earthen vessel potsherd because name of
person whose banishment was voted was
written on piece of pottery Perh orig
shell (see *oyster*)

ostriculture See *oyster*

ostrich OF *austruce austruche* (*austruche*)
VL *avis struthio* from Late G *στροθων*
ostrich cf Sp *acetrus* The simplex ap
pears in It *struzzo* Ger *strauss* AS

struthia whence name *Strutt* In class G
usu ο *μέγας στροβος* lit the big sparrow
Often used allusively to supposed habit
of the bird of hiding its head in the sand
when cornered

How long the G rman Austrian and Turkish
peoples will be content to bury their h d in this
fiscal sand (H eism Gar O t 3 918)

Ostrogoths Late L *Ostrogoths* East Goths
who ruled in Italy 493-555 See *Easter*
G th

other AS *oðer* An Aryan compar forma
tion cf Du Ger *ander* ON *annar* Goth
anikar Sanskrit *atara* and prob L
alter ali is G *allos* Loss of Teut n
before spirant is reg in F (cf *tooth fite*)
Formerly used like OF *autre* for second
Dial *tother* is due to wrong separation of
ME *thet* (that) *other* so also we find
commonly *the tone* and *a nother* For
otherguess see *guess*

If b had not been in dri k, h e w uld ha tickled
yo^r oðer^r tes than h did (Tw lth N i v)

otiose L *otiosus* from *otium* ease cf F
oisieur

otology Study of the ear G ο *οτ* ear

ottava rima [metr] It eight lined stanza
lit eighth rime

otter AS *otter* Aryan cf Du Ger
otter ON *otr* G *ὄψω* water *ὄψα* hydra
water snake OPers *udra* otter ult cogn
with *water* Also used in the Great War
of paravane fitted to merchant ship

otto Obs bicyc^{le} From inventor's name
(1877)

Ottoman From Arab *Othmān* founder (c
1300) of Turk dynasty which took over
(1517) the Cal phate from the last Aba side
Calph of Caro Cf *Osmanli* Hence *otto*
min (c 1800) suggesting an oriental couch

The moonl tand rds of pr ud Ottoman
(Sylv 2)

otto of roses See *attar*

oubliette [hist] Secret dungeon F (14
cent) from *oublier* to forget VL *obliscare*
from *obliscere* *obliscere* to forget App in
troduced by Scott

ouch [obs] Brooch clasp etc For *nouch*
(cf *au er apron*) OF *nouche* OHG
nusch Of Celt origin cf OIr *nasc* ring

And th y w re set as thikke of nouchis
Full of the fynest stones f re
(Chauc H s f F m i 60)

Thou shalt m ke them to be set in ouches of gold
(Es ii. 11)

ought¹ [dial] For *nought*, as in *oughts* and *crosses* *An ought* is for a *nought* (v s), helped by the suggestion of O

ought² Verb Past tense of *owe* (q v) As auxil verb it represents the past subjunctive Use of pp survives in vulg *you hadn't ought to* (= F *vous n'auriez pas dû*) Cf similar use of F *devoir*, lit to owe Cicero ought all he had unto learning

(Florio's *Montaigne*, u 12)

ounce¹ Weight F *once*, L *uncia*, twelfth of pound or foot, cf *inch*¹

ounce² Animal F *once*, for OF *lonce* (taken as *l'once*), VL **lunce*, for *lyncea*, from *lynx*, cf It *lonza*, "a beast called an ounce, a panther or cat of mountaine" (Flor), Sp *onza*

our AS *ūre*, for *ūsere* (cf *us*), genitive of *wē* Com Teut, cf OSax *ūser*, Ger *unser*, Goth *unsara* For reg formation of possess pronouns from genitive of pers pronouns cf F *leur*, L *illorum* *Ours* is a double possess of ME formation. For dial *own* (due to *mine*, etc) cf *hūn*, *hēn* His conversacioun is in hevене, as ouren shulden be (Wic)

ourah See *curari*

ousel See *ouzel*

oust AF *ouster*, OF *oster* (*ōler*), ? VL **haustare*, from *haustare*, *haust-*, to drain Cf *exhausted*, "to pille, robbe, or take from one all that he hath" (Coop) L *obstare*, to hinder, has also been suggested, but sense-relation is difficult

out AS *ūt* Com Teut, cf Du *uit*, Ger. *aus*, ON Goth *ūt* *Outer* is a ME formation differentiated in sense from orig *ut* Verb to *out*, expel, now slangy, is in AS With *out* and *out*, *out* and *away*, cf *far* and *away* With ellipsis of verb *out* acquired interj force which survives in *out upon* *Outing* is used by Barbour for an expedition

Normant escient "dens ale"

La gent engleise "ut it" escient

(Wace, describing Battle of Hastings)

ow, oz, interjection (Prompt Paris)

outcaste From *caste* (q v) Formation influenced by *outcast*

outfit Used in US for anything, from a pocket-knife to a railway.

out-Herod To exaggerate a part, *Herod* being stock-braggart and bully of early red drama

I could have such a fellow whipped for o'er doing Termagant, it o'it herods Herod (*Hamlet* iii 2)

outland AS *ūtland*, out land, foreign country Hence *outlandish*, orig foreign, with sense-development as in *strange*, *uncouth* *Outlander* (c 1600) is adapted from Du *uillander*

Most excellent outlandish linnen cloth (Purch).

outlaw ON *ūtlagr*, from *ūtlagr*, outlawed, banished

output Till c 1880 techn term in iron and coal trades

outrage F, from *oultre*, beyond, L *ultra*, cf It *oltraggio*, E *going too far* Occ misused as though compd of *rage*

outrance F, only in *à outrance*, from *outrier*, to go beyond (v s) Altered in E to *utterance* (*Macb* iii 1), still in use as archaism.

outré F, exaggerated (v s)

outrecuidance [archaic] Arrogance Archaic F, from *outrecuider*, L *ultra cogitare* (cf *overweening*) Revived by Scott (*Ivanhoe*, ch. ix)

outtrigger [naut.] Altered, on *rig*¹, from earlier *outligger* (15 cent), which is prob Du. *uitlegger*, lit outlyer, though this is not recorded so early

On each side of them [canoes] lye out two pieces of timber (Drake)

These are generally called by the Dutch, and by the English from them, out lagers (Dampier)

outsider In disparaging sense (not in *NED*) from early application to horse "outside the favourites"

outskirt Now only in pl From 16 cent See *skirt*

outspan [SAfr] Du. *uitspannen*, to out span, unharness team.

outstrip. From 16 cent See *strip*²

outward See *-ward*.

ouzel, ousel AS *ōsle*, blackbird, cogn with Ger *amsel*, with very numerous dial forms, OHG *amsala*, of which first element may be cogn with (*yellow*-)hammer (q v)

oval F, from L *ovum*, egg, cogn with G. *ova* Cf *ovate*, L *ovatus*, *ovary*, F *ovaire*

ovation L *ovatio*-n, triumph on smaller scale, from *ovare*, to exult, rejoice, prob. imit of shout

oven AS *ofn* Com Teut, cf Du *oer*, Ger *ofen*, ON *ofn*, Goth *aufuns*; cogn with G *ōvōs*, oven, furnace, Sanskrit *ulha*, cooking-pot, which was no doubt orig meaning

over AS *ofer* Com Teut; cf Du *oer*, Ger. *ober*, *uber*, ON *yfer*, Goth *ufar*; cogn with G *über*, L *super*, Sanskrit *upari*. Thence

oxide F, coined (1787) by Morveau and Lavoisier from G *ὀξύς*, sour, with ending of *acide*

oxlip For *oxslip*, AS *oxanslyppe* See *cowslip*

Oxon Signature of bishop of Oxford (v 1)

Oxonian From MedL *Oxonia*, from *Oxenford*, Oxford Cf *Cantab*

Then he asked me and I were cantibrygion I sayd no, I was an oxonian (NED 1540)

oxter [Sc & north] Armpit From AS *ōxta*, *ōhsta*, cf Du *ohsel*, Ger *achsel*, OIr *oxal*, L *avilla*

oxygen F *oxygène* (Lavoisier), from G *ὀξύς*, sour, *-γεν*, producing

oxymoron [het] Association of incongruous terms, as in *pet aversion*, *splendide mendax*. Neut of G *ὀξύμωρος*, pointedly foolish, from *ὀξύς*, sharp, *μωρός*, foolish

His honour rooted in dishonour stood,
And faith unfaithful kept him falsely true
(Tennyson).

oxytone [gram] Accented on last syllable G *ὀξύτονος*, with acute (v s) accent See *toxe*

oyer and terminer [leg] Commission of judges, to hear and decide AF *oyer*, OF *oir* (*ouir*), L *audire* Hence also the crier's *oyez* or *o yes!*

oyster OF *oistre*, *uistre* (*huître*), L, G, *ὀστρεον*, cogn with *ὀστέον*, bone, shell

ozokerit. Fossil resin, "native paraffin" Ger, coined (1833) by Glocker, from G *ὀζειν*, to smell, *κηρός*, bees-wax

ozone F, from G *ὀζειν*, to smell

Ps and Qs, to mind one's App from confusion betw een *p* and *q* of children learning to write

pa Cf *papir*

paauw Bustard (S Afr) Du., percock (q v).

pabulum L, cogn with *pasca*, to feed

pica S Amer rodent Sp, from Tupi (Brazil)

pace ME *pas*, F, L *passus*, from *pandere*, *pass*, to stretch To *put through* one's *paces* is to show the qualities of a horse With suggestion of speed in to go *the pace*. orig. in hunting, cf *apace*

pace. Abl of L *pax*, *pax*, peace, as in *pace* *two* with all deference to you Hence *pace* Mr *Crawford*, etc

pacha See *pasha*

pachus. Board game in India From Hind.

pachichli, twenty five

pachyderm G. *παχύρριπος*, from *παχύς*, thick,

δέρμα, skin Adopted as biol. term (1797) by Cuvier

pacific F *pacifique*, L *pacificus*, peace-making, from *pax*, *pac-*, peace, *facere*, to make. The ocean was named (c. 1500) by Magellan

pacifist A clumsily formed word, perh first in F *pacifiste* The correct form would be *pacifiste*

As quarrelsome as a pacifist (*Windsor Mag*)

pack Early (13 cent.) loan from Du, due to the wool-trade with Flanders, cf. Du LG *pak*, whence also Ger *pack*; ? cogn with *bag* Also borrowed by Rom langs (v 1), in which, as in Teut langs, it is commonly associated with hurried departure, e.g. F *faire son paquet* = *trousser baggage* Used of cards from 16 cent., of hounds from 17 cent. In to *pack a jury* there has been contact with obs *pack*, to make secret arrangements, prob a vulgar pronunc. of *pack* (cf *feckless*)

package Orig the act of packing

packet AF dim of *pack* Hence F *paquet*, It *pacchetto*, Sp *paquete* Packet-boat was orig (17 cent) for carrying mails (cf F *paquebot*, from E) It was earlier called *post-bark*, *post-boat*

pack. OF (*pacle*), L *pactum*, from *paciscere*, *pac-*, to covenant, cogn with *pargere*, *pac-*, to fasten

Pactolian. Of *Pactolus*, G *Πακτωλός*, river of Lydia with golden sands

Apostles of super-indemnities preaching blue ruin for the enemy combined with Pactolian payments (Obs June 1, 1910).

pad¹ Cushion, etc. In 16 cent. sense of elastic cushion of foot (of camel, etc) is app cogn. with obs Du. *pad*, *palle*, "palma pedis, planta pedis" (Kil), LG *pad*, and perh with Ger *pfote* (see *paw*) F *palle*. Prov *panta* are of Teut origin. This sense is late in E and can hardly have given the gen meaning With *padding* in literary sense cf *bombast*

pad². In *footpad* (q v) Cant word from 16 cent Du *pad*, road, path (q v) Obs *pal*, highwayman, later *padder*, is for *gerleman*, of the *pad* With *pad*, horse, cf. *roadster* See also *hoof*.

pad, the high way, and a robber thereon; a *pad* an easy pacing horse (Dict. Cant. Crav).

pad³ Basket Var of dial. *ped* (see *pedlar*)
paddle¹. Noun Orig (c. 1500) *paide* like implement, e.g. *Deut* xxii. 13, where it

renders *bul parulus* First u d in current sense by Capt John Smith ? Corrupted from *F pale pelle* shovel *L. pala* used of blade of oar or of paddle wheel A tract on Florida (1563) describes the native oars as "maile after the fishyon of a peelee (see *feel*) To *paddle one's oar* canoe is attributed to Al raham Lincoln

paddle Verl App from *pit* in sense of foot paw Cf LG *paddeln* to tramp and synonym *F patouiller patuiger* from *palle paw* (q v)

patouiller to sladder to paddle or dabl (in with the feet) (Colg)

paddock Alteration (from 16 cent) of earlier *farrock* AS *feorroc* See *park* For change of consonant cf *pediment*

paddock or *parrock* a small inclosure (Woidg)

paddy Malay *padi* rice in the straw prob cogn with *balia* (q v)

Paddy Irishman Short for *Padraig Patrick* patron saint of Ireland Also *Paddy uhack* explained (1811) as a stout brawny Irishman Thus is also used of (presumably Irish) frenzy of rage and often reduced to *paddy*

paddymelon Small kangaroo Corrupt of Austral native name

padishah Pers *padishāh* (in Turk *padishāh*) of which first element is Sanskrit *pāti* lord ruler Title of Shah of Persia also given to Sultan of Turkey and other Eastern potentates See *shah*

padlock From 15 cent First element is of unknown origin The only *pad* which is old enough is dial *pad* frog tird AS *paddle* and the application of animal names to mech devices is very common but it is hard to see connection ? From orig shape

padre It Sp Port L *pater* Titl of regular clergy Its use in E for army or navy chaplain comes from Port via Anglo-Ind Cf *tanā* In Purch *padre* occurs passim for Jesuit missionary

padrone Master of Mediterranean trading ship employer of child musicians etc It MedL *patron* for L *patronus* Cf F *patron* the guv nor

paduasoy [archaic] Alteration of earlier (17 cent) *poudesoy* F *pou-de-soie* *pont de soie* with first element of unknown origin The alteration is due to confusion with obs *Padua* say from ols *say* serge manufactured at *Padua* For a similar corrupt cf *mantua*

paean L G *paian* hymn chant from *Io Paian* init words of invocation to Apollo under name *Il* v Homeric name of physician of gods

paederast Sodomite G *paiderastēs* from *paies* *paids* boy *paerastēs* lover

paean [metr] Foot with one long and three short syllables Attic G *paian* *paean* (q v)

pagani L *paganus* rustic from *pagus* canton distrct The trad view that the rel sense is due to the lingering of paganism in the rural districts is shown by mod research to be incorrect as *paganus* non Christian occurs at a date when paganism was still the recognized religion of the Empire The Roman soldier used *paganus* yokel as contemptuous name to a civilian or for an incompetent soldier (v i) and when the early Church adopted *miles* (Christi) in the fig sense of soldier (of Christ) *paganus* was also taken over from coll w L as its natural opposite to con note one who was not a good soldier of Christ Thus the sense has developed from that of the kiplinglike lousy civilian or the more mod d—d conchy See *NED* vii 2 *Addenda* and Gibbon ch xxi Note q

Mox i *tenus pra to h s os qui nisi inquit pagani qu s alius imperator qua castra alla ex ip nt?* (Tac Hist iii 4)

Apud hunc (sc. Christ m) tam miles est paganus 6. l. u. q. am paganus est miles infid lis (Tertull an)

page Lad etc I cf It *pagella* Sp *page* MedL *pagus* s Origin obscure Prob L *pathicus* C *pathicus* boy kept for an natural vice lit sufferer Cf *Canymede* which besides being used allusively for page has given obs *catamite* synonym with *pathicus* The word has varied in dignity according to its senses but was app at first contemptuous

page Of a book F L *pagina* from root *pag* of *pangere* to fasten

pageant ML *pagyn* (Wyc) AL *pagina* It is uncertain whether the earlier sense was scene tableau or the wooden structure (often on wheels) ke the pageants of Lord Mayor's Show) on wh h popular drama was enacted If the latter the sense corresponds exactly with that of L *pegma* G *pygma* movable scaffold for theatrical use which is cogn with L *pagina* page (roots *pa* *pyg* to make fast) The form represents L *pagina* which however

is not found in the required sense etc in AL (v s)

pegma a stage or frame whereon pageantes be set and caried (Coop)

pagination F, from *paginer*, to number pages, from L *pagina*, page²

pagne Loin-cloth, etc F, Sp *pañó*, L *pannus*, cloth

pagoda Earlier (16 cent) *pagod*, Port *pagode*, prob corrupted from Pers *but-kadah*, idol house It was also applied to an idol and to a coin, app from design stamped on it, whence Anglo-Ind allusions to *shaking the pagoda-tree*, i.e. getting rich quick in India

They are Indian and heathenish money, with the picture of a divell upon them, and therefore are called pagodes (NLD. 1598)

pagurian Hermit crab. From L, G *πάγουρος*, lit hard tail

pah¹ Interj Natural exclamation of disgust (Haml v 1)

pah², pa Native fort in New Zealand Maori, from *pā*, to block up

Pahlavi, Pehlevi [ling] Archaic Persian Pers *Pahlavi*, Parthian, name given by followers of Zoroaster to lang of their sacred books
pail AS *pagel*, small measure, would give mod form, but OF *paele* (*poële*), frying-pan, etc, L *patella*, dim of *patina*, dish, would explain final -e always found in ME Neither etymon will account for sense

paillasse, palliasse F *paillasse*, from *paille*, straw, L *palea* Cf *pallet¹*

paillette Spangle F, dim of *paille*, straw (v s)

pain F *peine*, L *poena*, penalty Orig sense in *pains* and *penalties*, under *pain* of With to *take pains*, for *one's pains*, etc, cf similar use of *trouble* See *pine²*

The honourable knight, Sir Walter Raleigh, returning from his painful and happy discovery of Guiana (Haki)

paint F *peint*, p p of *peindre*, L *pingere*, cf *faint*, *taint*, etc To *paint the town red* is US

painter [raut] ME *peyntour* (13 cent), rope or chain by which anchor is held to ship's side, now called *shank-painter* Current sense from c 1700 OF *peintour*, *peintoir*, *peinture*, etc, used in naut lang of various suspensory tackle, ult from *peindre*, to hang L *pendere* Cutting the painter, allusive to separation of colonies from Empire, is late 19 cent, but the phrase is much older (c. 1700) in sense of sending off unceremoniously.

pair F *paire*, L *paria*, neut pl of *par*, equal, peer In ME used also for a set, as still in *pair of steps (stairs)*, whence the *two-pair front (back)* of lodging-houses Verb to *pair*, mate, is first in Shaks (*Wint Tale*, iv 4)

pal E Gipsy, cf Turk Gipsy *pral*, *plal*, brother, ult cogn with Sanskrit *bhrātṛ*, brother

palace F *palais*, L *palatium*, cf. It *palazzo*, Sp *palacio* Orig applied to imperial residences on *Mons Palatinus* at Rome, prob. from stake (*palus*) enclosure With mod *picture-palace* cf *gin-palace*, recorded 1835 ("Boz")

paladin F, It *paladino*, L *palatinus*, of a palace Orig applied to Charlemagne's twelve peers The substitution of the It word for OF *palaisin* was due to the popularity of the It poets of the Renaissance

paleography, paleography. From G *παλαιός*, ancient Cf *palaeolithic*, from *λίθος*, stone, *palaeontology*, from G *ὄντα*, neut pl of *ὄν*, being, *palaeozoic*, from *ζωή*, life

palaestra L, G *παλαίστρα*, from *παλαίω*, to wrestle

palafitte Lake-dwelling F, It *palafitta*, from *palo*, stake, pale¹, *fitto*, fixed

palanquin Port (c 1500), supposed to be nasalized from Hind *pālki* (whence L *palkee*), Sanskrit *paryāhka*, *palyanka*, bed The Port form is app due to association with Sp *palanca*, pole for carrying weights, cowstaff, VL *palanga*, G. **παλάγγη* (pl only), whence also F *palan*, lifting tackle, etc Some authorities regard the latter source as the true origin of the word and its resemblance to Hind *pālki* as accidental Sir T Roe has *palankee*, a compromise between the two words

palate Restored spelling of OF. & ME *palat*, *palet*, L *palatum*, cogn. with *palear*, dew-lap

palatial From L *palatium*, palace (q v.).

palatine [hist] F. *palatin*, L *palatinus*, from *palatium*, palace Orig. of the imperial palace of the Caesars. In E hist (*earl*, *courtly*) it indicates quasi-royal authority. In Ger hist of the *Palatinate* of the Rhine (see *palsgrave*) In sense of fur tippet, F. *palatine*, from the Princess *Palatine*, wife of Duke of Orleans (17 cent).

palaver Port *palavra*, word, speech, L *parabola*, parable (q v.), whence also Sp *palabra*, F *parole*. Used by Port travellers

of parleys with natives in WAfr and brought thence by E sailors Cf *fetish*
pale¹ Noun F *pai* L *palius* stake ult cogn with *pangere* to fix Hence *palings* In sense of limit boundary esp in *within* (*outside*) the *pale* and often with ref to the English *Pale* in Ireland Also (her) vertical band

Tithe was p i l f the first time within th pale
 iter th synod of Cash l

(Vagee Sp ech on D establishment of
 I sh Ch b 1869)

pale² Adj I *pale* from L *pallidus* from
pallere to be pale

paleography See *paleography*

Palestine soup See *artichoke*

paletot F OF *palloe palletoc* whence ME
paltok Cf Sp *paletoque* Origin obscure
 First element is app OF *palle* cloak L
palla

palette I dun of *pale* shovel oar blade
 L *pala*

palfrey OF *palefres* (*palefrei*) Late L *pala*
fradus by dissim from Late L *parafredus*
parateredus from G *papa* beside L *tere*
dus light horse of Celt origin and cogn
 with Wel h *gorwydd* horse Cf It *pala*
freno Sp *palafrén* both corrupted by asso
 ciation with L *frenum* bridle also Du
paard Ger *pferd* (OHG *pharifrid*) For
 dissim of *r* to *l* in Rom forms Cf *pil*
grim

Pali [ling] Early literary form of Sanskrit.
 Short for Sanskrit *pali bhāṣha* lang of
 canonical texts lit line language

palikar [hist] Greek or Albanian mil chief
 esp in War of Independence ModG
palikari lad from G *wallaß* youth First
 in Byron

palmpest Parchment twice written on
 G *παλινψητος* from *παλιν* again *ψην*
 to rub smooth

palindrome Word or phrase spelt alike
 backward or forward eg *Roma tibi*
subito motibus ibit amor G *παλινδρομος*
 from *παλιν* again *δρομαι* to run Cf
palin e uasis rebirth *palinode* recanta
 tion

paling See *pale*¹

palisade F *palissade* formed by analogy
 with other rail words in *ade* (q v) from
palisser to fence from *pais* pale from
pal stake See *pale*¹

palkee See *palanquin*

pall Noun AS *pell* cloak pall L *pallium*
 Earlier gen sense survives in poet. and

hist use only Used in connection with
 funerals from 15 cent but not necessarily
 of mourning colour

pall² Verb Aphet form of *appeal* (q v) in
 etym sense of losing colour and hence
 flavour Cf *peal* for *appeal* Now only
 fig

this d inkle wyll p n f u sta d covered all
 nyght c bolre s appallyra etc (P l g)

Palladian [arch] Of *Andrea Palladio* Roman
 architect (†1580)

palladium L G *πalladium* image of *Palla*
Athene supposed to protect citadel of
 Troy Hence national safeguard

They hadde a rebik beet Palladion

That was hir trust aboven e rychon

(Chaucer *Troil* i 113)

palladium² [chem] Metal Named (1803) by
 discoverer Wollaston in honour of re
 cently discovered asteroid *Pallas* Cf
cerium

pallet¹ Straw mattress AF *paille* the dun
 of F *paille* straw L *palea* Cf *pailasse*

pallet² In various techn s uses ident with
palette

palliasse See *pailasse*

palliate From Late L *palliare* to disguise
 from *pallium* cloak

Surmyse set fourth and pall tied with th vesture
 of a professed eritee (Hall Ch)

pallid L *pallidus* See *pale*²

pallum L cloak etc See *pall*¹

pall mall [hist] OF *palema* l It *palla*
maglio lit ball mallet (from a Lombard
 form of Teut. *ball*) name of game popular
 in 16-17 cents in England esp after
 Restoration also applied to path or walk
 where it was played Evelyn's *Idoms* speaks
 of a French town without some descrip
 tion of its *mall* (q v) or *pallmall* Hobbs
 (1551) calls the game *palla walla*

So I into St James's Park where I saw the Duke
 of York playing at polo-walle the first time that
 e or I saw th sport (Pepys Apr 2 1661)

I walked in th Park discoursing with the keeper
 of th Fell M U who was s eptl g of it
 (b May 16, 1653)

pallor L see *pale*²

palm Tree AS *palm* L *palm* a trans
 ferred use of *palm* palm of the hand (v i)
 from the spreading fronds An early
 Christian introduction In most Europ
 ling and usu applied also to the willow
 branches used as substitute for the Eastern
 tree In early use as emblem of victory
 e g to bear (carry off) the *palm* With *Palm*

Sunday, found in AS, cf F *Pâques fleuries*, lit flowery Easter *Palm-oil* is recorded punningly in sense of bribe in 17 cent (see *palm*²)

In the most high and palmy state of Rome

(*Hamlet* 1.1)

*palm*² Of hand Restored from ME *paume*, F, L *palma* (vs), cogn with G *παλάμη* and AS *folm* (see *fumble*) F differentiates in spelling *palme*, of tree, *paume*, of hand, the former being a learned word In E often used in connection with bribery (v1), esp in to *grease one's palm* To *palm* (off) is from juggling, cheating at cards, etc *Palmistry* is in Lydgate (*paumestry*)

Let me tell you Cassius, you yourself

Are much condemned to have an itching palm

(*Jul Caesar* iv.3)

palma Christi Castor-oil plant From shape of leaves See *palm*¹

God prepared a gourd [*marg. palmerst*]

(*Jonah*, iv.6).

palmate [*biol*] Web-footed, etc L. *pal-matus*, from *palma*, *palm*²

palmer [*hist*] OF *palmer*, *paumier*, MedL *palmarius*, from *palma*, *palm*¹, cf It *pal-miere*, Sp *palmero* Orig pilgrim returning with palm-branch gathered in Holy Land The *palmer-worm* (*Joel*, 1.4) is nicknamed from wandering habits

palmetto Altered, as though It, from Sp *palmito*, dwarf fan-palm (see *palm*¹)

palmiped [*biol*] L *palmpes*, -*ped*-, palm-footed Cf *palmate*

palmyra Kind of palm-tree Port *palmeira* or Sp *palmeira*, from L *palma*, with mod spelling error associated with *Palmyra* (Syria)

palpable F, Late L *palpabilis*, from *palpare*, to feel, handle gently. For sense-development cf *tangible*

A hit, a very palpable hit (*Hamlet* v.2)

palpebral [*anat*] Late L *palpebralis*, from *palpebra*, eyelid, cogn with *palpitare*

palpitate L *palpitare*, frequent of *palpare*. See *palpable*

palsgrave [*hist*]. Count palatine Archaic Du *palsgrave* (*palsgraaf*), MHG *pfalz-grave* (*pfalzgraf*), lit palace count Ger *pfalz*, hist palace, now usu Palatinate, is OIIG *phalanza*, VL **palantium*, for *palatium*, palace. Cf *landgrave*, *margrave*

palstave [*antig*] Kind of celt ON *pálstafr*, lit spade stave, but this may be folk-etym for AS. *palstr*, spike.

palsy Contr. of OF & ME *paralysie*, VL **paralysis*, for *paralysis* (qv), cf It *paralisi*, Sp *perlesta*

A man was enphid n parlesie [*vars parlesi, palsey palsy*] (*Cursor Mundi*).

palter From 16 cent App frequent of an unrecorded verb to **palt* Both this word and *paltry* belong to a word *palt*, rag, app of LG origin, and occurring in Fris, Dan, Sw, etc, traces of which are also found in the Rom langs (see quot 2, sv *paltry*) Cf dial E. *palt*, rubbish For a semantic parallel of the F series below

chappe an odd clout, rag, or patch (Cotg)

chipolote to dodge, miche, pautler, trifle, &c (ib)

chipoterie doding, miching, paultering, trifling, fiddling, foolish meddling (ib)

paltry Orig noun, rubbish, etc For adj use and sense-development cf *trumpery* See *palter*

[They] cloute up with stable straw, and such paltry, the reuynes, breaches, and decayes (*NED* 1566)

paltrone a paltry knave, a dodging varlet, a wrangling companion (Torr).

paludal [*med*] Of a marsh, L *palus*, *palud-*

Cf *palustral*, from L *palustris*

paly [*her*] F *palé*, from *pal*, *pale*¹

pam [*archaic*] Short for F. *pamphile*, card-game, knave of clubs, cf. Sc *pamphie*, *paumie*, in same sense Synon Norw Dan *fil* preserves the second syllable L *Pamphilus* is G Πάμφιλος, beloved of all Cf. *pamphlet* *Pam* was also used as nickname of Lord Palmerston (1865)

pampa Sp, Peruv *bamba*, *pampa*, steppe, flat Usu in pl, e.g. *pampas-grass*

pamper. Orig to cram with food Frequent of obs *pamp*, *pomp*, cf Ger dial *pampfen*, Bav *pampfen*, to gorge WFlem *pamperer* has same meaning ? Ult cogn with *pap* I was not to be what Mrs Jol called "Pompeyed" (*Great Exp.* ch vii).

pampero S Amer wind Sp, from *pampa* (qv)

pamphlet. AL *panfletus* (14 cent); from OF *Pamphilet*, name of MedL amatory poem *Pamphilus, seu de Amore* (12 cent), taken as type of small book With this title cf OF & ME *Catonel*, distichs of pseudo-Cato, *Esopel*, Aesop's Fables Spec sense of small polemical brochure is later and has been adopted in F The above etym is confirmed by the surname *Pamphlett*, which also represents the medieval dim. of *Pamphilus*, e.g. *John Panfletot* (Pat R 13 cent) See also *pam*

pan AS *panne* WGer cf Du *pan* Ger *pfanne* Borrowed from Teut by most Europ langs Some authorities consider it a very early loan from VL *panna* for L *patina* In early fire arms applied to the part that held the priming whence *flash* in the *pan* ignition not accompanied by discharge Also used esp in S Afr of depression in ground Verb to *pan out* (US) is from the washing out of gold bearing gravel in a *pan* *Pancake* occurs as symbol of flatness from c 1600 See also *panicle*

pan G π neut of π s all also *pant* *panto* *Ian* is common in mod pol formations esp *Pan-German* *Pan-Slavic* *tonic* The association of this word with the name of the Arcadian god Παν has led to his being later regarded as personification of nature

panacea L G π α κ ε α from π α ν α η s all healing from *laosha* to heal

panache [archaic] Plume F It *pennacchio* from *penna* feather

panada Pulped food Sp *panada* or It *panada* from L *panis* bread

panama Mi nomer for hat made in SAmer not at *Panama*

pancratium Athletic contest L G π α ν πα ρ α ν from π α ν all *paros* strength

pancreas Sweetbread G lit all flesh *spas*

panda P'coon like animal from Nepal Native name

pandanus Tree Latinized from *pandang* (18 cent) Malay *pandan*

The weird *pandanus* trees, st d g on th ir high wooden stilts (B strice Grm b w)

Pandean In *Pandean pipes* Irreg from *Pan* See *pan*

pandect F *pandecte* L G π α ν δ ε κ τ η s all receiver from *decebat* to receive Orig the compendium of Roman law compiled under Justinian (6 cent)

pandemic Universal esp of disease Cf *endemic epidemic* and see *pan*

pandemonium Coined by Milton (*Par L* 1. 756) See *pan demon*

pander G Π α ν δ α π ο s prince who trafficked as amatory agent between his niece Chryseis (Cressida) and the Trojan Troilus Chaucer took the story from Boccaccio Now usu as verb to *pander to*

pandit See *pundit*

pandora [archaic] It L *pandura* C π α ν δ ο ρ α mus instrument ascribed to the god *Pan* but prob a perversion of some Eastern word See *pango mand lin*

Pandora First mortal woman made by Vulcan and endowed with gifts by all the gods and goddesses The gift of Zeus was a box containing according to the early version all human ills according to the later all blessings of which only hope was saved at the opening of the box by Epimetheus G Π α ν δ ο ρ α all gifted

pandour [hist] Brutal (Croatian soldier Serbo Croat *pandur* earlier *bandur* found in most Slav langs and ult from MedL *banderius* one under a banner (q v) Orig a local force raised (141) by Baron Trenck and afterwards incorporated in the Austrian army For the word s travels cf *hussar*

pandy [chiefly Sc] Stroke on hand with cane etc Short for L *pando palmam* (man t i) hold out your hand Cf *querv*

Pandy [hist] Rebel sepoy (Indian Mutiny 1857) *Pande* a Brahmin name very common among high-caste epoys one of the name being the first to kill an officer at Barrackpur (March 20 1857) Cf *Fritz Digo* etc

In front of the line 1 th 34th swaggers to and fro a sepoy named M ngul Pa dy

(Fitch it G at Mut 3)

pane F *pan* L *pannus* cloth rag Used in MC like F *pan* of any flat section or surface whence current ens Cf *pan l* *pa* a pane piece or pann l *fa w ll* *frainscot*, of a glass-window & also th skt l *fa gown* the pan of a hos of cl ak & (Loig)

panegyric F *panegyrique* L G π α ν η γ γ ρ ι κ ο s from π α ν η γ γ ρ ι c general as eulogy from π v all *ayopa* assembly

panel OF (*panem*) dim of *pan* (see *pane*) Orig sense survives in *p nel* (lining) of a saddle In ME esp used of strip of parchment containing names of jurymen (*Piers Plowm* B xl 315) whence verb to *empanel* Hence mod application to list of doctors accepting government conditions With commonest current sense cf that of *pane*

pang Altered (15 cent) from *fran* for earlier *frong* (q v) with *r* lost as in *Budis*, (*Bridges*) *Iannj* (*Frances*) Used esp of *pan s* of death (*ch idbirth*) For ground sense of constriction cf *an wish argina*

As thou th prongs of d th ded treyn here hent root (VED 1447)

pangeneis Coined (1869) by Darwin to express his hypothesis of hereditary cells

pangolin Scaly anti-eater Malay *ferg* *goling* roller & lit ref to habit of rolling itself into a ball

panic¹ Kind of grass F *panique* or L *panicum*.

panic² Terror, etc Orig adj, as in *panic terror* F *panique*, L, G. *παικός*, of *Pan* (see *pan*-) From belief that mysterious sounds causing groundless fear were due to *Pan*

panicle [bot] Cluster. L *panicula*, dim of *panus*, swelling, ear of millet

panification F, from *panifier*, to make into bread, L *panis*

panjandrum Burlesque title coined (1775) by Foote in the nonsense story, "She went into the garden to cut a cabbage-leaf, etc." extemporized to test Macklin's memory

The great panjandrum himself, with the little round button at top (Foote)

It becomes immaterial to us whether the Germans democratize their institutions or lay themselves at the feet of a Teutonic Panjandrum

(*Westm Gaz* Sep 29, 1917)

panlogism Ger *panlogismus*, coined (1853) by Erdmann to express Hegel's philosophy

pannage [hist] Right of pasturing swine AF *panage*, OF *pasnage*, Late L *pastionaticum*, from *pastio-n-*, from *pasce*, *past-*, to feed

pannier F. *panier*, L *panarium*, bread-basket, from *panis*, bread Also applied in F & E to basket-like contrivances for enlarging the hips With *pannier*, waiter in Inner Temple, cf "boots," "buttons," etc

pannikin Coined (19 cent) from *pan* after *mannikin*, or, as it is app a Suff. word, it may have been borrowed from Du Cf *canikin*

panoply G *πανοπλία*, complete suit of armour of the *ὀπλίτης*, heavily-armed soldier, from *ὄπλα*, arms

Διὰ τοῦτο ἀναλάβετε τὴν πανοπλίαν τοῦ Θεοῦ
(*Eph vi 13*)

panopticon Coined (1791) by Bentham as name for ideal circular prison in which captives could be always watched See *pan-*, *optic*

panorama Coined (c 1789) by patentee, R Barker, from G *ὄραμα*, view, from *ὄρα*, to see

pan-pipe See *pan-*, *Pandean*

pansophy Universal knowledge From G *πάνσοφος*, all wise

pansy F *pensée*, "a thought," also, the flower paunsie (Cotg), from *penser*, L *pensare*, frequent of *pendere*, to weigh Cf *forget-me-not*

pant App shortened from OF *pantaisier*,

later also *pantiser*, ? VI. **phantasiare*, to have the nightmare Cf synon F *pan teler*, also of obscure formation.

pant- See *pan-*

Pantagrueian From *Pantagruel*, hero of Rabelais' burlesque romance (16 cent.)

pantalettes Dim formation from *pantaloon*. Chiefly US.

pantaloon F. *pantalon*, It. *pantalone*, name of comic old Venetian in the stock It comedy, from *Pantaleone*, popular saint in Venice and favourite Venet name, Cf *harlequin*, *columbre*, *scaramouch*. Hence *pantaloons*, from costume of character (cf *knickerbockers*) In US of trousers in gen and often shortened to *pants*, the latter adopted in shop-E as euph for men's drawers

The lean and slipper'd pantaloon

(*As You Like It*, II, ii 7)

The thing named "pants" in certain documents, A word not made for gentlemen, but "gent's" (O W. Holmes).

pantechnicon Coined (1830) from G *-av* and *τεχνικός*, relating to the arts, as name of bazaar in Motcomb St, Belgrave Sq, which was later converted into a storehouse for furniture Now usu. short for *pantechnicon van*

pantheist Coined (1705) by Toland from G *παν-*, all, *θεός*, god. Hence F *panthéiste*, *panthéisme* (c 1712), the latter being re-adopted by E

pantheon G *-αἰθεῖον*, temple dedicated to all the gods (vs) Esp that at Rome, orig built (c 25 B C) by Agrippa and later made into a Christian church Later sense of memorial to national heroes began at the Church of St Geneviève, Paris

panther F. *panthère*, L *panthera*, G *πάθηρ*, pop explained as all-animal, but prob of Oriental origin

pantile Prop tile curved in such a way that the roof presents alternately ridges and channels, or "pans" Cf Ger *pfannen-ziegel* Also incorr. for Flem paving-tiles, eg the orig *Pantiles* at Tunbridge Wells In 18 cent applied to country dissenting chapels, roofed like cottages Hence to *pantile*, build chapels

Some of these [dissenters] had pantiled [ie built chapels] at Preston

(Macfarlane, *Reminiscences*, p 258)

pantisocracy Community of universal equality App coined by Southey See *pan-*, *isos*(celes), *-cracy*

parade F, It *parata*, "a warding or defending, aighting or garish setting forth" (Flor 1611), from L *parare*, to prepare, etc Cf Sp *parada*, "a staying or stopping, also a standing or staying place" (Minsh.), which has suppld some of the senses First in Blount (v 1)

parade an appearance or shew, a bravado or vaunting offer, it is also a term of war, and commonly used for that appearance of souldiers in a garrison about two or three of the clock in the afternoon, etc (Blount)

paradigm F *paradigme*, L, G παράδειγμα, pattern, from παραδεικνύειν, to show side by side

paradise F *paradis*, L, G παράδεισος OPers *pairidaēza*, from *pairi*, around, *diz*, to form, whence ModPers *frādaus*, garden The G word, first in Xenophon, is used of a Pers enclosed park, and was adopted by LXX in OT for Garden of Eden, and in NT for abode of the blessed, which is the oldest E sense (AS) Cf Late Heb *pardēs* (Neh 11 8) The two elements are cogn with G περί, around, and E *dough*

I wold not be in a fols paradyce

(Past Let 11 109)

The Moores are of the opinion that these birds come from the heavenly Paradise (Purch).

parados[*fort*] Rear parapet. F, from *para-* and *dos*, back

paradox F. *paradoxe*, L, G παράδοξος, contrary to opinion, δόξα

paradoxure Palm cat From its incredible (v s) tail, οὐρά

paraffin Discovered and named (1830) by Reichenbach from L *parum*, too little, *affinis*, related, because of its little affinity with other bodies

paragoge[*gram*] Addition to word of letter or syllable G παραγωγή, leading past, from ἄγειν, to lead

paragon OF (*parangon*), It *para(n)gone*, "a paragon, a match, an equall, a prooffe, a triall, an experience, an equality, a comparison Also a conferring together, a touch stone to tne gold or good from bad Also a like as good as one brings" (Flor) Of obscure origin Oldest sense (14 cent It) appears to be touchstone Perh ult from G παρακονᾶν, to sharpen one thing against another, from ἀκόνη, whetstone

paragraph F. *paragraphe*, Late L, G παράγραφος, written beside Ong the mark or stroke indicating a new section

parakeet, paroquet F *perroquet* (OF *parroquet*), It. *parrocchetto*, is explained as a dim of *parroco*, parson, VL **pariochus* (see *parish*), cf F *moineau*, sparrow, from *moine*, monk Sp *periquito* is a dim of earlier *perico*, ident with *Perico*, familiar for *Pedro*, Peter; cf *parrot* Prob both are of one origin, but, as it is not known which is the older, it is impossible to say in which of the two langs folk-etym. has been at work See also *peruke*

parakite [*aeron*] Coined (1875) by Simmons from *parachute*, *kite*

paralipomena Supplementary matter, in ME also title of *Chronicles*, so called by LXX as containing matter omitted in *Kings* G, from παραλείπειν, to leave aside

parallax [*astion*] Apparent displacement of object caused by change in view-point F *parallaxe*, from G παραλλάσσειν, to alter, from ἄλλος, other

parallel F *parallèle*, L, G παράλληλος, beside one another, *ἄλληλος (pl only) Hence *parallelepiped*, from ἐπί, upon, ἔδον, ground, *parallelogram*, from γραμμή, line

paralogism Bad logic, fallacy F *paralogisme*, Late L, G παραλογισμός, from παραλογίζεσθαι, to reason beside

paralysis L, G παράλυσις, from παραλύειν, to loose from beside See *palsy*

paramatta Fabric ?From *Parramatta* (New South Wales), but perh only fancy trade-name

paramo[*geog.*] Samer plateau Sp *paramo*, of native origin

paramount F *par amont*, upwards, lit by uphill, L *per ad montem* Orig an adv in OF & AF, now adj, esp in *lord* (*lady*) *paramount* Cf obs *paravail*, F. *aval*, downhill, L *ad vallem*

Le seigneur paramount destreigne le tenant paravale (NED 1531)

paramour F. *par amour*, by love, L *per amorem* In ME esp in *to love par amour*, i e sexually, as a lover, as compared with other types of affection As noun, and with suggestion of clandestine love, already in Chauc, but also applied to the Holy Virgin (by men) and to the Saviour (by women)

parang Sheath-knife Malay *pāang*

paranoia Insanity, esp megalomania. G παράνοια, beside mund, νόος, νοῦς

paranymph G παράνυμφος, (m) best man, (f) bridesmaid, from νύμφη, bride

parapet F, It. *parapetto*, guard breast, *pello*, L *pectus* See *para-* Cf *parados*

paraph Flouri h after signature Γ *paraphe*
It *paraso* contracted from L *para*
graphus

paraphernalia MedL. neut. pl of *para*
phernalis from G *παραφερνα* from *φερνν*
dowry. Orig articles belonging to wife in
addition to her dowry hence personal be-
longings. Current sense from 18 cent

paraphrase Γ L. G *παραφρασις* lit beside
phrase

parasang Pers measure of length G
παρασάγγη (Herodotus Xenophon) from
OPers Cf ModPers *farsan*

parasite Γ L. G *παράσιτος* from *σιτος*
food. Scient sense from 18 cent

parasol Γ It *parasole* ward off sun sole
Cf Γ *parapluie* umbrella *paratonnerre*
lightning conductor See *para*³

paravane [nauf] Device against mines in-
vented (?) and named) by Lieut Dennis
Burney RN

The first paravane was fitted on H.M.S. Melampus
in Nov 1913 (March Gun 4, Jan 10 1919)

parboil OF *parboillir* to boil thoroughly
Late L *perbullire* In ModF usu to boil
incompletely the prefix being understood
as *part*

The 3 quarters and hed [of S r T Wy tt] was put
into a bask it to be parboyled
(Machyn's Diary 1650-63)

parbuckle [nauf] To hoist or lower as
brewers draymen do casks. Earlier also
parbuncle (Capt John Smith) ? Connected
with *buckle*

parcel Γ *parcelle* small part VL *partis*
cella from *pars* *part* part Orig sense
survives in *part* and *parcel* *parcel* of ground
(John iv 5) *parcel* gilt. Current sense
now esp associated with brown paper
from 17 cent *Parcel post* was at first (1883)
parcels post a typical example of offic-
lang

parcener [leth] Archaic for *partner* (q v)

parch ME *perch* contr of *perish* (q v)
which is in ME often *persch* *persch* Though
now referring esp to effects of heat it is
used in dial of effects of cold (cf *perished*
with cold) For contr cf ME *norsh*
nourish *chirche* cherish OF *perir* is
common in requ red sense. See also *perce*

A la second herbe de cest plante s'y e ndrent
d petites chenilles noies, ppell es barbetes, qui
la perissent la fiant desseccher (Cod I)

Th parch g ur
Burn froze d cold perform th effect f fire
(P L II 396)

parchment ME *parchemin* F ult from
Pergami m city of Mysia in Asia Minor
(now *Beramo*) where it was first adopted
(2 cent BC) as substitute for papyrus
In most Europ langs eg It *pergamena*
Sp *pergamino* Du *perham* nt Ger *perga-
ment* the F form being difficult of expla-
nation

pard [poel] Leopard OF I G *pardos*
of Eastern origin cf Per *pars* panther
Full of stra ge oaths a d bea ded like th pard
(A Ye Lks II 7)

pard [US] Supposed to be short for
pardner partner But perh suggested by
Du *paard* horse cf US *old hoss* as term
of endearment

pardon First (13 cent) as noun earliest in
sense of papal indulgence F from *par*
donner Carolingian L *perdonare* transl
of OHG *forgeben* (vergeben) to forgive

pare F *parer* to make ready L *parare*
cogn with *parere* to bring forth Early
limited to cutting away in thin layers eg
chess-paring *paring* one's nails etc

paregoric Late L G *παρηγορη* c encourag-
ing comforting from π *παγο* v to exhort
(in the *ἀγορα* public as embly)

parenchyma [biol] Fundamental tissue esp
in bot G *πρυγμα* something poured
in beside from *εγχε* v to pour in

parent F from pres part of I *parere* to
beget bring forth Replaced *elder* from
c 1500

parenthesis MedL G *παρενθεσις* from
παρενθεσθαι to put in beside

parget [archa c] To plaster daub etc OF
parjeler from *jeler* to throw (see *jelt*) Cf
synon Ger *beurfen* from *werfen* to throw
and similar use of cast in rough-cast Also
pa c back formation

c e ma r oder u n d beurfen to rough ca t,
parget to plaster a wall (L dw)

parhelion Mock sun etc G *παρηλιον* from
para beside ηλ s sun

pariah Tamil *paraiyar* pl of *para* jan name
of largest of lower castes of Southern India
The exaggerated sense of utter outcaste
attached to the word by Europeans is esp
due says Yule to Bernardin de Saint
Pierre's preposterous though once popu-
lar tale *La Chaumière indienne* (1791)
Hence *pariah* do

Parian Marble from *Paros* one of the
Cyclades

parietal [anat] F *pariétal* Late L *parietalis*
from *paries* *pariet* wall

parish F *paroisse*, Late L *parochia*, from Church L *parocchia*, G *παροικία*, from *oikos*, house, equivalent to *diocese* (q v) In E a township having its own church, the administrative division of the country being thus based on the eccl (cf *vestry*) *Parishioner* is lengthened from earlier *parishen*, F *paroissien* *Parochial*, a learned word, is equally old In sense of provincial, narrow-minded, *NED*'s first quot is from Emerson

His parishshens devoutly wolde he teche

(Chauc A 482)

parisyllabic From L *par*, *pari-*, equal See *syllabic*

parity F *parité*, Late L *paritas*, from *pari* park F *parc*, of Teut origin and ult ident with E dial *parrock*, AS *pearoc* (see *paddock*), cf Du *park*, pen, Ger *pferch*, sheepfold Borrowed by all Rom langs Oldest E sense is tract held by royal grant for keeping game, distinguished from a chase or forest by being enclosed In mil sense, *artillery park*, from 17 cent F

To desolve the parkes of Manbone and Hyde, and having bestowed the dere and pale of the same to their Majesties use (*Privy Council Acts*, 1554)

A policeman "parked" eight or ten perambulators and mounted guard while the mothers made their purchases (*Times*, Feb 1, 1918)

parkin [north] Kind of ginger-bread ? From surname *Parkin*

parlance OF, from *parler*, to speak (v 1) Now always with adj (*common*, *legal*, etc)

parle [poet] Parley From obs verb *parle*, F *parler*, VL *parabolare* Cf *parable*, *parole*, *palaver*

parlementaire [mil] F, see *parley*, *parliament*

parley OF *parlée*, pp fem of *parler*, to speak (v s) Or it may be directly from the verb, with ending as in *bandy*¹, *levy*, etc

parleyvoo F *parlez-vous?* do you speak? For sense of Frenchman cf F *goddam*, Englishman

parliament F *parlement*, from *parler*, to speak Sense has gradually changed from that of speech, discussion, with the evolution of the institution According to a 16 cent F etymologist "parce qu'on y parle et ment" The form is due to MedL A *parliamentary train* carried passengers at rate of one penny a mile (7 and 8 Vict) The adj is applied to "language" from 19 cent only *Parliament*, kind of ginger-

bread, is for earlier *parliament-cake* (? Sc), reason for name being unknown

And now [1642] came up the names of parties, Royalists and Parliamentarians, Cavaliers and Roundheads (*Whitelocke's Memoirs*)

parlour OF (replaced by *parlour*), from *parler*, to speak, cf MedL *parlatorium*, It *parlatorio* Orig room for reception of visitors to monastery, as still in F See *parle* Something of orig sense survives in *Mayor's parlour*, *banker's parlour*

parlous Contr of *perilous* Still common in dial, and in *parlous state*, echo of *As You Like It*, III 2

parmesan F, It *parmegiano*, of Parma The cheese was known in E from early 16 cent

Parnassian Of *Parnassus*, mountain of central Greece, sacred to Apollo and Muses Cf *Olympian*

I sleepe never on the Mount of Pernaso,
Ne lerned Marcus Tullius Scithero (*Chauc F* 721)

Parnellite [hist] Follower of C S Parnell, Ir politician (†1891)

parochial See *parish*

parody F *parodie*, L, G *παρωδία*, from *παρα-*, beside, *ᾠδή*, ode (q v) First in Ben Jonson

parole F, in sense of *parole d'honneur*, word of honour, from 17 cent mil lang., Late L *paraula*, *parabola*, G *παράβολή* Cf *palaver*, *parable*

paronomasia Word-play L, G *παρονομασία*, from *παρα-*, beside, *ὀνομασία*, naming, from *ὄνομα*, name

paronymous Cognate G *παρώνυμος* (v s)

paroquet See *parakeet*

-parous From L *-parus*, from *parere*, to produce, bring forth

paroxysm F *paroxysme*, MedL, G *παροξυσμός*, from *παροξύνειν*, from *ἀξύειν*, to sharpen, goad, from *ἄξυς*, sharp

parquet F, orig small compartment, dim of *parc*, park (q v)

parr Young salmon Origin unknown, app Sc

parricide F, L *parricida*, for earlier *paricida*, the first element of which is an Aryan word for kin cogn with *pater*, *patr-*, father, but not ident with it

parrot From *Perrot*, *Parrot*, a common ME. dim of F *Pierre*, Peter Cf F *pirot*, sparrow See also *parakeet* Replaced (c 1500) earlier *popinjay*

My name is Parrot, a byrd of paradise (*Skelton*)

parry From *parer* It *pa are* to ward or defend a blow (Flr) spec sen e of *parare* to prepare I orn is explained as from imper *pare* defend yourself (cf *revél*) But I often adds y to I verbs e.g. *bandy* *levy occupy*

parse I *pa s* in school question *Q uae pars orat oris?* What part of speech?

Parsee Descendant of Zoroastrians who fled to India after Maccabean conquest of Persia (7-8 cents) OPers *parsi* Persian.

parsimony F *parci onie* L *par i omia* *paris* from *parcere* *pa s* to spare Not orig with suggestion of stinginess

parsonia thrifun see good husbandrie (Cockeram & Dick. 1623)

parsley AS *pefersil e* Late I *petroselinum* for *petroselinum* C *πετροσέλινον* rock parsley (see *celery*) In most Europ langs cf I *pe sil* whence ME *pe sil* *parsil* which has contributed to mod I orn

I have por ties and petrel (as *perull* *persely*) (P *er* Plom A. 44 & 3)

parsnip ME *pasnep* altered on turnep turnip from OE *pastenac* L *pastinaca* from *pastinare* to dig up from *pastinam* spui" (q v) Cf Du Ger *pastinak* It *pa linac* F *panais*

Fair word butter no parsnip (J Clarke *Arctomud* 1639)

parson ME also *persone* Ident with *person* (q v) Sense of holder of parochial benefice appears from 11 cent but its origin is obscure According to one theory the *parson* was the non resident holder of the benefice often a corporate body whose work was done by the vicar (q v)

Cl rici quos personas vocant (MFD 1096)

part Noun F L *pars pa t* Has replaced in most sen es native *dealt* Sense of share now most usual F meaning appears in *part or lot* (q v) *art* (q v) or *pa t* L has theat sense of rôle an actor's share in the performance cf sense of gift talent in *min of parts* In *to take one's part* it represents rather the sense of F *partis* (see *party*) *Part of speech* renders L *pars orationis* (see *pa se*) With in good *part* cf L in bonam *partem*

part Verb F *parti* which in OF meant to divide separate from L *pa tis* from *pars pa t* part Some obs or archaic senses (e.g. *knell of pa ting day*) are now usu represented by *depart* (q v) With fig sense of *parting of the ways* cf *crucial*

partake Back formation from *partaker* earlier *part taker* a hybrid compd Cf L *particeps* (cf *testinier*) a *p rt taker* *particeps* (Cath & gl)

parterre I for *par terre* on the ground L *per terram*

parthenogenesis Lat birth from a virgin G *παρθενος* Cf I *Irithenon* temple of virgin goddess Pallas Athene

Parthian Chiefly in I *Irishan shafts* (shot) from skill of horsemen of Parthia (W Asia) in shooting backwards while retreating Or like the *Pa* than I shall fly g fight

(Cymb i 6)

partial F *partial* prejudiced *partial* incomplete both representin Late L *pa tialis* from *pars pa t* part

participate From L *participare* from *pars pa t* and *capere* to take Cf *partak*

participle ME also *particeps* F L *participium* sharing (v s) as *partakin* cf nature both of verb and adj For intrusi e l cf *syllable* In Wyc

particle F *particule* L *particula* dim of *pa s part* part

parti-coloured Earlier simply *party* divided pp of *partir* to divide part as still in her Cf F m *part* lit half divided

She g tareth fl res p rt what d red (Ch c A. i 53)

particular Restored from ME *pa ticular* OF (*particulier*) I *particularis* concerning a *pa ticle* Orig sense survives in *pa ticular* small details London *part iclar* orig a spec kind of madeira was used by Dickens of a fog (*Bleak House* ch iii) *Particula* is a (pol) is adapted from Ger *partikularismus* a 19 cent coinage

Partington Mrs *Partington* trad attempted to keep out an Atlantic high tide with a mop The story comes from Devon (early 19 cent)

partisan Adherent F It *partigiano* from *pa te part* Cf *cor rite an* Sense of irregular combatant commander of a party appears in 17 cent

The fight g [n Finlan l] i of p [san h ra ter (T m s Feb 2 19 3)

partisan [hist] Weapon OF *partisane* It *pa legiana* Prob connected with OHG *parta ba t* halberd (q v) In ModF corrupted to *partisane* as though from *perlu s* hole Obs from c. 1700 but revived by Scott

On b tlement and b rtiz n (q) Gleam d are and pear and p rt an (La v 30)

partition F, L *partitio-n-*, from *partiri*, to divide, from *pars*, *part-*, part Cf *partitive* (gram), F *partitif*, L **partitivus*

Partlet OF *Pertelele*, female personal name, wife of Chanticleer in *Roman de Renard*. This has affected archaic *partlet*, woman's ruff, earlier *paillet*, OF *patelete*, dum of *patte*, paw, in OF also a band of stuff

partner Appears in 13 cent as var of *parcener* (still in leg use), OF *parconier*, MedL *partitionarius*, for **partitionarius*, from *partitio-n-*, division. Usu explained as alteration of *parcener* due to influence of *part* or to common scribal confusion between *-c-* and *-t-*. But the words are of equal age, and AF *partener* (*Libes Albus*, pp 570-1) may represent an OF *part tenour*, part holder, cf *partaker* and such native compds as *share-holder*. Cf OProv *partender*, of similar formation

parsonnier a partener, or coparcener (Cotg)

partridge ME *pertrich*, *parttrich*, F *perdrix*, L *perdix*, *perdic-*, G *πέρδικς*, whence also OIt *perdice*, Sp *perdiz*. For intrusive *-i-* of F word cf *treasure*. For change of vowel sound in E cf *clerk*

parturient From pres part of L *parturire*, desiderative of *parere*, to bring forth Cf *esurient*

party Represents both F *partie*, pp fem of *partir*, to divide, and *parti*, pp masc. Usual F senses are *partie*, part, *parti*, party, faction, but they have become much mixed in E. Sense of friendly gathering is partly due to F *partie*, game, excursion, etc. Slang sense of individual, e.g. *nice old party*, arises from earlier leg sense as in *guilty party*, i.e. side, to *be a party to*, etc., cf *part Party* (her) is F *parti*, divided. See also *parti-coloured*. With *party-wall* cf *partition wall*

The party [a shipwrecked sailor] had made him for want of apparell two sutes of goats skinnes

(Hahl x 197).

parvenu F, pp of *parvenir*, to arrive, L *pervenire*. Cf ModF slang *arriviste*

parvis [archaic] Enclosed area in front of cathedral, etc F, OF *parevis*, for *parais*, L *paradisus*, medieval name for court in front of St Peter's at Rome. The *parvis* of St Paul's was a great resort of lawyers. A sergeant of the lawe, war and wys, That often hadde been at the Parvyss

(Chauc A 309)

pas F, step, L *passus*, from *pandere*, *pass-*, to stretch

paschal. F *pascal*, Late L *paschalis*, from L *pascha*, G *πάσχα*, Heb *pesakh*, from *pāsakh*, to pass over. In most Europ langs, with application to various Church festivals and holidays, showing a leaning on *pascere*, to feed

pash [dial] Prob imit.; cf *bash*, *smash*
pasha, pacha Turk *pāshā*, also *bāshā*, from *bāsh*, head Cf obs *bashaw*, via It *bassa*, see also *Bash-Bazouk*, *bimbash*. Hence *pashalik*, jurisdiction of pasha, formed with *-lik*, suffix of condition

pasquil [archaic] As *pasqunade* (v1)

pasqunade F, It *pasqumata*, from *Pasquino* or *Pasquillo*, nickname of a mutilated statue disinterred at Rome (1501), to which it was usual to attach lampoons and satirical compositions. The statue is said to have been named from a schoolmaster, or, according to some, a caustic-tongued tailor, shoe-maker, or barber, who lived near. The name is derived from L *pascha*, Easter (cf F *Pascal*, *Pasquin*, etc)

Pasquino a statue in Rome on whom all libels, railings, detractions, and satirical invectives are fathered (Flor)

I pass'd by the stumps of old Pasquin at the corner of a streete call'd Strada Pontifica here they still paste up their drolling lampoons and scurrilous papers (Evelyn)

pass¹ Noun In sense of mountain passage from F *pas*, whence also *pace* (q v). Hence to *sell the pass*, open a passage to the enemy. But in most senses from F *passé*, back-formation from *passer*, to pass² (q v). Hence to *come (bring) to pass*, to *such a pass*, a *pass* in fencing, conjuring, football, etc

pass² Verb F *passer*, VL **passare*, from *passus*, step, pace, cf It *passare*, Sp *pasar*. Trans sense, equivalent to *surpass*, survives in *passeth all understanding* and in adv *passing*, very, e.g. *passing rich on forty pounds a year*. In some senses it is possible that VL **passare* is rather from *pati*, *pass-*, to suffer. A *pass-book* is appo-called because passing between bank and depositor

passage F, orig act of passing, as in *bird of passage*, *rough passage*. With *passage of arms* cf F *passé d'armes*, orig of a tournament

passé. F, pp of *passer*, to pass Cf mod *back number*

passementerie F., from *passément*, braid, etc., from *passer*, to pass, from the passing or interlacing of the thread

passenger ME *passag* r I from *pa* *sub* e with intrusive *n* as in *messen* or *sea enger* etc Orig *passer* by wayfarer as till in *foot-passenger passer* or *pigeon*

passepoutout I master key lit pass every where Also used in I of an engraved plate with vacant centre whence I sense of frame

passerine From L *passer* sparrow

passim I everywhere from *pandere* *p* *ss* to stretch

passion I L *passio-n* from *patis* *pa* to suffer Earliest (12 cent) in ref to the Passion of the Saviour With *passion* *fleur* cf Sp *fl* r de la *passion* I *fleur de la passion* Later senses (from 14 cent) due to Late L use of *passio* to render G *πάθος* *f* *el* *ng* emotion

The pa *chant* of this time ben not even worth to the glori to conyng e (Wyc. Rom iii 25)

passive L *passivus* from *patis* *pass* to suffer *Passive resistance* *s* in current sense dates from Education Act of 1902

In this humour of passiv resistance Isaac sat in a corner of his dungeon (For *acc* ch xxvii.)

passover First in Tynd Ev xii 11 where Wyc has *Pa ch* See *paschal*
Est enim *Phase* (id est transitus) Dom i (Vulg Ex xii 11)

passport I *pa sepo* t from *passer* imper of *passer* and *port* port¹ Cf It *passaporto* Patricke Colquhoun, Scottiselman, for raising th dat and terme of his passporte wa th daye committed to the Marshallsey (Priory Cou of 17 154)

past For *was ed* *pf* of *pass* Hence *past* *mas* or *prop* one who has *pa* sed through the various grades of an art or craft In freemasonry etc one who has filled the office of master App adapted from F (v.l.) Use of *past* as *prep* is explained by *AFD* from construction of verb to *pass* with *de* to indicate completed action e g *he s* (ie *has*) *now past the worst* but it may be an absolute use of the *pp* cf I *pa sé dix heures dix heu es passées*

Patebn advocat, maistre passé en trompon (Pasquier 1561)

paste OF (*pâte*) Late L *pasla* G *waort* barley porridge from *waort* sprinkled from *waort* to strew In sense of counterfeit jewellery from 17 cent *Paste board* was orig made of sheets *past* d together as substitute for the boards of a book Verb to *paste* (slang) to thrash etc is the same word (cf *plaster*) but prob. partly suggested by *basle*¹

pastel I It *pastel* o dim from *pasla* *paste*
pastern ME *pastron* OF *pasturon* (*patu* on) tethering rope (for grazing horse) from *pasla* e (*pature*) pasture (q v) In OF *pature* was used also of the tether In both I & L th name was later extended to the part of the leg to which the tether was attached See also *fetlock* *p* *er*
trained a k nd f long horse fetters or *pa* terms (Flo J)

pasteurize To sterilize by method of Louis Pasteur (1895)

pastiche I It *past* *cio* medley jumble also applied to a composition containing wrongin l features from *pi ta* *paste*

pastille F L *pastillus* little loaf or roll cf *paste*

pastime For *pass* *ti* e Coined on I *pas s* *lemps* Cf Ger *zeitvert* *cib* *kurruert*

pastor MF & OF *pastor* L *pastor-em* shepherd from *passere* *past* to feed In MF in lit sense as still in *pastoral*

pastry Formed in E from *paste* Cf OF *pasteurier* from *pastere* pastry-cook

pasture OF (*pature*) food Late L *pastura* from *passere* *past* to feed

pasty OF *pasté* (*pâte*) pie from *paste* (*pâte*)
paste Cf *paty*

pat Limit of light flat blow cf *dab*¹ Hence *pat* of butter shaped by patting cf *pat* *a-cake* Sense of opportunely in nick of time etc is from to *hit* *pat*

I heard my physition so p t to h t m y d sea.e (Lyly & E *flures*)

Pat In hman See *Paddy*

Patagonian Giganti in allusion to early travellers tales of the stature of the *Patagonians* earlier *Patagons* from Sp *patagón* large clumsy froc Cf I *patie* paw See *padd* e

The captains [Magellan] named th se peopl *Patagons* (Purch)

patavinity Provincialism in ty L *pata* *ss* *itas* from *Patavium* Padua Cf *sole* *tism*

patch Essential senses piece of cloth plot of ground coincide exactly with those of I *pieca* It must therefore represent OF dual *peche* for *piecks* a common form See *piece* The form *peche* occurs in ME (Ancien Riv e) and *Patch* the fool (1) is called *Peche* in *Excerpta Historica* (149) For vowel cf dial e *a-ach* manger I *e* *leche* *match*¹ I *miche* The early L glossaries treat *patch* *pe* e as interchangeable terms In OF quot. below all three

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patio Sp, open court of house ? From L *patère*, to lie open

Patlander. Cf *Paddy*, *Pat*.

patois Dial which has ceased to be literary F (13 cent), of obscure origin ? From imit root *pat-*, suggesting chatter, cf OF *gabois*, jesting, from imit root *gab-*

patriarch F *patriarche*, L, G *πατριάρχης*, from *πατριά*, family, *-αρχης*, ruler See *father*, *arch*² Orig used by the LXX of the Jewish patriarchs, esp the twelve sons of Jacob Early adopted as honorific title of certain bishops of primitive Church, orig those of Antioch, Alexandria and Rome

patrician F *patricien*, from L *patricius*, one sprung from the *patres conscripti*, or Senators, as opposed to *plebeius*

patrimony F *patrimoine*, L *patrimonium*, from *pater*, *patr-*, father In sense a curious contrast with *matrimony*

patriot F *patriote*, Late L, G *πατριώτης*, from *πατρίς*, fatherland Earlier (17 cent) always with adj (*good*, *true*, *faithful*, etc) Hence *patriotism*, "the last refuge of a scoundrel" (Johns)

As much out of harmony with his surroundings as a South American patriot at a Peace Conference
(Kyne, *Long Chance*).

patristic [theol] Of the Fathers of the Church Adapted from Ger *patristisch*, from G *πατήρ*, *πατρ-*, father

patrol F *patrouiller*, app altered from earlier *patouiller* (see *paddle*) It is supposed to have been orig soldier slang, "going the rounds" being described as tramping through the mire This is easily comprehensible by those who have observed the evolution of slang at the front Very widely adopted, e.g. It *patugliare*, Sp *patrullar*, Du *patrouilleeren*, Ger *patrouillieren*

patron F, L *patronus*, "he that in trouble and perill defendeth" (Coop), from *pater*,

father In MedL *patron* of a church which is the earliest E sense (c 1300) that of *patron saint* being rather later (14 cent) Cf *padrone patroon pattern* To *patroni* e had orig no objectionable sense (cf *con descend*)

He patroni es the orph n a l widow ssists the friendless and guides the wid w (Add son)

H f u d a letter from Lord Clive who patron sed him desing him immediately to follow him to Portsmouth (H key s M mo s il 125)

patronymic F *patronymique* L G πατρωνυμικός from πατήρ father ονμα name (see *eponymic*)

patron [US] Land holder under old Du governments of New York and New Jersey Du form of *patron* (q v)

patten F *pâtin* earlier clog now skate for which *patten* is still the usual word in Cam bndgeshire Cf MedL *patinus* It *fallino* clog Frob cogn with F *pâtte* paw foot Cf sense hi t of *skate*²

patter¹ To mumble rapidly etc From *pater* short for *paternoster* from hurried repetition of familiar prayers but synon Dan. *fyadre* Sw dial *patra* point rather to connection with *patter*² Music hall sense is 19 cent

H saw him wende into the water Nakyd and thar in stand and pat r In his prayers (MED c 145)

patter² Of rain etc Frequent of *pat* pattern ME *patron* F L *patronus* in sense of archetype model Cf *matrix* F *pat on* has still this sense

pat o s *fform to work by* exemplar (Prompt Parv)

patty F *pâté* (q v) *Pasty* *fully* *pâté* represent three successive borrowings of the same word from F

patulous From L *patulus* from *patere* to spread Chiefly after Virgil (v 1)

T tyre to patulus recuba s s h t gmine fagi Silvestrem tepui musan meditaris a ena (Ld 1)

paucity F *paucité* L *paucitas* from *paucus* few (q v)

Pauline L *Paulinus* of St Paul lit the little L *Paulus* cogn with G *Paulos* Also member of St Paul's School London paulo post future [gram] ModL *paulo post* *fi turum* rendering G *ὀμαρ ἄλιον μέλλον* (χρονος) the future after a little

paulownia Tree Named (1835) from Anna Pavlova daughter of Tsar Paul I

Paul Pry Title rôle of comedy by John Poole (18 5)

paunch ONF *panche* (panse) VL *panica* for *panter* *pantic* Cf It *pancia* Sp *panzi* whence name of Don Quixote's maternalistic squire

pauper L poor from *paucus* n littl *parer* to produce Use in E came from leg phrase *n forma pauperi* in the character of a poor man (allowed to sue gratuitously)

pause F L *pausa* G *paus* from *paui* to make cease

F in th t leep f d ath what d eam may come When we h vash fill d off th mortal co l Must give pau (Haml li 1)

pavan [archaic] Stately dance F *pava* is It or Sp *parana* prob from L *pavo* pea cock Cf Ger *pfauentanz*

pave F *paver* back formation from OF *pavement* L *pavimentum* from *pavire* to beat down ram sense of hard slabs etc is absent from F *pavé* road way as also from orig sense of to *pave the way* for i e to make a beaten track *Pavour* i r earlier *pater puyer* is app modelled on *saviour*

He (Johnson) said one d y talking to an acq amt anc on th subject, S h ll is paved with good intention (Boswell ch xxxi)

Soviet R na is paved with Bolshevik good i tentious (T met Lit 5 p June 9 1919)

pavid L *pavidus* frightened from *parere* to quake

pavilion F *pavillon* L *papilio*-n butterfly used in MedL also for tent thou h the reason is not clear Cf It *pad lone* Sp *padellón* F sense of naut flag may have come from its repeating the colour of the mediæval knight's pavilion erected on the poop

pavise [hist] Large shield F *pavois* It *parase* prob from Pavia Cf *bayonet pistol* etc App revived by Southev

pavonazzo Marble It from L *pavo* n peacock from marlings

pavonine L *pavoninus* from *pavo* n (v v)

paw ME *paue* OF *paue* ? of Teut origin and cogn with Du *paot* Ger *pfote* Cf Prov *paula* F *pâtte* paw ? also from Teut. U ed as contrast with *hoof* so that to *paw the ground* (Job xxxix 1) though expressive is incorr

pawky [Sc] Sly etc From *paik* *paik* trick (16 cent.) of unknown origin

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She sat, like Patience on a monument,
Smiling at grief (*Twelfth Night*, ii. 4).

patina, *patine* Vessel See *paten*. *Palma*, incrustation on old bronze, is adapted from F *patine* Its connection with the vessel sense is doubtful

patio Sp, open court of house ? From L *patère*, to lie open

Patlander Cf *Paddy*, *Pat*

patois Dial which has ceased to be literary F. (13 cent), of obscure origin From imit root *pat-*, suggesting chatter, cf OF *gabois*, jesting, from imit root *gab-*

patriarch. F *patriarche*, L, G *πατριάρχης*, from *πατριά*, family, *-αρχης*, ruler. See *father*, *arch* Orig used by the LXX of the Jewish patriarchs, esp the twelve sons of Jacob Early adopted as honorific title of certain bishops of primitive Church, orig those of Antioch, Alexandria and Rome

patrician F *patricien*, from L *patricius*, one sprung from the *patres conscripti*, or Senators, as opposed to *plebeius*

patrimony F *patrimoine*, L *patrimonium*, from *pater*, *patr-*, father In sense a curious contrast with *matrimony*

patriot F. *patriote*, Late L, G *πατριώτης*, from *πατρίς*, fatherland Earlier (17 cent) always with adj (*good, true, faithful*, etc) Hence *patriotism*, "the last refuge of a scoundrel" (Johns)

As much out of harmony with his surroundings as a South American patriot at a Peace Conference
(Kyne, *Long Chance*)

patristic [theol] Of the Fathers of the Church Adapted from Ger *patristisch*, from G *πατήρ*, *πατρ-*, father

patrol F. *patrouiller*, app altered from earlier *patouiller* (see *paddle*) It is supposed to have been orig soldier slang, "going the rounds" being described as tramping through the mire This is easily comprehensible by those who have observed the evolution of slang at the front Very widely adopted, e.g It *patughare*, Sp *patrullar*, Du *patrouilleeren*, Ger *patrouillieren*

patron F, L *patronus*, "he that in trouble and peril defendeth" (Coop), from *pater*,

peal Aphet for *appeal* (q v) *Γ* *appel*
whence also *appeau* bird-call Cf *peer's*
*fall*²

pfēa π χ mes o the chiming of bells (Cotg)

pear AS *pere* L *pīra* pl of *pīrum* cf *Γ*
poire (OF *poire*) It *sp pera* al o Du
peer OHG *pira* (*birne*) For neut pl
taken as fem sing cf *Γ* *pomme* L *p ma*
pearl¹ Gem *Γ* *perle* cf It *Sp perla* also
Du *paarl* Ger *perle* from Rom VL
pirula dim of *pīra* (v s) has been sug-
gested cf OHG *perala* Port *perola* But
Sicilian *perna* Neapolitan *perne* point
rather to L *perna* kind of shell fish lit
ham cf It *pernocchia* pearl shell

N ther caste ye youre pearles [Wyc. m rgaritis]
b fore swyne (Tyad *Mat* vi 6)

pearl Loop in embroid ry etc Corrupted
spelling of *pur*¹ (q v)

pearlman Kind of apple but in ME synon
with warden *pear* OF *parmain* *permain*
As warden² (q v) is prob for warden
keeping ME & OF *parmain* must be from
OF *parmaire* to endure VL **permanere*
for *permanere* whence also ME verb to
permain For formation of adj from verb-
stem cf *denture* state

Law of nature p mayni for ev (AED 1456)

a pa may volentum A gliot a warden
(Calk Angl)

peasant *Γ* *paɹ an* from *prys* country
Late L. *pagensis* from *pagus* canton, dis-
trict For tcl tyrant *pleasant*

pease AS *pise* L *pisa* pl of *pisum* G
πισον We still say *pease pudding* but
pease soup has become *pea soup* See *pea*
cf *Γ* *pois* OF *peis* partly the origin of the
L words

peat. ME *pele* Anglo L *peti* in Sc docu-
ments c 1200 As the earliest sen e is not
the substance but the cut piece of turf it
is prob of Celt origin and cogn with *pieces*
and F *petit*

peavey [US] Lumberman's hook. Name of
inventor

pebble For earlier *pebble stone* rounded
stone found on beach AS *prapolstan*
popel whence ME *p bble* *p bde* the un-
certainty of the vowel and the analogy of
boulder (q v) suggesting that the name is
inst of rattling sound Cf also *skrin* le²

peccable Liable to sin F ModL *peccabilis*
back formation from L *impeccabilis* im-
peccable from *pe care* to sin

peccadillo Sp *pecadillo* dim of *pecado* sin
L *peccatum* (v s)

pccant From pres part of L *pec are* to
sin In med use (*peccant humours*) via OF
peccary SAmr animal Carib *paqui* a
variously plit by early traveller Current
form from F *pecari* (Cuvier)

peccavi to cry L I have sinned as re-
pentant ejaculation The attribution to
Sir C Napier of *peccavi* I have sinned
is apocryphal

peck¹ Measure AF *pek* chiefly in con-
nection with oats for horses Perh cogn
with *peck²* *pick* cf F *picotin* a (French)
pecke or the fourth part of a *boisseau*
(Cotg) which is app cogn with *picoter*
to peck pick The phrase *peck of troubles*
(c 1535) also suggests an orig sense of
dure allowance rather than a fixed mea-
sure

peck² Verb Collateral form of *pick¹* (q v)
with which it often varies in ME texts
Hence colloq *peckish* hungry Ult cogn
with *beak* *peck¹* *pske* To keep up one
pecker (19 cent) is app from the figure of
the alert sparrow

Pecksniffian From *Pecksniff* unctuous hypo-
crite in *Marion Chuzzlewit* (1844) Cf
podsnappery *Stiggins* etc

J R Macdonald d livered revol tionary speech
which I nt Pecksniffian sent atious ess t th
discussion

(B Tullett in *S day Times* Jun 10 1971)

pectus From L *pecten* *pectus* comb

pectoral *Γ* or L *pectoralis* from *pectu*
peck¹ breast

peculate Orig to rob the state From L
p cula t embuzzle from *peculium* pri-
vate property from *pecu* cattle money
Cf *ch hel* *see* *pecuniary*

peculat a robbing of th Prince o Common
we lth (Phill p)

peculiar OF *peculier* L *peculia* is Ir m
peculium (v s) Orig sense survives in
pecul ar to belonging exclusively to Th
peculia people were in 15 cent the Jews
the mod sect (*I lumstead Peculiar*) dating
from 1838

pecuniary F *pecuniar* L *pec narius*
from *pecunia* money from *pecu* cattle
Cf *peculae*

pedagogue F *pedagog* rus L C *paibaywos*
lit boy leader from *paus* *paib* t y dyna-
to lead orig slave leading Athenian boy
to school Not orig contemptuous in t

pawn¹ Pledge OF *pan*, cf Du *pand*, Ger *pfand* Primitive sense and relation of Rom & Teut forms is unknown Some identify it with L *pannus*, cloth, shred (see *pane*)

pawn² At chess OF *paon* (*pion*), L *pedo-n*-, in MedL foot-soldier, from *pes*, *ped*-, foot, cf It *pedone*, footman, *pedona*, pawn, Sp *peón*, footman, pawn Ger has *bauer*, peasant, in same sense In quot below there is prob association between the two *pawns*

My life I never held but as a pawn
To wage against thine enemies (*Lear*, i. i)

pawnee, brandy [*Anglo-Ind*] Brandy and water See *brandy*

pax [*eccl*] Tablet engraved with sacred subject L, peace, cf F *pair*, in same sense

paxwax Tendon uniting spine and occiput App altered from earlier *faxwax*, from AS *feax*, hair (as in name *Fairfax*), and *weaxan*, to grow, wax Cf synon Ger *haarwachs*
pay¹ To hand over money F *payer*, L *pacare*, to appease, a sense found in OF & ME, cf It *pagare*, Sp *pagar* Colloq sense of thrashing goes with to *pay back* (out), *pay one in his own coin*, etc *Paying-guest*, euph. for lodger, dates from c 1900

If there be any dogge that is so il taught as he would runne at a sheepe, with your wande you muste all to pay him (*Turbervile*, 1576)

pay² [*naut*] OF *peier*, L *picare*, from *pix* *pic*-, pitch, whence F *poix* See *devil* Naut to *pay out* (rope) belongs to *pay*¹

paynim [*poet*] OF *paenime*, Late L *paganismus*, heathendom See *pagan* Incorr use for *pagan* (*Wyc Matt* v 47) prob arose from attrib use in *paynim land*, *paynim knight*, etc, and may have been helped by *cherubim* Its currency, like that of *fairy* (q v), is largely due to Spenser

paynize To impregnate wood with preservatives From *Payne*, inventor of process Cf *kyanize*, *mercerize*

pea False sing from *pease* (q v) Cf *cherry*, *burger*, etc

peace ME & OF *pais* (*paix*), L *pax*, *pac*-, cogn with *pangere*, *pac*-, to fix, cf It *pace*, Sp *paz* Early replaced AS *frith*, esp as administrative word, e g *breach* of the *peace* (AS *frithbræc*), *justice of the peace*, etc *Peace* with hono^r became a catchword after Beaconsfield's speech (July 16, 1878), but is much older (v 1) With *peace*

at any price, dating from Crimean war, cf *pacifist*

Ut perpetua fiat in nobis pax cum honore vestro meoque dedecore

(Thibaut de Champagne to Louis le Gros, 12 cent.)

With peace and honour I am willing to spare anything so as to keep all ends together

(Pepys, May 25, 1663).

The peace-mongers were ready to have sacrificed the honour of England (Southey, 1808)

peach¹ Fruit F. *pêche*, OF *pesche*, VL *pessica*, for *Persica* (sc *arbor*), cf It *persica*, *pescia*

peach² [*slang*] To inform against Aphet for *appeach*, cogn with *impeach* (q v)

Rotty and all his felaw shepe that the woman hathe apeched (*Paston Let* iii 390)

peacock ME. *pecok*, *pacok*, *pocok*, extended from *pa*, *po*, etc, AS *pāwa*, L *pavo*, cf F *paon* (L *pavo-n*), Du *paauw*, Ger *pfau* Said to be ult from Tamil The simplex survives in surnames *Poe*, *Pay* With *proud* as a *peacock* (Chauc) cf *peacock in pride* (her), with displayed tail

Gold, and sylver, and yver, and apis, and poos [*vars* pokohis, pekokis] (*Wyc 2 Chron* ix 21)

pea-jacket Pleon for earlier *pea*, *pee*, Du *pij*, rough coat, whence also ME, *courtepy*, cassock, etc (Chauc A 290) Perh ident with *pie*¹ (q v), ? from orig colour, ? or ult cogn with AS *pād*, cloak, Goth. *pauda* For pleon cf *salt-cellar* The compd. is of US formation (c 1700), prob suggested by Du *pij-jakker*

pye py-gown, or rough-gown, as souldiers and sea-men wear (Hexham)

peak¹ Point, etc Var (from 16 cent) of *pike* (q v), in sense of sharp or projecting part of anything, e g of hat, ship, etc E naut *apeak*, for F *à pic*, perpendicular, shows identity of the two words In sense of mountain-top first as adaptation of cogn Sp Port *pico*, esp the *peak* of *Teneriffe*, which is commonly *pic*, *pico*, *pike* in 17 cent E, but *pike* (q v), preserved in Lake country, is from ON The Derbyshire *Peak*, AS *Pēaclond*, perh from a demon named *Pēac* (cf *Puck*), is quite unconnected with the above

In this Iland of Teneriffe there is a hill called the Pike, because it is piked (Hawkins' *Voyage*, 1564).

peak² To dwindle Chiefly in to *peak* and *pine*, echo of *Macb* 1 3 Hence also dial *peaky*, *peakish*, sickly ? From *peak*¹, with idea of becoming "pointed" and thn.

Cf *pedagogy*, current serious sense of which is from F *pédagogie*

ὁ δὲ ποιοῦν παιδαγωγῶν ἐστὶν ἡγεμὼν τῶν μαθητῶν (Gal in 24).

pedal F *pédale*, It *pedale*, L *pedalis*, from *pes*, *ped-*, foot Orig (c 1600) of organ.

pedant F *pédant*, It *pedante*, "a pedante or a school-master, as *pedagogo*" (Flor), esp a popular formation on *pedagogo*

In Italy, of all professions that of pedantry is held in basest repute; the schoolmaster almost in every comedy being brought upon the stage to parallel the Zani, or Pantaloon (Perrin, 1634).

pedate [bot] L *pedatus*, from *pes*, *ped-*, foot.

Cf *palmate*

peddle Back-formation from *pedlar* (q v)

Cf *beg*, *cadger*

pedestal F *pédestal*, It *pedistallo*, lit foot stall¹ (q v) Cf Ger *fussgestell*, "the basis, foot, footstall or pedestal of a pillar, statue, etc" (Ludw)

pedestrian From L *pedester*, from *pes*, *ped-*, foot

pedicel [bot] Dim of *pedicle*, L *pediculus*, foot-stalk (v s)

pediculous L *pediculosus*, from *pediculus*, louse

pedicure F *pédicure* (18 cent) Cf *manicure* and see *cure*¹

pedigree AF & ME *pe de gru*, F *pieu de grue*, foot of crane, L *grus*, *gru-*, from sign π used in indicating descent By early etymologists associated with *degree* (of relationship) Cf surname *Pettigrew*, ie crane's foot, or Ger name *Kranenfuss*

pedegru or *pedygru*, lyne of 1 ceindre as d awynetry. stema (Prompt Parv)

pediment [arch] Triangular space over Greek portico Earlier *periment*, explained (16 cent) as "corrupt English," and no doubt for *pyramid*, in which sense it is still in dial use For change of consonant cf *pad-dock*

pedlar For earlier *pedder* (Wyc), from EAngl *ped*, basket, cf dial *tiniker* for *tinker* For formation of *pedder* cf *cadger* (q v) Verb to *peddle* is a back-formation, and, in sense of busying oneself with trifles, is associated with *piddle*

pedometer F *pèdomètre*, hybrid coinage from L *pes*, *ped-* foot, and *mètre* (see *metre*) Recorded for early 18 cent

peduncle [bot] L *pedunculus* See *pedicel*

peek [archaic] To peep ME *pihen* In earlier *keek*, *peek*, *peep* are interchangeable. Their relation to each other is ob-

scure Perh. F, *figurer*, in sense of pricking (through) See *piep*¹

peel¹ To strip F *peler*, L *pelare*, to strip of hair, but associated in sense with Ol *pel* (*pean*), skin, L *pellis*; cf. It. *pelare*, to strip of hair *Peel* is used earlier indifferently with archaic *pill*, to strip, rob (cf *catepillar*), F. *piller*, VL *pillare*, for *pillare* (v s), from *pilus*, hair. In Is. xvii 2 the sense of the orig. is doubtful. Wyc has *tern* or *to-tern*, Coverd *fyllid*.

An pild or an ape was his skille (Chauc. A 3735).

peel² [hist] Small fortified house on Border In ME. *pullsode*, earlier, *stake* OF *pel* (*pun*), stake, L *pālus*, cf *pale*¹. Hence *Peel*, alias *Castletown*, in I of Man

God save the lady of this pel

(Chauc. House of Fame, iii 220)

peel³ In *salmon peel*. Synon with *gillie* From 16 cent. Origin unknown

peel⁴ Baker's shovel F. *pelle*, L *pala*

peeler [slang] Policeman, orig Ir From Robert Peel, secretary for Ireland (1812-18). Cf. *bobby*

Peelite [hist]. Tory seceding (1846) to Sir Robert Peel in support of repeal of corn laws

peep¹ Of cry of young birds Imit, cf F

pepieu, Ger *piepen*

peep² To look out, etc Tends to replace (from 15 cent) earlier *keek*, *peek* (q v), with the former of which cf. Du *kijken*, Ger *gucken* Of obscure origin, perh from interj *pip*, *peep* Primitive sense was prob that of bobbing up, breaking through, cf F *point* in *point du jour*, *peep* of day (see *pip*²)

For *peep-bo* see *bo-peep*

peepul, pipal Sacred fig-tree, *bo-tree* Hind

pīpāl, Sanskrit *pippala*, cogn with *poplar*.

peer¹ Noun OF. *per* (*pair*), L *par*, equal

Orig sense still in *peerless*, see also *compare* Sense of noble is derived from Charlemagne's "twelve peers," regarded as all equal, like the knights of the Round Table

Nullus liber homo capiatur, nisi per legale iudicium parium suorum (*Magna Charta*)

peer² To look narrowly From 16 cent. Altered from earlier *pire*, cogn with LG *puen*, under influence of *peer*³, which it often approaches closely in sense

Peering [*guarlio* *piring*] in maps for ports and piers and roads (*Merch of Ven* 1 2)

peer³ To come into view Earlier *pear*, *aphet* for *appear* (q v), or immediately

completed and deferred this by unravelling every night what she had woven during the day. G. H. Macdonald (Horn)

penetrate From L. *penetrare* from *penes* *penitus* within *penis* sanctuary Cf *penetrata* inmost recesses *Penates* See *enter*

penfold. See *pinfold*

penguin Applied (16 cent.) both to the great auk and the penguin and prob. earlier to other sea bird. Early writers (16-17 cents.) explain it as Welsh *pen gwyn* white head, a name supposed to have been given by Welsh seamen or possibly by Breton fishermen off Newfoundland (Cape Breton). This is prob. correct. A bolder flight of fancy connects it with the mythical discovery of America by Madoc ap Owen in the 12 cent. (see Hakl. viii 108). The fact that the penguin has a black head is no serious objection, as bird names are of very uncertain application (I. *albatross* *gannet* *bulwer*). F. *pinquoin* earlier (1600) *pen wyn* if not from E. may be Breton *pen gwyn* white head. Cf. *pen* *Pendragon*. In sense of flapper (q.v.) *penguin* alludes to the flapper that does not fly.

Pengwynn, which in Welsh, as I have been informed, signifies a white head. From which derivation, some do infer that America was first peopled with White men.

(Richard Haklens, c. 1600)

penicillate [biol.] Tufted. See *pencil*

peninsula L. from *paene* almost *insula* island. F. *presqu'île* Ger. *Halbinsel* Spec. ref. to Spain and Portugal dates from *Insularia* II a (1808-14)

penis [anat.] L. lit. tail

penitent F. *penitent* from pres. part. of L. *penitere* to repent. Displaced earlier *penant* from OF. (cf. *penance*) *Penitentiary* prison earlier eccl. house of discipline for penitents. Dates from c. 1800

pennant [mar.] Compromise between *pendant* (q.v.) and *pennon* (q.v.)

penniform [biol.] From L. *pinna* feather

pennill Extemporized verse sung at Eisteddfod. Welsh ? from *pen* head.

pennon Knight's swallow tail flag. F. *penon* from L. *pinna* feather plume. Cf. It. *penone* Sp. *pendón*. See *pendant* & *pennant*. But OF. var. *panon* and etymology of *dra* *penon* fl. from *drach* cloth suggest in favour of L. *pinna* cloth.

penny AS *penning*, earlier *pening*, cf. Du. *penning* Ger. *pfennig*. For suffix cf.

farthing shilling. Origin obscure. Perhaps from *pan* early coins bear, sometimes shaped like shallow pans. The value and metal have varied at different periods. Often used in ME. for money in gen. as still in a *farthing penny* to get one's *penny*. *worth* to turn an honest penny. Cf. F. *un gros* *denier*. A *pennyweight* was of the weight of a silver penny. For hybrid *dai* cf. *cut*.

A penny yn seson spent will sat pound

(*Fashion* L. 144)

Frend (quoth th. good man) a penny for your thought (Heywood, 1546)

pennyroyal Appl. arbitrary corrupt. of *pulchroyal* OF. *peu roi* from L. *pauculum* flea bane from *pu* & *lea*. Th. adj. prob. from its being regarded as a so-called remedy. P. rh. confused with *pennywort* said to be named from round leaves with which P. g. wrongly identifies it.

penology Science of punishments. See *penal*

pensile L. *pensilis* from *pendere* *pens* to hang

pension An allowance made to anyone without an equivalent. In England it is generally understood to mean pay given to a state hireling for treason to his country (Johns.) F. L. *pension* from *pendere* *pens* to pay on to weigh. Earlier used as in F. of any periodic payment, e.g. for board and lodging whence *pensioner* Camb. undergraduate who not being a scholar or sizar on the foundation pays for all he has. (cf. *Oxford commoners*) *Grand Pensionary* (hist.) is adapted from Du. *pensionaris* chief magistrate.

Sir William Byles recently asked Mr Lloyd George what is the amount of the pension being paid by the State to Lord Roberts and what power if any resides in the Stat. to withdraw such pension. (Times N. v. 1912)

pensive F. *pensif* from *reuser* to think. L. *pinna* frequent. of *pendere* to weigh

penstock Floodgate. From *pen* and *stock*

pent. Orig. p.p. of *to pen* or of its obs. var. *pen*. See *pen*

penta G. *πέντα* from *πέντε* five (q.v.)

Hence *pentagon* *pentameter* *pentagon* etc.

pentacle **pentagram** Five-pointed star used in sorcery (N.)

pentad. Number five. G. *πέντε* *πέντα* Cf. I. *id* etc.

pentagram See *pentacle*

pentateuch L. G. *πεντάτευχος* of five books from G. *τεῦχος* implement in Lat. G. book

peloter In both cases the -l- is due to dissim of r-r (cf *pilgrim*).

parietaire peltitory of the wall (Cotg)

p retre herb bartram, bastard peltitory, night peltitory of Spaune (ib)

pell-mell F *pèle-mêle*, redupl on *mêler*, to mix, OF *wesler* Cf *melly*, *mêlée*.

pellucid L *pellucidus*, for **perlucidus* See *lucid*

Pelmanism System of mind-training originated (late 19 cent) by W J. Lannever, "the name Pelman being selected as a short euphonious name well adapted for business purposes" (*Truth*, June 5, 1918)

Turned a blear eyed pauper to a swell man

In six sharp weeks of concentrated Pelman

(G Frankau)

peloric [biol] Anomalous, from G *πελωπος*, monstrous

pelota Basque game Sp *pelota*, ball See *pellet*

pelt¹ Skin For earlier and obs *pell*, OF *pel* (*peau*), L *pellis* Back-formation from *pelty*, F *pelleterie*, from *pelletier*, furrier, from OF *pel* (vs), with intrusive -et- common in such F formations (e.g. *coquetier*, egg-cup, from *coque*, egg-shell). ME *pellue* became obs, the word being re-borrowed (c 1700) from F trappers of NAmér Or *pell* may represent OF & ME dim *pelete*

pelt² Verb From c 1500 Orig to strike with repeated blows, now with a shower of missiles ? ME *pelt*, *pilt*, *pall*, to thrust, L *pultare*, frequent of *pellere*, to drive If this is correct, something of orig sense may appear in *full pelt*, with which cf *full tick* But *pelt* may be, at any rate in its current sense, from *pellet* (v 1) In this party I first saw the barbarous custom of pelleting each other, with little balls of bread made like pills, across the table

(Hickey's *Memoirs*, II. 137).

peltate [biol] L *pellatus*, from *pella*, shield, G *πέλη*

pelvis [anat] L, basin

pembroke Table ? From *Pembroke*, Wales

pemmican NAmér Ind (Cree) *pimecan*, from *pime*, fat Also fig of condensed matter

pen¹ Enclosure AS *penn*, also verb *penman*, in compd only, whence pp *pent* ? Cf LG *pennen*, to bolt a door, from *penn*, pin, peg

pen² For writing ME & OF *penne*, L *penna*, feather Cf sense of F *plume*, Ger

feder A *penknife* was orig used for sharpening quills

pen³ [topogr.] Welsh, Corn, hull, cogn with Ir. *ceann*, head.

penal F. *penal*, L *penalis*, from *poena*, punishment, G *πῶνός*, fine *Penal servitude* dates from 1853 With under penalty cf F. *sous peine* Sporting sense of *penalty*, *penalize* appears first in horse racing

penance. OF. (replaced by learned *penitence*), L. *paenitentia*. See *repent*

Penates Household gods L, from *penus*, sanctuary of temple, cogn. with *ferus*, within

pence ME *penis*, contr of *pennies*

penchant Pres part of F *pencher*, VL **pendicare*, from *pendere*, to hang Cf *leaning*, *bent*, and Ger *hang*, inclination

pencil Orig paint-brush (Chauc). OF *pinzel* (*pinceau*), painter's brush, from L *pinicillus*, dim of *pinis*, tail Current sense, from c 1600, is due to association with unrelated *pen*². Orig sense survives in *pencilled eyebrows*, and also in optics, the rays of a luminous *pencil* being likened to the hairs of a brush

The prospect was so tempting that I could not forbear designing it with my crayon (Evelyn)

Here we din'd, and I with my black lead pen took the prospect (ib.)

pendant F, pres part of *pendre*, to hang, from L *pendere*. In naut sense, esp broad *pendant* of commodore, from 15 cent, but perh orig corrupt of *pennon* (q.v.) by association with naut *perdant*, hanging tackle Cf *pennant*

pendent Latinized spelling of *pendant* (q.v.)

pending From obs *pend*, to hang, F *pendre*, from L *pendere* Perh also aphet for *impending* Prep use is after F *pendant*, a survival of the abl absolute, e.g. *pendant le procès* corresponds to L *pendente lite*

Pendragon [hist] Welsh *pen*, head, and *dragon*, as symbol on standard Title of Uther in the *Morte Artur*

pendulum Neut of L *pendulus*, hanging, from *pendere*, to hang Cf F *pendule*, It. *pendolo*, Ger *pendel*, all 17 cent

That great mathematician and virtuoso Monsr. Zulichem, inventor of v^c pendule clock (Evelyn, 1661)

Is this the wisdom of a great minister? or is it the vibration of a pendulum? (*Let of Junius*, 1769)

Penelope Wife of Ulysses, who, beset by suitors in absence of her husband, promised to make a choice when her web was

associated with land measurement (rod pole) and *linia* *F* *perche* *L* *perica* staff measuring rod

perchance *ME* *par chanc* etc *Cl* *perad* *sentu* *e*

percheron *F* *h* use from *le Perche*

Some *lances* called the Normans horse th. *Perch* comes from the *Perche* rex in south of Normandy (*Du y Mail* Jan 23 1918)

percipient From pres part of *L* *percipere* to perceive

percolate From *L* *percolare* from *colare* to flow from *column* strainer *Cl* *e* *lander*

percussion *F* *L* *percussio-n* from *pe* a *te* *percuss* to strike from *qualere* to shake strike

perdition *F* *L* *perditio-n* from *perde* *e* *perdit* to lose from *dare* to give Chiefly in theol. sense whence its disappearance in orig. sense of destruction

perdu In to *le perdu* Now usu. treated as 1 word but quite naturalized in 1 cent. in mil. use esp. in *perdu* *f* *e* *enfants* *perdu* forlorn hope

perdurable See *per* and *durable* In Chauc regarded as obs. by Johns but revived in 19 cent.

peregrine *L* *peregrinus* 1. *reigner* from *perag* *r* abroad on journey from *per* and *ager* field Hen. *e* *peregrine* falcon caught in passage in stead of being taken from nest like *was* *cl* 1 *sacon* *peler* *n* It *sal* one *pel* *g* in and see *fr* *rim*

peremptory *F* *perempt* *re* *L* *peremptorius* destructive from *per* *nere* *perempt* to take away utterly from *emere* to buy obtain Used in Roman law in sense of precluding all further debate

perennial From *L* *perennis* lasting through the year (*cl* *per* and *annus* year (*cl* *biennia*)) Used by Evelyn for evergreen

perfect Restored spelling of *ME* & *OE* *parfit* (*parfa* *h*) *L* *perfectus* from *perficere* perfect to do thoroughly Often intensive e.g. *perfect scandal* (*tranger* etc.) With *perf* *chibist* *F* *perfectibilis* from the jargon of th. 18 cent. *philosophes* *cl* *F* *perfectionist* theol. coinage of 17 cent. Wyc. *u* *to* *pe* *f* *chion* (*Joh* 21 7) Counsel of *perfect* *n* is allusive to *Mat* 23 21

It was a veray p. r. t. g. t. l. k. y. g. t. (*Chauc* A 72)

perfidy *F* *perfidia* *L* *pe* *fidia* from *perfidus* treacherous from *fidus* faithful from *fides* faith For pejorative sense of *per* *cl* *pe* *jure*

perfoliate [*fol*] With stalk apparently passing through it *cl* From *L* *per* and *folium* leaf

perforate From *L* *perforare* from *fora* *i* *cl* *n* with *fora* *cl* *ies* current sense came in with unproved postage stamps

perforce *ME* & *F* *par* *for* *e* *cl* *perai* *venture*

perform *ME* *pa* *fourn* *r* altered by association with other words *cl* *fr* from *AF* *pa* *f* *irer* *OE* *parfou* *nir* from *fournir* to furnish (*q* *v*) *ME* had also *parfurn* *sh* in same sense In *Wolaton* MSS 1 fin 1 *pa* *furnir* (1251) *perfourm* (1342) The transition from *parfurn* *ance* (*cl* *W* *lemn* ceremony) to *parfurn* *g* *fleas* is easily traced

For night only thy laure precious
I adorned is by men of d. gnitie (*Chauc* B 645)

perfume Orig. to fumigate *F* *pa* *sumer* *L* *perfumire* from *sum* *i* smoke *tume* *cl* *It* *perfuma* *e* *sp* *perfumar*

perfunctory Lat. *L* *perfunctus* (*leg*) from *pe* *fing* *i* to get done with from *sum* *i* *finis* to perform

perfuse From *L* *perfundere* *perfu* See *fu* *e*

pergameneous Coined (19 cent.) from *L* *per* *a* *nenum* parchment (*q* *v*)

pergola It arbour *L* *pe* *gula* projecting roof from *pe* *gere* to go forward from *per* and *a* *ere*

perhaps Coined (15 cent.) from *hip* *than* *e* after *perad* *entire* *perchance* which it has largely superseded. It occurs only three times in *Al*. Prob. the *s* unitates the ending of *perchance* *percase*

peri *F* *pe* *i* Pers *pa* *i* *per* orig. malevolent spirit controlled by Ahirman *cl* *hi* *t* *of* *sa* *i* *elf* App. introduced by Beckford (*Wathe*) and popularized by Byron and Moore

peri *C* *peri* around Many compd. correspond in sense with those of *L* *e* *reum*

periagua See *fira* *i*

perianth [*b* *i*] *F* *perianthe* coined on *pe* *ca* *p* from *C* *i* *box* flower

periapt Amulet *F* *pe* *i* *apte* *G* *periapton* from *arr* *v* *to* *fasten*

pericardium [*anat*] *G* *perikardion* (membrane) round the heart *apdia*

pericarp [*bot*] *F* *pericarpe* *C* *pericarp* pod from *apros* front

Periclean Of Athens in time of *Pericles* (429 B.C.) *Cl* *412* *ustia*

Pentecost Church L, G πεντηκοστή (sc ἡμέρα), fiftieth (day) G name for Jewish Feast of Weeks, celebrated seven weeks after second day of Passover Found in AS, but now usu replaced by *Whit Sunday* Cf F *Pentecôte*, Ger *Pfingsten* penthouse Folk-etym for earlier *pentice*, *pentis*, aphet for F *appentis*, from *ap-pende*, to hang to, cf a *lean-to* Association with F *penite*, slope, has introduced idea of sloping, whence *pent-roof* The form *penthouse* is much earlier than dict records It occurs (in AF) in *John of Gaunt's Reg* (1372-76)

Item, quod appenticia sint ita sublimia quod homines potuerint facilliter sub illis ire et equitare
(*Liber Albus*, 259)

appentis the penthouse of a house (Cotg)

pentagraph See *pantograph*

penultimate From L *paene*, almost, *ultimus*, last

penumbra Coined (1604) by Kepler from L *paene*, almost, *umbra*, shade

penurious Orig indigent, from *penury*, L *penuria*, want, cogn with *paene*, hardly

peon In India, police-man, servant, etc, Port *peño* or F *pion* In Sp Amer, labourer, Sp *peón* Both from MedL *pedo-n-*, footsoldier, from *pes*, *ped-*, foot (see *pawn*?) Hence *peonage*, servitude for debt, in Mexico

peony AS *peome*, L *paemonia*, G *παιωνία*, from Παιών, physician of the gods, in allusion to med properties ME had also *piome*, from OF (now *piuome*)

people F *peuple*, nation, race, L *populus*; cf It *popolo*, Sp *pueblo*, Ger *pöbel*, mob Has largely replaced native *folk* and is used in many senses for which F uses *gens*, *personnes*, *on*, *monde*, etc For vowel cf *beef*, *relieve*, etc Mod spelling, for ME *peple*, is an artificial reversion to the -o- of *populus*

peperino [geol] Porous rock It, from *pepe*, pepper, in allusion to small grain

peperomia Plant ModL, from G *πέπερι*, pepper

peplum Overskirt L, from G *πέπλος*, robe

pepper AS *pipor*, L *pipper*, G *πέπερι*, of Eastern origin, cf Sanskrit *pippalī* Found very early in most Europ langs For *peppercorn* (ie nominal) *rent* see below With *peppermint*, from *mint*¹, cf Ger *pfefferminze*

Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis

unam clovam garlofilli ad Pascham pro omni ser vicio (Grant in *Stonor Papers*, c. 1290).

Shalt yearly pay

A peppercorne, a nutt, a bunch of may,
Or some such trifle (NED 1616)

pepsin ModGer coinage from G *πέψις*, digestion, from *πέπτειν*, to ripen, cook. Cf *peptic*, *dyspepsia*

peptone Ger *pepton* (v s) Hence *peptonize*, to pre-digest by means of pepsin For fig. use cf *pepmucan*

per L, through, by, in MedL also with distributive sense As prefix also intens in L., as in *periturb* (cf E *thorough*), and this sense appears in chem terms in *per*, e g *peroxide*, *perchloride* Many E. words in *per-* are latinized from earlier forms in *par-*, borrowed from F, e g *perfect*, ME & OF *parfit*, L *perfectus* Mod as *per usual* seems to have been suggested by F *comme par ordinaire*

peradventure Restored spelling of ME & OF *par aventure*, often contracted in ME, cf *perchance* and obs *percase* "It is sometimes used as a noun, but not gracefully nor properly" (Johns)

Paraunter she may be youre purgatorie

(Chauc E 1670)

It is indispensable that the Governments associated, against Germany should know beyond a perad venture with whom they are dealing

(Pres Wilson, Oct 15, 1918)

perai. SAmer fresh-water fish Tupi (Brazil) *puaya*, lit scissors

perambulate. From L *perambulare*, from *ambulare*, to walk, travel Earlier is *perambulation*, official journey to fix boundaries (see *pinhen*) Current sense of *perambulator*, orig a traveller, etc, dates from c 1850-60 *Perambucot* is a mod portmanteau-word

percale Muslin F, cf It *percallo*, Sp *percal* Of Eastern origin, cf Pers *par-qalah*, a rag

perceive F *percevoir*, with OF tonic stem *perceiv-*, VL **perceptere*, for *perceptere*, from *capere*, to take Cf *deceive*, etc

per cent Short for L *per centum*, still in leg. use

percept As *phulos* term coined (19 cent) on concept L *perceptum*, from *perceptere*, *percept-*, to perceive Cf *perceptible*, *perception*, which are much older

perch¹ Fish F, L *peisca*, G *πέσκη*, cogn with *πεγκνός*, dark-spotted

perch² Pole, etc, in various senses, now usu

they are well exemplified Cf *Deionian Silurian*

permit L. *permittere* from *mittere* miss to send cf F *permettre* It *permettre* 14th sense of allowing to pass appears in noun *permit* orig. imper. of verb from int. word of offic. authorization (cf F *laisse passer* a permit)

permute L. *permutare* to change thoroughly
pern Honey buzzard Incorr. from G *περnis* s. kind of hawk

pernicious F *pernicieux* L. *perniciosus* from *pernicius* destruction from *nex nec* slaughter death Application to disease esp. anaemia 14th cent

pernickety [Sc.] Fussy parti ulur Introduced into L. by Sc. writers from c. 1880 Origin unknown It is synon. with Sc. *pernick* and both words recorded from c. 1800 may be childish or uneducated per. versions of *particular* Cf synon. Norw. Dan. *pernitlig* thought to be corrupted from *pedantlig* pedantic

peroration L. *peroratio*-n from *perorare* to speak n. ht through, from *ora* c. to speak pray from os or mouth cf F *peroraison*
perpend L. *perpendere* to weigh thoroughly from *pendere* to weigh

perpendicular Ofr. *perpendicular* (pe *pendiculaire*) L. *perpendicularis* from *perpendicularis* plummet from *pendere* to hang First in astron. (Chauc.) as arch. term introduced (1812) by Rickman *Perpendicular drinking* is treated as a problem in the *Daily Chron.* Mar. 10 1919

perpetrate From L. *perpetrare* to accomplish from *per* to bring about Criminal suggestion in E. is due to word having first been used (14th cent.) in statutes

perpetual F *perpétuel* L. *perpetualis* from *perpetuus* ? from *petere* to seek aim at
perplex First as adj. (Wyc.) L. *perplexus* entangled from *plectere* *plex* to weave plant Cf *complan*

perquisite L. *perquisitum* thing eagerly sought from *perquirere* *perquisit* from *quaere* to seek Orig. (15th) property acquired otherwise than by inheritance Current sense from 16th cent. *Perquisitio* domiciliary search is from ModF.

petron [arch.] Platform with steps before building F. augment of *petre* stone L. *petra* cf It *petra* See *Peter*

peruque See *feruque*

perry OF *perd* (poir *é*) from *peire* (poire) pear (q. v.) Still *perd* in NormF.

petse [archaic] A dark colour purplish blue Archais. F. *pers* which in *Fol* (11th cent.) means livid MedL. *perseus persicus* point to popular association with *Persia* or perh. with *perch* (q. v.)

Il perso è un colore mi lo di p. ripuro e di nero (Dante)

persea Tree (Nimor & Wind) Orig. sacred tree of Egypt and Persia L. G. *persea*

persecute F. *persecuter* from L. *persequi* *persecut* from *sequi* to follow Earlier (14th cent.) is *persecution* esp. in ref. to early Church

persevere F. *persévère* et L. *perseverare* from *severus* earnest Intil. Milt. usu. accented a. in quot. below

His onely power and providence perse. er
T' uphold maintaine, and rule th. world f. v. r. (Sh. 17)

Persan OF *persen* from *Persa* L. *Persa* in G. *Πέρσις* OPers. *Pars* (see *Pa. ce*) OPers. or Zend is an Aryan lang. closely allied to Sanskrit ModPers. is owing to the Mohammedan conquest (7-9 cents.) saturated with Arab

persicaria Plant peach wort MedL. (see *peach*)

persiflage F. from *persifler* to banter 18th cent. couage from *siffler* to hiss whistle 1. *sibilare*

persimmon Amer. date plum Earlier *pus chamun* (Capt. John Smith 1612) from Amer. Ind. (Algonkin of Virginia) with suffix *men* as in other names of grains and fruits

persist F. *persister* v. L. *persistere* from *sistere* to stand

person F. *peronne* L. *persona* character in play (*dramatis persona*) ? from *personare* to sound through with allusion to actor's mask, ? or of Etruscan *onus* (cf *his tronic*) Orig. sense *survives* in *impersonate* *personify* in the *person* of in one's own *person* (v. i.) and there is a suggestion of it in *persona* v. F. *personnage* dramatic character In ME. often used esp. of physical appearance hence *personable* comely having "a fine person" Current senses of *personal* form a parallel series to those of *general* *Personally* conducted tours were presumably at first accompanied by Mr. Cook in *propria persona* In gram. sense L. *persona* was adopted by Varro in imitation of G. *πρόσωπον* character in play similarly used by Dionysius Thrax

pericope Paragraph G περικοπή, from κόπτω, to cut

pericranium [anat.] G περικράνιον, round the skull Often wrongly used for *cranium*

peridot F *péridot*, OF *peridot* (13 cent.), cf. MedL *peradota* ? Arab *farīdat*, gem In ME chrysolite, reintroduced from F c 1700 as jeweller's name for olivine chrysolite

perigee [astron.] F *périgée*, MedL *perigeum*, Late G. περίγειον, neut. of -έργειος, round (near) the earth, γῆ Cf *apogee*

perihelion [astron.] From G. ἥλιος, sun, as *perigee* Cf *aphelion*

peril F *peril*, L *periculum*, from root of *experiri*, to try, experiment, *peritus*, experienced Ult cogn with *face* Replaced AS *fār* (cf Ger *gefahr*). At (one's) *peril* is ME

perimeter G περίμετρος, from μέτρον, measure

period F *période*, L, G -ερίδος, circuit, from δῶς, way Orig time of duration *Periodical*, in literary sense, dates from the magazines (*Spectator*, etc) of early 18 cent

peripatetic F *péripatétique*, L, G περιπατητικός, given to walking about, from πατέω, to tread Earliest in ref to Aristotle, who taught while walking in the Lyceum at Athens

periphery OF *peripheric*, L G -εμφέρεα, lit. carrying round, from φέρω, to bear Cf *circumference*

periphrasis L, G περιφράσις, from φράζω, to speak Cf *circumlocution*, *talking round* (a subject)

periplus [hist.] L, G -επί-λοις, sailing round, from πλόος, πλοῦς, voyage Cf *circumnavigation*

perique Tobacco (from Louisiana) Said to be named from *Pierre Chenel*, who introduced tobacco growing among the Acadian exiles

periscope Coined on *telescop.*, etc, from G περισκόπῳ, to look

perish F *perir*, *férir*, L *perire*, lit. to go through For sense cf Ger. *vergehen*. In ME also trans, as still in *perishing cold* Cf *perish* Currency of *perish the thought!* is due to Chaucer (14), who is impudent! adaptation! is also responsible for *Richard's* *perish* *perish*

Catech. Before we go to bed, my Lord, consider, etc: Were it not for us, the world would be a desert, etc: How we depend on the Lord for our life

Richard Persh that thought No, never be it said, That Fate itself could awe the soul of Richard Hence, babbling dreams, you threaten here in vain Conscience av'ant; Richard's himself again (Rich III, v 3 As it is acted at the Theatre Royal. By C. Cibber).

peristeronic [neol.] Of the pigeon, G περιστερά

peristyle F. *péristyle*, L, G. περίστυλος, neut. of περίστυλος, having pillars all round, from στῖλος, pillar

peritoneum [anat.] Inner membrane of abdomen L, G περιτόναιον, what stretches round, from τείνω, to stretch

periwig Earlier (16 cent.) *peruwike*, for *peruke* (q.v)

periwinkle¹ Plant AS *perwince*, L *perwinca*, perh orig a climbing plant and cogn. with *vincire*, to bind, cf F *pervenche*, "periwinkle, or pervinckle" (Cotg). Form has app been influenced by *periwinkle*²

And fresshe pervynke niche of hewe

(Rom of Rose, 1432)

periwinkle² Mollusc, *winkle* AS *pinewincle*, explained as sea-snail, with first element app from L *pina*, G πῖνα, mussel But there is a gap between this and the mod word (16 cent.) Form has app been influenced by *periwinkle*¹, as we find 16 cent *perwinke* in both senses These two words are a good example of the perversity of folk-etym, for it seems impossible to find any logical point of contact See *wink*

perjure F *perjurer*, L *perjurare*, from *jurare*, to swear, from *jus*, *jur*, law, etc Cf. *forswear* Perjury is older in E For pejorative force of *per-* cf *perfidy*

perk [colloq.] To be jaunty, hold up the head, whence adj *perk-y* Forms are those of obs or dial *perl*, perch (noun and verb), ONF *perque* and the only ME record (v 1) has to do with the popinjay, so that one sense may have been suggested by the attitude of the parrot on its perch. On the other hand some early examples suggest rather a metall. of *prich*

The pope, yes, perker and praynen for proude (NLD c. 1380)

permanent. F, from pres. part. of L *permanere*, from *manere*, to dwell, verbum *Permanent way* (rail) is contrasted with *construction line*

perment. From L *perment*, from *perment*, to pass

Permian [geol.] Strata named (1841) by Mercurius from *Perm*, F Russ, where

fond passim in various senses in Haki and Purch

Co find aal pest r'd in this p nfold h re
(Com s 6)

pestle OF *pestel* L *pistillum* from *pinsere* pist to pound

pet Darling Orig (16 cent) Sc and applied to tame or household animals and birds as well as to children I rob this is the earlier meaning (cf *duck* my lamb etc) App related to obs *peat* in same sense esp in *proud peat* (Heart of Midlothian ch li) Origin unknown but see quot below

pet a little foot m n *petor* m p tt springall my gentle limp (any such fl tt n g or dandi ng phrase bestowed by nurses on th r cking boyes)
(Colg)

pet¹ Temper App from phrase to *like the pet* which began to replace (c 1600) the earlier to *take pepper in the nose* It appears to be from *pet* in sense of animal like *l' prendre la chèvre* lit to take the goat with which cf US *that gets my goat* though the metaphor is not clear cf also It *pighare la monna* to get drunk lit take the monkey

p e dre la chev e to take in d dgeon or sn ffe to tak the pet or pepper in the nose (Colg)

petal F *pétale* G π τ α λ ο ν thin plate neut of π τ α λ ο s outspread Cf *patulous*

petard F *pétard* from *péter* to break v and from *pet* L *pedalum* from *pedere* cf It *peta do* obs Sp *peta*

To t the port to ha e the e g eer
Hoist with hi own p tard (H m l ill 4)

petasus G broad brimmed hat as worn by Mercury G π τ α ο s from root *per* to spread cf *petal*

petaurist Flying marsupial G π ε α π α υ ρ ι s lit performer on the spring board π ε τ α p o

Peter L G Πέτρος lit stone rendering Syriac *kēfa* stone (*Cephas*) Hence *Pet r s pence* tribute to Rome see of St Peter also called *Rome scot* dating from AS times abolished in 1534 To rob *Peter* to pay *Paul* is prob merely a collocation of familiar names *Pierre et Paul* being used in F like *Tom Dick and Harry* in E though later eccl senses have been read into the phrase (v1) In blue *Peter* the choice of the name may be arbitrary (cf *jolly Roger*) but I have sometimes wondered whetl er it is in some way connected with obs *beaupers* *bewpers* bunting mis

understood as beautiful Peter (Piers Pearce) and perverted to suit the colour

desconory S *P e r e p o u conory* S *Pol* to ball or nuch on Church with th runes or e e r s f n ther (Colg)

A moderat b rgain for P ul t t pav may be a very bad barg n fo P t r the o sum
(Ob June 2 19 9)

Peterloo [hist] See *blinker*

pete out Orig US of stream or lode of ore
? From F *péter* (see *pétard*) ? t to fizzle out

petersham [archaic] Coat cloth From Viscount *Petersham* (c 1812) Cf *spencer ra lan*

A *Petersham* o t with l et coll m d t sh t after the abom able fash on of thow d y
(Tom Brown b)

petiole Footstalk of plant F *pétiole* L *petiolus* from *pes* *ped* foot

petit F see *petty*

petition F *pétition* L *petitio* n from *petere* *petit* to seek ask for

Whi b kynde of d sp tyng s b l men call *Petio* pr a th provyng f tw certayne thynges eche by th ther a d is no provyng at all (Tynd)

petrel From 17 cent App from *St Peter* with suffix as in *cockerel* Cf Norw *Peders fu l* Ger *Petersvogel* prob suggested by the L word F *petrel* is also from L

The seam gi them th ame of petrels, in allus n to St P ter' w lkl g pon th Lake of Gen esareth (Damp er)

Petriburg S gnature of bishop of P ter borough

petrify F *pétrifier* as though from L *pet r* *ficare* from *pet* a rock S e *Peter*

petrol In mod use from F *pétrol* refused petroleum The latter is MedL from *petra* rock *oleum* oil Hence F *pétroleu s* (hist) female incendiary during Paris Commune (1871)

petrology Science of rocks From L *petra* G *πετρα*

petronel [hist] Horse pistol carbine The derivation usu given from F *poitrine* ciest is incorr Archaic F *po trinal* is due to folk etym the weapon perh being slung ? or fired from the chest The earliest (16 cent) forms are F *petru al* It *petrinne* *petronello* *pet onello* Sp *peti enal* all from L *petra* stone the derivatives of which It *pietra* Sp *piedra* mean gun flint Ger *flinte* Du *vlinte* musket were also introduced when the flint lock superseded the older matchlock Cf Sp Port

persona L (v s), esp in Late L *persona* *grala* and in *propria persona*

personnel F, from *personne* (v s) Orig contrasted with *matériel*

perspective F, MedL *perspectiva* (sc *ars*), from *perspicere*, *perspect-*, to see through. Used by Chauc of an optical instrument

perspicacious From L *perspicax*, *perspicac-*, clear-sighted, from *perspicere* (v s) Cf *perspicuous*, from L *perspicuus*, transparent These two words are sometimes confused in mod use

perspire L *perspire*, to breathe through, blow gently Euph for *sweat* from 18 cent

That gross kind of exudation which was formerly known by the name of "sweat", now every mortal, except carters, coal heavers, and Irish chairmen, merely "perspires" (*Gent Mag* 1791)

persuade F *persuader*, L *persuadere*, from *suadere*, to advise With *persuasion*, religious opinion (16 cent), cf *conviction*

pert Aphet for ME & OF *apert*, L *apertus*, open, but used in sense of *expertus* Orig sense of ready, skilled, etc survives in dial *pearl*, but the usual meaning, already in Chauc (v1), is now almost that of the opposite *malapert* Cf Ger *frech*, impudent, orig bold, reckless, and E *bold hussy* *Proud* has degenerated in the same way

With proude wordes apert (*Plowmans Crede*, 311)

She was proud and peert as is a pyc

(Chauc A 3950)

pertain ME *parteyne*, OF *partenir*, VL **pertinere*, for *perlinere*, from *tenere*, to hold Cf *perstinent*

pertinacious From L *pertinax*, *pertinac-*, from *tenax*, from *tenere*, to hold

pertinent F, from pres part of L *perlinere*, to pertain, belong to

perturb F *perturber*, L *perturbare*, from *turbare*, to disturb, from *turba*, crowd

peruke F *perruque* (15 cent), It *perruca*, *parruca*, of obscure origin Sp *peluca* has suggested connection with L *pilus*, hair, but Port has *peruca* and the *-r-* may be original Connection with *parakeet*, in allusion to tufted crest, is not impossible The popular E form was *perwike*, whence *perwig* Pepys, who had his first wig in 1662, spells it at first *peruke* and later *periwigg*

peruse There is an obs *peruse*, to use up, e.g. *a bowsprete perused and roleye* (*Nav Accts*, 15 cent), OF *pauser*, but this can hardly be connected, though it may have influenced the form Earliest sense, to go

through, survey, hence, inspect, examine critically, points to **peruse*, from L *peru-
dēre*, *peruis-*, to look through, scrutinize (cf. *revise*, *survey*). It has always been a word rather written than spoken, and such words sometimes acquire spelling pronounce, *u* and *v* not being distinguished in MS and print till recent times (cf *Alured*, mistake for *Alured*, i.e. *Alfred*) With quot 3 cf. Watts' "When I survey the wondrous cross"

That every wcke Maister Meyre let call viij persons unto the tyme that all the x wardes be perused (*Co. entry Lett Book*, 1510)

Littleton's Tenures. lately perused and amended (*BooL-titile*, 1612).

I climbed the Hill, perused the Cross,
Hung with my gain and his great loss
(Vaughan, 1650).

Peruvian bark Cinchona (q v.) From *Peruvia*, latinized form of *Peru*

pervade L *pervadere*, to go through.

pervasive F *pervers*, L *perversus*, from *per-
vertere*, to turn away, whence *pervert*, cf *froward*, which it has replaced *Pervert*, noun, iron for *convert*, is a neol

pervious From L. *pervius*, from *via*, way
peseta Sp coin, dim of *pesa*, weight See *poise*

peshitta [theol] Syriac *Vulgate*. Syriac *p'shittā*, simple, plain (sc *mappaqlā*, version)

Peshwa, Peishwa Orig. chief minister of Mahratta princes, becoming hereditary sovereign in 1749 Pers *pēshwā*, chief

pesky [US] App from *pest*, cf *plaguy*

peso Sp dollar, lit weight, L *pensum*, from *pendere*, *pens-*, to weigh

peccary [med] MedL *peccarium*, from *pecc-*, from G. *πεccōs*, oval stone

pessimism Coined (late 18 cent.)? by Coleridge, after *optimism*, from L *peccimus*, worst

pest F *peste*, L *pestis*, plague, pestilence Cf *pestilence*, F, L *pestilentia*.

Pestalozzian Of *Pestalozzi*, Swiss educationist (†1827)

pester. Now associated with *pest*, but orig to hamper, entangle, aphet for OF. *empestrer* (*emphlter*), "to pester, intricate, mangle, trouble, incumber" (Cotg), orig, to fasten (at pasture) with a tether, MedL *pastorium* (see *pastern*), and representing a VL type **impastoriare*, cf It *pastoiare*, "to fetter, to clog, to shackle, to pastern, to give" (Flor) In early use chiefly naut and

for *filibeg* as also in surnames such as *Ihayre Phillimore* etc
 phaeton. Vehicle from c 1740 G *φαθων* lit. shining used as name of son of Helios who tried unsuccessfully to drive his father's chariot
 phagous L G *φαγος* from *φαγε* to eat Also *phagy* G *φαγ*
 phalange [anat] Finger bone Back formation from *phalanx* pl of *phalanx* (q v)
 phalanger Austral marsupial From G *φαλαγγιον* spider's web in allusion to webbed toes
 phalanx L G *φάλαγξ* esp used of the Macedonian formation
 phallic G *φάλλος* from *φάλλος* penis worshipped in Dionysiac festivals as symbol of productiveness
 Phanariot ModG *Φαναριώτης* inhabitant of *Phanar* district of Constantinople Turk *fanar* G *φαναριον* light house dim of *φανος* lamp
 phanerogamous [bot] Opposite of *cryptogamous* From G *φανερως* visible from *φανερ* to show
 phantasm MG & OF *fanasma* L C *φαντασμα*, from *φανταζειν* to display from *φανερ* to show cf *phantom* Hence *phantasmagoria* coined (1802) by exhibitor of optical illusions in London as a mouth filling and startling term (VED) According to *Dict Gén F* *fanasma* *orte* is recorded for 1801 so that the word was prob borrowed
 phantom ME & OF *fantasma* (*fantôme*) as *phantasm* (q v) cf It Sp *fantasma* Change of vowel in F word is unexplained
 Pharaoh L G *Φαραω* Heb *far'oh* from Egypt *fr' o* great house generic name of line of Egypt kings Cf *far'o*
 Pharisee OF *pharisee* (replaced by *phariseen*) L G *Φαρισαίος* Aram *prishaiyā* pl of *prish* Heb *parush* separated Rendered *sunder halig* in AS *Go pel* version
 pharmaceutical L G *φάρμακον* s from *φαρμακ* poison drug Older is *pharmacy* ME *fermacie* OF *farmacie* Late L G *φαρμακία* *Pharmacopoeia* is from *-ποιος* making (cf *poet*)
 pharos L G *Φαρος* island off Alexandria with light house built by Ptolemy *Pharadelphus* One of the seven wonders of the world
 pharynx G *φάρυγξ* cf *φαραγξ* chasm
 phase Γ or back formation from *phases* pl of ModL *phases* earlier used for *phase*

G *φασος* from *φαιερ* to show Orig (17 cent) of the moon
 phasianine Of the pheasant (q v)
 pheasant ME *sesan* *sesand* et Γ *fassan* L G *φασαγος* of *φασος* river of Colchi whence the bird was first brought In most Europ langs For t cf *peasant* *tyrant*
 phenol [chem] From G *φωσ* shining from *φαιερ* to how Introduced (1847) as Γ formative prefix by Laurent
 phenology Science of recurring phenomena Lit a Cer *comage*
 phenomenon Late L G *φαινόμενον* neut of pres part pass of *φαίνω* to show Sense of extraordinary occurrence portent from 18 cent
 phew Natural interj of disgust cf Ger *pfus*
 phial ME *firole* F Late L *phiola* for *phiala* G *φιάλη* broad flat vessel Cf *cial* Silveren *fiols* (ear viols) twelve (Wyc. h mō li 84)
 Phidian Of *Phidias* G *Φειδίας* most famous of G sculptors (†432 B C)
 phil See *philo*
 phil phile Adopted in ModL from G *φίλος* loving which is used only in proper names eg *Theophilus* *Θεοφίλος* dear to God Mod coinages eg *Hunophil* with linking -o- are numerous Opposite is *phobe*
 The ententoph! Balka tates (Dily Chro Sep 3 9)
 Trigo would b e nothing to do w th th phils and th ph bes of eith si! (T m Lst S pp1 Mar 2 19 9)
 philadelphian [hist] Sect From G *φίλαδελφία* brotherly love from *αδελφος* brother Hence name of city in US
philadelphia new sect of euthusiast pre-tenders t broth rly love (D d C d t c w)
 philander G *φιλάδρος* lover of men from G *άνθρωπος* man cf *philanthrope* Later sense as stock name for lo'er hence verb to *philander* perh due to wrong interpretation lovin' man or from use of name *Philander* in early roman es Cf *abiail*
 philanthropy Γ *φιλανθρωπία* Late L G *φίλαθρωπος* from a *φίλος* man
 philately Γ *φιλατελία* coined (1864) by stamp-collector Herp n from G *ατελεια* free of charge suggested by Γ *franco* *fanc de port* cf archaic E to *frank* a letter F *affranchir* Ger *freimark* stamp

pedernal, flint for striking fire, gun flint
The E form is prob from It

pedreñal un poitrinal, sorte de petite arquebuse à rouet (Oudin)

'Twas then I fired my petronel,
And Northam, steed and rider, fell (*Rokeby*, 1 19).

petrosal [anat] From L *petrosus*, stony,
from *petra*, stone

petticoat Orig (15 cent) *pety cote*, i.e. *petty coat*, small coat, a garment worn under armour, but already in 15 cent also used of female attire, though not at first a skirt. As symbol of womankind contrasted by Shaks with *breeches* (3 *Hen VI*, v 5) (see also quot s v *vessel*) *Petticoat government* is first recorded as book-title (1702) *Petticoat tails*, Scotch tea-cakes, has been explained as OF *petits gâteaux* (gâteaux), but is prob one of those fantastic coinages which have to be left unexplained

pettifogger From 16 cent First element is *petty* (q v), second may be obs Du *focker*, monopolist, cf *focken*, to cheat, in Flem pedlar lang These words are connected by some with *Fugger*, name of family of merchant princes at Augsburg (15-16 cent) Cf Ger *kleinigkeitshändler*, in somewhat similar sense E formerly had *pettifactor*, *pettymerchant*, in sense of huckster

focker. monopola, pantopola, vulgò fuggerus, fuccardus (Kil)

Lawyers, breath-sellers and pettifoggers [Mont gens maniant les procès] (Florio's *Montaigne*, 1 22)

pettish Now associated with *pet*^{1,2}, but it is earlier than these words and is prob aphet for *impetuous*, with suffix-change as in *squeamish* (q v) In its earliest occurrences it is glossed *impetuosus* (Huloet, 1552), *effraenis*, *iracundus* (Levins, 1570) Current sense is evidently due to *pet*², partly perh to *petulant*

pettitoes [dial] Now pig's trotters, but orig "giblets" of a pig or other animal Mod sense, due to association with *toe*, is as early as Florio (v 1) OF *petite oe* (*oie*), lit little goose, applied to goose-giblets, gave E (*pygges*) *petytoe* (Rutland MSS 1539) But, as *petite oie* means accessories of any kind, e.g. of costume, or even the preliminaries of a battle, and these senses are recorded about as early as that of giblets, it seems possible that OF *petite oe* may be folk-etym for OIt *petilo*, little, borrowed from F *petil*

Puis apres luy firent servir sept cens cinquante platz de petites oues

(*Chroniques admirables du puissant roi Gargantua*, ? c 1530)

peducen. all manner of fecte, or pettoes drest to be eaten, as calves, sheepes, neates, or hogs fecte, or pigs pettoes (Flor)

petto, in It, in the breast, L *pectus*

petty ME *pety*, for *petit*, the latter also being fully naturalized and current up to 17 cent F *petit* is prob of Celt origin and cogn with *piece*. - *Petty* was orig used without disparaging sense, as still in *petty officer*, *petty cash* Esp. common in leg. lang, e.g. *petty jury* (*larceny*, *sessions*, etc.)

petulant F *pétulant*, L *petulans*, *petulant*, wanton, malapert, etc., as though from L **petulare*, dim of *petere*, to seek. Current sense is due to association with *pettish*.

petunia Coined (1789) by Jussieu from archaic F *pétun*, tobacco, Port *petum*, Guaraní (Brazil) *peti*

petuntse Porcelain earth Chin *pai-tun-tz*, white stone, with formative suffix Cf *haolin*

pew ME *puwe*, OF *puie*, balcony, balustrade, from *podia*, pl of *podium*, elevated balcony, imperial seat in theatre, G *podior*, base, pedestal, dim of *ποῦς*, *ποδ-*, foot From *podium* comes archaic F *puie*, with wide range of meanings in OF, and found in sense of hill in many geog names, e.g. *Puy-de-Dôme* (Auvergne) Orig sense of *pew* as raised place of dignity survives, at any rate up to time of writing, in the *squire's pew*

Nor was there [in the theatre] any pretty woman that I did see, but my wife, who sat in my lady Fox's pew with her (Pepys, Feb 15, 1669).

pewit, peewit Imit of cry, cf Du *pievit*, Ger *kiebitz*, E dial *peeweeep*

pewter ME. *peuthe*, *peuthe*, etc., OF *peuthe* (12 cent), for earlier **pethe*, cf It *petiro*, Sp *pethe* There are also later OF forms in *esp-*, with which cf synon E *speller* Origin unknown, although much discussed Cf obscure origin of other alloy metals (*brass*, *latten*).

pfennig Ger. *penny* (q.v)

ph- L transliteration of G *φ*, and found prop only in words of G origin This *ph-* was replaced in VL by *f-*, so that in OF we find *filosofo*, *fiscien*, etc., which passed into ME; but these have nearly all been restored Occ there are doublets, e.g. *fancy*, *phantasy*, *frantic*, *phrenetic* In some words imit. *ph-* is a barbarism, e.g. *phutheg*

phonetic G φωνητικὴ from φωνή sound
Orig used (1797) by Zoega of ancient
inscriptions representing sounds instead
of pictures Since middle of 19 cent esp
in ref to spelling and to the scientific study
of sound-change in lang Cf *phonol* ΔV in
same sense

The science of phonology is the science to the
study of language but we must not forget that
it is but the outer vestibule not the inner shrine
itself (Whitney)

phonograph Orig character representing a
sound (*phonography* phonetic spelling) is
recorded for 1701 from 1837 associated
with Pitman's short hand from 1877 with
Edison's talking machine but now giving
way to *gramophone* (q.v.)

phonopore Apparatus for transmitting tele-
phonic messages on telegraph wires From
G φωνος passage

phore phorous From G φωρος from
φωρ to bear chiefly in scientific terms
cf *fer ferous* See *semaphore*

phosphorus L G φωσφορος light bearing
from φως light (v.s.) Orig the morning
star (cf. *lucifer*) later applied to any
luminous substance and since its dis-
covery in 1669 to a chem element

photograph From G φως φωρ light
γραφειν to write etc. Introduced (1839)
by Sir John Herschel perhaps as compromise
between rival candidates *photo ene helio-*
graph and at once adopted into F *Photo-*
graphie Γ is a hybrid from *grature* en-
graving

phrase F L G φραση from φραζειν to
point out till now often used of stereo-
typed or meaningless expressions such as
freedom of the seas democratic control of self-
determination of peoples etc

I would warn you in all sincerity not to mistake
phrases for facts (D Lloyd George Mar 13, 1915)

phratry G φρατρία, clan division of tribe
from φρατερ brother

phrenetic Learned form of *phantasy* (q.v.)

phrenology Lit mental science From G
φρη; φρη mind cf F *phrénologie*

Coined (c. 1815) by Gall and Spurzheim

Phrygian Of Phrygia in Asia Minor the
national cap of which has been identified
in modern times with the cap of liberty

phthisis L C φθισις from φθειν to
waste away From 16 cent

phytology Science of sea weed L *fucus* G
φύκος

phyllactery ME *flisterie* (Wyc) L G φυ-

λακτριον guard amulet from φ λατρε
to guard cf OF *fila sere* (*phylis tere*) Orig
case containing four OT texts viz *Deut*
vi 4-9 xl 13-21 *Lev* xiii 1-10 *11-16*
Ye shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, &
they shall be for frontlet between your eyes
(Psalm x 381)

phylarch G φ λαρχος head of a tribe φ λ
Phyllis See *Phyllis*

phylloxera Vine-pest Coined (1834) from
G φ λ leaf ἐρησεν dry

phylogeny History of race Ger *phyl er e*
(Haeckel 1866) from φ λ tribe

physeter Sperm whale L C φισητερ from
φυσω to blow

physic ME *fisike* OF *psique* L G φυσικη
(= φυσικη) knowledge of nature φυσικη
from φειν to produce cogn with L *psu*
and ult with F *be* With *physica* cogn
trasted with *moral* cf F *physique* bodily
constitution contrasted with *moral* (of
troops etc.) Sense of healing (earth, ME)
is evolved from that of familiarity with
bodily processes etc

physiognomy ME *fisnisme* etc from OF
(*physiognomie*) L G φυσιογνωμονα from
φυσ nature γινωσκω γινωσκο judge in
interpreter See *gnomon* Associated in a
statute of Henry VIII against fortune-
telling with *physi* and *physiognomy*

I know a man by the fisnomy thy hand it were to
tele (NED 400)

physiography Coined (19 cent) on *physi-*
logy

physiology I *physiologie* L G φυσιολογια
study of nature (v.s.)

physique See *physic*

phytology Botany From G φυτε plant

pi (math) Ratio of circumference to dia-
meter Name of G letter π so used by
Euler (1745)

pi (sl) Schoolboy abbrev of *pius*
Hence *pi squa* a prayer meeting etc

piacular Expatriate L *piacularis* from
piacere to appear to appease See
expiate

piasse (spice) From F *piac* to strut, etc
perhaps imit of stamping

piastater and Membrane of brain Med
renderings synon Arab. *umma aqra* under
mother Cf *du a mare*

piano It short for *pianoforte* or *sonopiano*
The piano unit for loud L *planus*
even with *fatis* strong Invented (1710)
by Cristofori of Padua *Pianus* (c. 1900)
is apparently intended for a calm

-phile See *-phil*

philibeg See *filibeg*

philippic L, G *φιλιππίος*, orig name of orations in which Demosthenes, like an Athenian Lord Roberts, urged his countrymen to arm for their liberty against *Philip of Macedon*, father of Alexander the Great. The name means lover of horses (see *hippopotamus*). To *appeal from Philip drunk to Philip sober* is trad ascribed to a poor widow against whom the king had given judgment when in his normal condition.

philippina, philopoena Ger custom of present-giving connected with double kernel in nut Ger *vielliebchen*, dim from *viel* *lieb*, very dear, became by folk-etym *Philippchen*, little Philip, whence F *Philippine*, etc

Philistine F *philistin*, Late L, G. pl *φιλιστινῶν*, Heb *p'lishtim*, pl name of tribe, cogn with *Palestine*. Current sense of uncultured person, chiefly due to Matthew Arnold, is adapted from Ger *Philister*, used (orig at Jena, 17 cent) in student slang for townee, outsider, and trad due to the text *Philister über du*, the Philistines are upon thee (*Judges*, xvi), chosen by univ preacher of Jena after a fatal "town and gown" in 1689. So explained as early as 1716.

Philis Neat-handed maid (*Allegro*, 87). Earlier stock name for rustic sweetheart, often coupled (by mistaken derivation) with *Philander*. L *Phyllis*, rustic maid in Virg and Hor, G *Φυλλίς*, from *φύλλον*, leaf. philo-, phil- G *φίλο-*, *φιλ-*, from *φίλος*, dear, *φιλῶν*, to love. Often used to form nonce-words, e.g. the *philo-Hun pacifists*. Opposite is *mis-*, *mis-*, e.g. *misogynist*, *misanthropy*.

philology F *philologie*, L, G *φιλολογία*, love of words, literature, etc

In conclusion he [Bishop Ussher] recommended to me ye study of philology above all human studies (Evelyn)

philomath Lover of learning See *mathematics*

Philomel F *philomèle*, L, G *φιλομήλα*, understood as lover of song, *μέλος*, but perh lover of apples, *μήλα*. Poet name for nightingale, whence myth of Philomela and Procne. In ME usu *philomene*.

philopoena See *philippina*

philoprogenitiveness Coined (1815) by the phrenologist Spurzheim for the bump indicating love of offspring, progeny

philosopher AF. *filosofie*, OF. *filosofo* (*philosophie*), with *-i-* inserted (as in *barrister*), L, G *φιλόσοφος*, lover of wisdom (see *sophist*). Used in Middle Ages of adept in occult science, whence *philosophers' stone* (see quot. s.v. *chian*), MedL *lapis philosophorum*, cf. F. *pietre philosophale*. Some mod senses of *philosophy*, *philosophical* (to take one's troubles *philosophically*) seem to refer esp to the stoic philosophers.

Thou wert my guide, philosopher and friend (*Essay on Man*, iv 390).

philtre. F, L, G *φίλτρον*, love-potion, from *φιλῶν*, to love

phit [ncol] Imit of sound of mod bullet

phiz For *physiognomy*. One of the clipped words of late 17 cent; cf *mob*, *cit*, etc.

phlebotomy Blood letting ME & OF *flebotomie*, L, G *φλεβοτομία*, from *φλέβ*, *φλεβ-*, vein, *τέμνειν*, to cut. See *steam*

phlegm ME & OF. *flemme* (*flegme*), etc, Late L, G. *φλέγμα*, inflammation, clammy humour, from *φλέγειν*, to burn; cf. It. *flemma*, Sp *flema*. One of the medieval four "humours," producing apathy. Hence *phlegmatic*. Sense-development is curious as the word is cogn with *flame*

phlogistic Combustible, fiery From G *φλογιστός*, inflammable (v.s.)

phlox L, G *φλόξ*, lit flame (v.s), cf Ger. *flammenblume*.

-phobe, -phobia. G. -φοβος, -φοβία, from *φόβος*, fear. Earliest is *hydrophobia* (q.v.) In mod nonce-words -*phobe* is opposite of -*phil*

He seems to have a "phobia" of sentimentality, like a small boy who would rather die than kiss his sister in public (*Times Lit Sup* June 12, 1919)

phocine Of the seal, L, G *φώκη*; cf. F *phoque*

Phoenician ME *Femicien*, etc, OF., from L *Phoenicia* (sc *terra*), from G *Φοινίκη*, from *Φοινίξ*, *Φοίνικ-*, a Phoenician, ident. with *phoenix*, but reason for name uncertain. The Phoenicians were trad the inventors of letters. The lang is Semit and akin to Hebrew

phoenix AS & ME. *femix*, L, G *φοινίξ*, purple-red (v.s). Name and myth are found in most Europ langs

pholas Boring mollusc G. *φωλάς*, lurking in a hole, *φωλεύς*

-phone First in *telephone* (q.v.), from G *φωνή*, voice. Hence more recent *microphone*, *radiophone*, etc

tradition derives the word from a Dutchman *Benckels* who discovered (1416) means of preserving herrings. With to be in a *pickle* (Du *in de fêkel zitten*) cf. to be in hot water (in the soup etc.). A young *pick* is "hot stuff" but some would connect this rather with *Puck*. In *pickle* has gen. sense of in preparation reserve but *red* is *pick* e refers to actual saturation with a view to efficiency.

They answered that they could not *pick* bl. bee in worse *pickl* than they were at that presen t
(Hakl v 143 c. 15)

Most impudent and *pick* I'd go this (NFD 1691)

pickwick [archaic] Trade name for cheap cigar (c 1850)

Pickwickian sense. See *Pickwick Papers* ch. 1. Dickens took the name from that of the proprietor of a Bath coach (see ch. xxxv). It is derived from the village of *Pickwick* (Wilts).

picnic First in Chesterfield's *Letters* (1748)

F *picque nique* (17 cent.) redupl. on *piquer* to pick. Early E. instances are often *piquer nique* and the word is commonly italicized as foreign. Now widely adopted by Europeans.

picot Small loop purt. F. from *picoter* to prick etc. (v. 1)

picotee. Carnation with variegated edge. F. *picole* p.p. of *picoter* to prick frequent of *piquer* (see *pick*). Cf. *pink*.

picric [chem.] From G. *pyropus* bitter.

Pict [hist.] Late L. fl. *Picti* taken as meaning *picti* painted but prob. from Celt name of tribe cf. the Gaulish *Pictavi* whence *Posidon Positers*.

picture L. *pictura* from *pingere* *pict* to paint cf. It. *pittura* a F. *peinture* (VL *pinctura*). With *picture* hat (19 cent.) from pictures of Gainsborough Reynolds cf. Gainsborough hat. *Pictu* esque is altered from F. *pittoresque*. It. *pittoresco*. *Pictura* house (palace) is 20 cent.

piddle To trifle. Also *petite pilla*. From 16 cent. App a dial word with LC cognates. In childish use perh. a perversion of *piss*.

pidgin pigeon. I. astern jargon esp. in China made up chiefly of E. words. *lingua franca* of the East also called *pigron English*. Extended in varying forms to Africa and Australia. Chin. perversion of E. *business* in which sense it is also used.

All boys belonging on place you savvy b. master

come now h. now f. llama t. he strong fell too much. No more. h. se. God save m. K. g.
(O. F. *Proel* to *habitant* f. *blum* k.
A. A. p. d. g. Oct 1914)

pie Now usu. *ma pie* (q. v.). F. L. *pica* cogn. with *picus* wood pecker. The comestible *pie* (MedL. *pica*) is the same word though the reason for the name may be connected with some forgotten piece of folklore. It has been suggested that it may have to do with the magpie's habit of making miscellaneous collections. Cf. relation of *ha gis* to archaic F. *a ace* magpie and double sense of ob. E. *hevel* (1 Hen. III. v. 1) ja kdaw round pie from F. *chouette* now screech-owl but formerly chough jackdaw a bird which is also a collector of oddments. The identity of the two words is also indicated by F. *trouver la pie a la main* to discover the secret and synon. 16 cent. *descouvrir le pail*. *Pinter* s. *pie* (17 cent.) unsorted type is called *pail* in French while *pail* is also used of a job lot of curiosities which one buys in hopes of finding some good item in the collection like Little Jack Horner who had a *finger in the pie*. For archaic *pie* ordinal whence oath by Cock (Gaul) a *d pie* see *pica*.

The number and hundred f. th. ules called the *pie* (F. *est* Book f. *Commo* P. 1er 349-49)

crostaa a ki de f. d. at p. hew t. h. paste t. (Fl.)

it a *ducou* et f. *past* h. h. th. f. d. o. t. th. myst. ne (Cotg.)

pie [Anglo Ind.] As *piece* (q. v.)

piebald *Bald* a. i. e. streaked (see *bald*) like a magpie (see *pie*). Prop. black and white only but cf. extended sense of *fied*. Cf. F. *cheval pie* in same sense.

piece Ori. sense is a fixed amount or measure (cf. *of a piece* with) not a bit though the senses are later confused e.g. a *three penny piece* (bit). F. *pièce* cf. It. *pezza*. Sp. *pie* a. MedL. *pec* a *petra* usu. supposed to be of Celt. origin and cogn. with F. *petit*. Sense-development took place mostly in F. in which *pièce* can mean almost anything and the word partly displaced in E. native *deal*. See also *patch* *meat*. Quot. below for *piece work* is mu. h. older than NED record (1, 05).

No person of th. craft of cappers had p. towt any piece woo k b. t. to such of th. same craft
(Cotton y. Lett Book 1349)

Thus am I bold t. unf. id. a *peer* f. my mynd
(NED 157)

piastre F, It *piasta*, short for *piastra d'argento*, leaf of silver, orig applied in It to Sp silver *peso*, cf It *piastro*, plaster (q v), and see *plate*

piazza It, place (q v), open square, market place, cf Sp *plaza* In E also erroneously applied to the colonnade of Covent Garden, designed by Inigo Jones, instead of to the market-place itself

The piazza [market square of Leghorn] is very fayre and comodious, and with the church gave the first hint to the building both of the church and piazza in Covent Garden (Evelyn)

piazza a market place or chief street, such is that in Covent-Garden The close walks in Covent-Garden are not so properly the Piazza, as the ground which is inclosed within the rails (Blount)

pibroch Series of variations on bagpipe Gael *piobaireachd*, from *piobair*, piper, from *piob*, E *pipe* (q v) Popularized in E by Scott

pica [typ] L, magpie Earlier used, with *pie*, in sense of set of rules for fixing Church feasts in accordance with displacement of Easter Prob "black and white" is the orig idea For application to type cf. *brevier* (q v), *primer*

picador Sp, pricker, from *picar*, to prick See *pick*², *pique*

picaninny See *piccaninny*

picaresque F, esp in roman *picaresque*, rogue novel (e.g. *Gil Blas*), Sp *picaresco*, prob from *picar*, to prick (cf to *pick* and *steal*)

picaroon Rogue, esp pirate Sp *picarón*, augment of *picaro*, rogue (v s) First in Capt John Smith

piccadill [obs] Common in 17 cent Orig cut edge of ruff, etc., later, fashionable collar with perforated border OF *piccadille*, app from Sp *picado*, pricked, cut (v s) Hence *Piccadilly*, though exact connection is uncertain

pickadill the round hem or the several divisions set together about the skirt of a garment, or other thing, also a kinde of stiff collar, made in fashion of a band Hence perchance that famous ordinary near St James called *Pickadilly*; because it was then the outmost or skirt house of the suburbs that way Others say it took its name from this, that one Higgins a tailor, who built it, got most of his estate by pickadilles, which in the last age were much worn in England (Blount)

piccalilli In 18 cent also *piccalillo*, *pacohilla*. Prob arbitrary formation on *pickle*.

piccanunny, **picaninny** From 17 cent Negro dim of Sp *pequeño* or Port *pequeno*, small, of unknown origin, cf Port *pequeno*,

tiny. It is uncertain whether the word arose in Sp. or Port colonies, or in the E or W. Ind, but it has spread remarkably (WAfr, Cape, Austral, etc)

piccolo It, small Orig in *piccolo flute*, It *piccolo flauto* It *piccolo* belongs to same group as Sp *pequeño* (v s).

pice EInd copper coin, quarter anna Hind *paisā*, ? from Sanskrit *pad*, *padī*, quarter.

pick¹ Noun Ident with earlier *pique* (q v)

Used also in early Sc for *pique*, weapon

pick² Verb In ME also *pique* AS *pycan*, cf ON *þikka*, to peck, prick, Du *þikken*, to pick, peck, Ger *picken* (from LG), to peck, puncture, also F *piquer*, It *piccare*, Sp *picar*. The relation of all these words is obscure, but they are prob cogn with *beak* and with L *picus*, wood-pecker, and the senses are all developed from the pecking action of a bird See also *peck*², *pitch*². With to *pick* a quarrel with (earlier ON), cf to *fasten* a quarrel on *Pick-me-up* is US With *pickpocket* (16 cent) cf *pickpurse* (Chauc)

The seyde parsonne hathe pekyd a qwarell on to Mastyr Recheforth (Paston Let 187)

pick-a-back In 16 cent also a *pick pack*, redupl on *pack*, as carried on shoulders, early altered by association with *back*. The dial and baby vars are numerous Cf Norw Dan *med pik og pak*, with bag and baggage

St Christopher carried Christ a pick pack (NED 1677)

pickage [archaic] Due for breaking ground when setting up booth at fair AF *picage*, from F *piquer*, to pick, pierce

pickaxe Altered by folk-etym from ME *pikois*, OF *picois*, from *piquer* (v s) Cf *curtle-axe*

Pickoys with which they myned down the wallis (Paston Let).

pickerel Dim of *pique*; cf *cocherel*

"Bet is," quod he, "a pyk than a pykerel" (Chauc E 1419)

picket Orig pointed stake, e.g. for picketing horses For sense of outlying detachment cf *post*^{1,2} F *piquet*, dim. of *pic*, pick, pike, peak *Picketing*, intimidation by strikers, "peaceful persuasion," is recorded for 1867

pickle Orig brine, Du *pekel*, earlier *peechel*, cf Ger. *pökel*, brine, from LG or Du. Prob from Du *þikken*, to prick, pierce, cf culinary sense of *piquant*. An unsupported

Mr Weller senior for *turnpike* (q v) *Pike* *pī* & *pitch* were formerly used indifferently and are still found in various connected senses in dial

pikelet [loc] Short for obs *bara pichlet* Welsh *bar apygyl* lit pitchy bread

popel as soft c les like our Welsh *lartap* l ds (Cotg)

pikestaff In ME pointed stick kind of alpenstock cf ON *pikstafr* In 16 cent shaft of *pike* spear (v s) But in *plain* as a *pikestaff* it is substituted for *pick* staff pole for carrying a pack distinguished by its plainness from the many medieval staffs of office etc Cf *plain* as a *pack saddle* (1553)

The ant bath circumpect on, ye ba en e
You packstaff plain the ant crafty and close
(Heywood, *Spuler* ad *Fly* 32)

pilaster F *pilast* & It. *pilastro* MedL. *pilastum* from *pila* pillar See *pila*

pilaw *pilaw* *pilaff* Oriental dish Turk Pers *pilaw* *Pilaff* is throu h Russ

pilchard Earlier (16 cent) *pilcher* Origin unknown Late appearance suggests that it may be a nickname from dial *pitch* to steal *pilcher* *fyshe* sardine (Pals.)

pile¹ Pointed stake javelin (her) AS *pil* dart L *pilum* javelin cf Du *pyl* Ger *pfel* arrow from L. Associated in later senses with *pila*² Hence built on *piles* *pile-driver*

pile² Heap etc F heap pyramid pier of bridge (see also *pila*¹) L *pila* pillar pier etc In sense of building *noble pile* etc partly due to obs *pila* fortress (v i) ident with *feel*² *Fune* *al pila* is prob partly due to *pyre* (q v) *Pile* (of wealth) is US and used by Franklin To *pila* on the a only is also US

Th taking of th tour of Aston in Scotland with other ples thir (Nas *Acas* 1485-88)

pile³ Of velvet etc L *pilus* hair whence F *poil* in same sense

pila⁴ Haemorrhoid L *pila* ball
pilate [biol] L *pilate* from *pila* cap Hence Mount *Pilatus* (Switz) *Pila* is also used of various capped fungi

pilfer OF *pelf* or from *pelfre* pelf (q v)
pilgaric [a chaic] For *piled* (peel'd) *garlic* Humorous for a bald headed person suggesting an onion

pilgrim ME *pellegrin* *pilgrim* Prov *pelle* *grin* or It. *pellegrino* cf F *pèlerin* Ger *pilgrim* (usu *pil* er) All from L *peregrinus* from *peregr* one who is abroad

(see *peregrine*) with dissim of *rr* Orig consonants survive in Sp. *peregrino* For final *m* cf *program* *tenom* etc The very early (c 1200) adoption of an It or Prov word is explained by the pilgrimage route to Rome via Pro ence or if pilgrims crossed the Alps they would encounter Rumansh *pellegrin* The Puritans who found'd (1620) the colony of Plymouth in Massachusetts called them elves *pil rims* but *Pilgrim Fa hers* first occurs in a poem of 1799

First they li upon th kn ee
And then on the Aborigines (A on)

The Pilgrim I th rs who land'd on Plymo th
Rock, of whom y k fow il sand th t it would ha
bee bett for th world f llym ith Rock had
landed on them (Times L i S p June 9 9 9)

They [th Pilgrim Mothers] had n t only to endure
the priv tion, s se ed by the Pilgrim F thers b t
also to endure th Pilgrim F thers well
(Re R W Thompson 192)

pill¹ [archaic] To peel AS *pilian* L *pila* s to strip of hair *pilus* and thus ident with *feel*² (q v) Still common in dial ME sense of plundering as in archaic to *pil* and *poll* influenced by cogn F *piller* to pillage (q v)

And Jacob took him rods of green poplar and pulled whit strakes in th m (Gen x 37)

pill² Medicine OF *pila* L *pila* ball or perh MedL *pilla* for dim *pila* whence F *pilule* It *pillola* cf Du *pil* Ger *pille* Mod slang sense of ball reproduces orig meaning hence to *pill* blackball (*Newcombs* ch xxx) also to reject at examination etc *Pill-box* small concrete fort occurs repeatedly in offic account of awards of V C Nov 27 191

pillage First (14 cent) as noun F from *piller* to plunder VL *pilare* for *pilare* to pill¹ cf It. *pigliare* to take snatch

pillar OF *pilar* (pil er) VL *pilare* from *pila* pillar *pila* cf Sp *pilar* From *pila* to *post* was orig a ngure from the tennis court usu associated with *loss* *banty*¹ (q v) Th expression is also used of shuttlecock in Marston's *What you will* (iv 2) the context suggesting that *pila* and *post* were names for the two ends of the court 2 accidentally derived from some famous tennis-court. The orig order *post* to *pilar* (Lyd ate) has been inverted to facilitate the rime with *lost*

E very minute tost,
Like to a tennis-ball, from pill to post
(*Literary and Prod* *satire* ii 4 160)

pièce de résistance F, chief dish, at which one can cut and come again

pie From *pie*¹ Orig black and white, later, motley (q v), variegated Cf F *tigré*, striped, and see *piebald*

Proud-pied April dressed in all his trim
(Shaks *Sonn* xcvi)

piepowder(s), court of [hist] Court of summary jurisdiction held at fairs AF *pie-poudrous*, way-farer, itinerant merchant, lit *dustyfoot*, which in ME was used in same sense

pier Orig (12 cent) support of bridge, later, jetty, landing-stage, etc Late AS *per*, AF *peie*, MedL *pera*; cf OF. (Picard & Walloon) *pire*, *piere*, breakwater The region of OF *pire* and its regular association with the Scheldt point to Teut origin Ger *bär*, bear, OHG *pero*, and Du *beer*, bear, boar, are found in same sense, and the latter is used of the warlike device called in E hist a *cat* or *sow* Hence the word may be an instance of the fig use of an animal name Orig sense, whether in ref to a bridge or breakwater, was prob row of piles or stakes For E *p-* corresponding to LG *b-* cf *pig* Also, in building, solid masonry between windows and other openings, whence *pier-glass*, occupying such a space

beer a bear, a bore Een steene beer a brick-bank, a mole, peer (Sevel)

beer bear, boar, peer head (Wilcocke)

piece F *percer*, OF *percier*, VL **peritiare*, from *perire*, *perit-*, to go through, cf origin of F *commencer* See also *perish*, with which early forms of *pierce* often coincide A *piecing shriek* is one that "goes through" you.

I panche a man or a beast, I perysshe his guttes with a weapon (Palsg)

Emptie a caske and yet not pensh [du Bart *percer*] it (Sylv 1. 2)

Pierian Of Πιερία, in N Thessaly, reputed home of Muses

A little learning is a dangerous thing,
Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring
(Pope, *Essay on Crit* 216).

pierrat F *Pierrot*, stock character of F pantomime, dum of *Pierre*, Peter Cf *Merry Andrew*

piety F *piété*, L *pietās*, from *pius* Doublet of *piety*, with which it is often synon in ME Hence *pietist*, *pietism*, esp of followers of Spenser, 17 cent. Ger. mystic *Pietà*, It,

is a representation of the Virgin holding the dead body of Christ

piezometer For measuring pressure Coined (1820) by Perkins from G *πίεζω*, to press

piff Impt, cf F. *pif-paf*, Ger. *puff-paff*, of sound of bullet. Hence prob *piffle*, dial word adopted by standard E c. 1890

pig. ME *pigge*, orig young pig, but now largely replacing *swine*; cf LG *bigge*, Du *big*. Origin unknown With *pig* of metal, orig (16 cent) of lead, cf earlier *sow*, used of a larger mass *Please the pigs* is explained in 18 cent as corrupt of *pyx* (q v.), but, if not arbitrary euph for *please God*, is more prob connected with the *pixies* *Pigtail* is used earliest of tobacco.

When ye proffer the pigge, open the poke [bag]
(AED c 1530).

pigeon F, Late L *pipio-n-*, young cheeping bird, from *pipire*, to pipe, cheep; cf It *piccione*, Sp *pitchón* Has replaced earlier *culver* and native *dove* Common from 16 cent in sense of victim of sharper *Pigeon-hole*, from likeness to apertures of dove-cote, is 19 cent

The dove is a symple byrde, and of her nature nourisheth well the pigeons of another dove
(Carton, *Mirror of World*)

pigeon English See *pidgm*

piggin [dial] Paul ? From *peg* See *roggin*. pigtile [loc] Small enclosure Earliest (early

13 cent) in MedL *piclet*, *piglet*; *pickel*, app dim formation cogn with *piece*, cf MedL *piclatum*, piece, patch Hence the common Yorks name *Pickles*

pigment L *pigmentum*, from root of *pingere*, to paint Cf *pimento*

pygmy See *pygmy*

pignorate From MedL *pignorare*, for *pignare*, from *pignus*, *pigner-* or *pignor-*, pledge

pigsnay [archaic] Darling ME. *pigges nye*, lit pig's eye, the latter word with prosthetic *n-*, as in *newt*, *nuncle*, etc Cf obs *pinkeny*, little-eye, darling (see *pink-eyed*).

pike AS *pic*, cf F *pic* and see *pick*², *pitch*². Sense of mountain summit in Lake Country represents a Norse form of the same word (cf *fell*, *force*, *scree*, *tarn*, and other Norse words in same locality) *Pike*, fish, is short for *pike-fish*, cf synon F *brochet*, from *broche*, spit, etc, in allusion to shape of jaw *Pike*, weapon, is cogn F *pique*, hence by *push of pike* (16 cent.), with which cf by *dint of sword*. *Pike* is also used by

pine¹ Tree AS *pin* L. *pinus* See also
pin apple
 pine² Verb Orig trans to torture AS
pinan from *pin* pain L. *puna* (cf *pain*
puna) cf Du *pijn* Cer *pein* O¹ *pina*
 Borrowed by Teut from L. with Chris-
 tianity and first applied to the pains of
 hell

He was t¹ken to su¹ pecc¹ion, and so t¹ r¹nyd¹ nd
 pyned y¹ he coude¹yd (N¹D 1474)

pine apple In ME. meant fr-cone cf F
pomme de pin in same sense Appld to
 fruit of pine- no shape whi h was called
 by 16 cent travellers *pina pine* after Sp
p¹ de fir cone Cf *pinial gland* & *pinial*
 after slape

Their pines are t¹ sh pe b¹ a p¹oe p¹le (ie fir
 cone) and of U¹ h¹kerone I think thome had their
 names (N¹urb. 211)

pinfold penfold (d al) Late A¹ *pinfold*
 associate with *pin* and *fen*¹ See *ground*
water

ping Limit of sound of rifle bullet Cf *pin*
pinx (c 1300)

pingud Corned engrind *lan u d* etc from
 L. *pinguis* fat

pinion¹ Wing orig end of wing Cf
pinion VL *pinna* from *pinus* & *r*
pinna & *ather* Hence verb to *pinion* orig
 to fasten wings of bird

pinion² [muck] Co. wheel esp in *ack* and
p¹ny F *pinion* from *pin* & *pin* (ie *pin*)
 comb I *pinion* Cf *t¹ r hammer* lit
 c mt wheel "the co¹ wheel in a mill"
 (Iudw)

pink¹ [shut] Ship Du earlier *pinche*
 wh¹ n e al¹ Cer *pinke* F *pinque* It
pinco Also clm Du e *pinke* (hil) cf O¹
espine whi h some derive from *espi*
 aspen wood Others connect the name of
 the vessel with the Teut name for *finch*
 (q v)

pink² pink Young salmon parr on
 minnw Cf Cer dial *pink* in same
 senses

pink³ Flower From *pink*¹ to perforate
 etc in allusion to the edges of the flower
 (cf *p¹ color*) Hence name of e¹ lour With
 the *p¹ k* (i perfection condition etc) of
 the flower (of chivalry etc)

Also Nay I am the very pink of courtesy

R m *Pinke flower*

Also Right (Rom & J I 114)

pink⁴ To perforate Cf IG *p¹cken* nasal
 ized form of word which appears in E

*pick*¹ (j v) & *piquer* etc In 1 cent esp
 of piercing with word in which sense it
 was no doubt a soldiers word from the
 Low Countries (cf *cashier*¹ *first* & etc)
 pink eyed Nov-dial malleyed (cf archaic
 Du *pinch oghen* convivere nectare
palpe¹ ras ocul¹ rum alternatim mo ere t
oculis semel oculi intueri oc¹ las contra
here et aliqui modo clauder (hil) from
pinchen *scintillare micare* (ib) The
 name of Henry Pinkney (H¹l & Poils
 1273) suggest that th¹ word old Qu¹
 belw may refer rather to the firm t¹
 of lithalmia called *pink eye* from *p¹ k¹*

Thin v it t¹ y h t¹ w t¹ w pink eyed Jews
 too (H¹l & P¹ I 114)

pinnae Archaic F *pinna* *pinna* Sp
pinna (13 cent) supposed to be c n
 nected with *pin* is pue But earliest
 I & VL form are *pinna* & *pinna* For similar
 double forms cf *pink* In the case of
pinna & the esp *pinna* forms may be due to
 a association with *epi* *sp¹* as the pinnae
 is usu described as a *speculum* *speculator* *um*
catascopum cf archaic Cer *poesch* *pin*
 olm Du *bespie* *scheepken* in same sense

T t l n e q b sa t order des
 gales p n x¹ p¹ p¹ b ges t touz les
 g¹ a¹ n¹ t d t l a¹ g¹
 F m h Ck f Lond¹ 3401

pinnae I *pinna* Late l *pinna* & l m
 dum of *pinna* [int] *pinna* cle oft n con-
 fused with *pinna* feather eg in *bulb*
Mat iv 3 *pinna* & l renders t¹ *pinna*
 y¹o¹ dim of *pinna* & l ing

pinnae I *pinna* & l *pinna* & l winged feathered
 (s)

pin F *pinna* cf It Sp Prov *pinna* also
 obs Du IC HC *pinna* Orm doubtful
 It may be ident with *pinna* mark (v r)
 and have been applied to a mark in a larger
 mea¹ ure cf Ab *pinna* wine measure with
 Scand & L¹ cognate sup¹o¹ed to be
 connected with the *pinna* & l for marking
 out the measure in a vessel

pintado Guinea fowl Port lit painted
 p p of *pinna* VL *pinna* See *pin* & l

pinle [teckn] AS *pinle* *pinle* lim of
 **pin* cf Du LG Cer *pin* *pin* s Chiefly
 naut and associated with *gudg¹on* (q v)

A *pin* & l a *pinna* for th¹ r¹th s
 (N¹h A d 1486)

piolet [Alp] Ice axe F from Savoy dial
 dum of *piole* cogn with F *pinna* mat
 tock and ult with *pinna* & l

pillion [archaic] First in early Sc (c 1500) Gael *puilean*, in same sense, from *peall*, skin, hide, L *pelus* Spenser also uses it in *Present State of Ireland* Cf Ir *pillín*

pillwinks [hist] Instrument of torture, of thumbscrew type Usu regarded as Sc, but found first as ME *pyrwynes*, *pyre-winkes*, with very numerous later vars in *pirli-*, *penny-*, etc Origin unknown Coincidence of earliest forms with those of *periwinkle*¹ suggests possible connection with L *peruvincire*, to bind thoroughly

pillory F *pilori*, with MedL forms showing association with *pillar* Also Gasc *espilori*, Prov *espilori*, which are app much later than earliest F & E records Origin unknown Not legally abolished till 1837

pillow AS *pyle*, cf Du *peluw*, Ger (poet) *pfuhl* (OHG *pfulwo*, also *pfulwi*), a very early WGer loan from L *pulvinus*, pillow (cf *pluck*) Archaic *pillow-bere*, pillow-case (Chauc A 694), preserves a ME word cogn with Ger *buhre* (from LG) With to take counsel of one's pillow (16 cent) cf to sleep upon (a matter)

pilose [biol] L *pilosus*, from *pilus*, hair

pilot F *pilote*, It *pilota*, OIt *pedota*, app from G πηδόν, oar, in pl rudder, cf OF *pedot* Replaced native *lodesman*, *lodeman*, AS *lādmann* (see *lodestone*) Quot below (rather earlier than NED) shows the word as a neologism

Wages and vitayle of 2 lodesmen alias pylotts
(French War, 1512-13)

pilule See *pill*

pimento Sp *pimiento* or Port *pimento*, pepper, L *pigmentum*, pigment, in MedL spiced drink, cf F *piment*

pimp Of obscure origin Malcolm's *London* quotes in this sense, from *Proteus Redivivus* (temp Charles II), *pimpinio*, which may be a "latinization" of OF *pimpreneau*, "a knave, rascall, varlet, scoundrell" (Cotg), app ident with *pimperneau*, a small eel See *pimpernel*

pimpernel Orig (13 cent) the great burnet F. *pimprenelle*, with parallel forms in It Sp Ger, etc The oldest appear to be MedL *pimpinella* (12 cent), glossed as OF *piprenelle*, and late AS *pipeneale* I suggest that *pimpinella* is a dum of L *pimpinna*, membrum virile (Martial, xi 72) *Mentula* is also a plant-name in MedL, cf also *orchid* and the numerous early plant-names in *-pint*, *-pinile*, one of which, *cuckoo-pint*,

is still in use (T Hardy). L *pimpinna* is a baby word (cf F *faire pipi*, to urinate)

pimping Cf Du *pimpel*, weak little man, *pimpelmees*, tit-mouse, which Franck connects with the imit *piepen*, to peep, twitter.

pimple Perh a thinned form of dial *pumple*, which is, however, recorded much later Cf OF *pompelle*, "a pumple, or pimple on the nose, or chin" (Cotg)

pin AS *pin*, peg; cf LG *pinne*, Du. *pin*, late ON *pinni*, L *pinna*, in late sense of pinnacle (Vulg Luke, iv 9) Earlier used for *peg* in to take down a *pin* (mus), whence also archaic in merry *pin* AS emblem of trifle from 14 cent, e g *not a pin*, *two pins* being a mod elaboration *Pinprich* was first used fig in 1885 to render F *politique de coups d'épingle* So also *pin-money* (16 cent) is for archaic F *épingles d'une femme* in sense of toilet accessories, etc, cf synon. Du *speldengeld*, from *speld*, *pin* Some senses of verb to *pin* (e g a man's arms to his sides) perh affected by *pinion*¹

pinne pinna, spiculum, cuspid, veruculum, aculeus (Lil.)

To pin ones faith on another's sleeve or take ail upon trust, for gospel that he saies
(Dict Cant. Crce)

Des coups d'épée, messieurs, des coups d'épée.
Mais pas de coups d'épingle.
(Tartarin de Tarascon)

pinafore Earlier (18 cent) *pin-a-fore*, because *pinned afore* the dress *Pinbefore* also occurs See *afore*

pinaster L, wild pine, from *pinus*

pince-nez F, pinch-nose Late 18 cent

pincers ME *pinsours*, *pinceours*, from F *pince*, to pinch

pinch Norm *pincher*, F *pincer*, nasalized form of a word which appears in It *pizzicare*, for earlier *piciare*, "to-pinch, to snip" (Flor), cf Flem *pinssen*, Ger dial *petzen*, *pfelzen* Ult hist unknown

at *pinch* upon a push, or exigence
(Dict Cant Crce)

pinchbeck Alloy-metal invented by Christopher *Pinchbeck*, Fleet St watchmaker (†1732) Now usu fig (cf *brummagem*)

Pindari Mounted marauder of Central India Urdu *pinḍārī*, Mahrattī *pendhārī* Perh from the region of *Pandhār* But the native belief that the name comes from an intoxicating drink called *pinda* has a curious parallel in *assassin*

pinder [loc] Keeper of pound From AS *gepyndan* (see *pound*², *pinfold*)

pisture [a *chaic*] Ant. All. *mi* e ant. ? ult. cogn. with C. *μ* *pu* e ant. First element alludes to urinous smell of anthill of archaic Du. *pismire* e and ModDu. *urstmier* from *zesten* to urinate

pliss F. *plisser* [rol. unit. cf. It. *placare*] Rum. *pliat* Also adopted orig. as euph. by most Teut. langs.

pistachio It. *pistacchio* a. L. C. *πιστάχιον* from *πιστα* e *pistachio* tree from OPers. (cf. Mod. Pers. *pistak*)

pistol [bat.] L. *pistol* um replacing earlier F. *rm* *pistil* *pistille* (qv). From resemblance to pestle (a mortar)

pistol Obs. F. *pistole* ap. st. rtened from *car* e *pist* It. *pistello* dim. from *pistolese* a great dagger hanger or wood knife (F. *for*) ? from *pistola* (Tuscany) still noted for metal work as in gun making. For transfer of sense from dagger to small fire-arm cf. *dag* (qv). F. r names of arms taken from supposed place of manufacture of Bayon e *pallis*

Was *let* a *bid* *nominal* *premier* *pour* e *petit* d. *quo* on *pe* *ard* q. on *so* b. t. [sed. f. l. e. a. *but* *ye* t. *lurent* a. *este* *ra* *va* n. *enore* *premiere* e. *ent* *pi* *toyers* *de* *pi* *diere* e. *et* f. *pi* *to* *le* *te* *quelque* *temps* *petit* l' *u* *vention* *des* *petites* *arquibuses* *étant* *venue* *on* *leur* *tran* *porta* l' *nom* *de* *ces* *petits* *pol* *mas* *la* *de* *puis* *en* *ore* *v* *appelé* *les* *arcs* *d'* *Es* *gi* *pi* *to* *le* *te* *pour* *e* *qu'ils* *went* *plus* *petits* *qu'* *les* *tres* (T. *bo* *ret* *des* *Accords* (13)

pistole Com. Ident. with *pistil* (qv) sense of coin perh. originat. in mil. slang. *Pistol* was also used of a coin in F. & I. and Ger. *schnapphahn* *pistol* whence archaic L. *snaphan* e was the name of a coin at the period of the Thirty Years War. *pus* *le* a *pi* *ol* t. a *dag* or *litt* *pi* *to* *le* also, the golden boyne learned a *pi* *to* *le* (Cot. 1)

piston F. It. *pistone* var. of *pistone* from *pista* e to pound etc. Late L. *pistula* e frequent of *pistula* e *pist* to beat pound. Cf. *pistula* *bit* t. (e. 100) in connection with pumps

pit AS. *pytt* WGer. *lan* from L. *puleus* well cf. Du. *put* Ger. *pfutze* The theat. *pit* (from 1, cent) was earlier *cockpit* from the *pit* used for cock fighting and other animal fights. It. *noe* also to *pit* one man against another lik. *fighting* cocks or dogs. *It* *fall* orig. for animal is from AS. *feal* trap cf. synon. Ger. *fule*

Can th. cockpit hold
Th. vasty field? (F. *ra* c. ?) (Hem. f. Prologue)
I did go to St. or L. a to se. cock fight e. t. a
new pit there (F. *ry* *ys*, Dec. 21. 1663.)

pit a *pat* I. *trier* *pit* *pat* redupl. on *pat*
pitch Noun. AS. *pic* I. *fir* *pic* In most Rom. & Teut. langs. e.g. I. *poix* Ger. *pech* its preparation from tar being no doubt learnt from the Romans. Cf. *py*

pitch Verb. Not found in AS. but app. cogn. with *pi* *h* *pise* (qv) of which it represents various uses in ML. *Th* *nas* was *pitch* Orig. to thrust in as e.g. to *pitch* a tent by driving in the pegs wh. *nce* to *put* *h* (the crickets) and noun *pit* *h* as in *e* *cket* *pitch* *dealer* e. *pitch* etc. (see also *bat* e) Sense of throwing d. veloped from that of actually hitting the mark *pitch* *ng* into cf. *put* *h* a. *li* *s* in which the first element expresses the idea of throwing at a mark while the second refers to the game of chance which is the sequel. I. *rom* *sen* e of throwing comes that of height (*mu* e *arch*) perh. orig. from *falconry* (see *low* e) *It* *h* *fork* for early *pitch* *h* (*Prompt* *Part*) has become associated with the *pit* *king* i.e. raising into a required position of sheaves etc.

I. *h* *id* *grol* *i* *pyck* *s* (r. with an. *ow* *you* (Pal. g)

pitchblende I. *rom* *pit* *h* See *blende*
pitcher OF. *pichier* (replaced by *pichet*) cf. It. *pichiera* MedL. *piscarius* *b* *ca* *ium* Ap. ident. with *leak* e (qv)

pitch AS. *piþa* cf. Du. *pit* and other LG. connotes Orig. of plants only but used in MF. of spinal marrow and in fig. sense of mettle vigour. For current sense of *pitchy* cf. synon. Ger. *markig* lit. marrowy

Rat. *4* *6* *u* *s* *th* *al* *wol* *en* *enyn*
If th. m. li. it my be. tee and my p. th.
(Ch. c. D. 474)

pithecanthrope [biol.] Missing link. Co. ned (1878) by Haeckel from C. *π* *θ* *os* *ape* *anthropos* *man*

pittance I. *piti* *ite* *pty* *pittance* of Oit. *p* *ian* *ity* *pittance* Sp. *pistancia* charity *pittance* MedL. *pistancia* sug. gesting derivation from L. *pietus* *piety* earliest sense of *pittance* being a dole established by pious bequest whence later meaning of scanty allowance etc. Prob. the It. is the orig. For sense-de. elopment cf. *charity*

piety F. *piété* L. *pietas* *pietati* *piety* which in Late L. assumed sen. e. of compassion no doubt via that of good works. With *p* *ious* MF. & OF. *p* *ious* (*pietous*) cf. *baunleous* *counteous* etc.

pivot F. of obscure origin but prob. of

pioneer F. *pionnier*, from *pion*, foot-soldier
See *pawn*², *peon*. Fig sense is in Bacon
Or fera de ses chevaliers
Une grant masse pionniers

(*Roman de Thèbes*, 12 cent.)

piou-piou [*hist*] F (slang), infantry soldier,
"Tommy" Now replaced by *poilu*

pious F *pieux*, VL **piosus*, for *pius*, de-
vout, whence OF *piu*, *pie*, as still in *pie-
mère*, pia mater. *Pious founder* is recorded
for early 17 cent

pip¹ Disease of poultry Obs Du *pippe*
(*pip*), cf Ger *pips* (from LG), for MHG
pfips, also F *pépie*, "the pip" (Cotg), It
pipita, "the pip that chickens have" (Flor),
Sp *pepita*, all from VL *pipita*, for *pituita*,
mucus, "fleume, snevill" (Coop)

pip² On cards or dice Earlier (c 1600)
peep, ident with *peep*² (q v), ² via sense
of eyes In Teut langs the *pips* are called
"eyes," in Rom langs "points," and the
words for "point" in the Rom langs also
mean "peep" of day

pip³ Of fruit Short for *pippin* (q v), with
which (c 1600) it was synon, being often
referred to as cry of Irish costermonger
Current sense, from c 1800 only, has been
affected by *pip*² Hence also to *pip*, black-
ball, defeat (cf *pill*²), now also of bullet-
wound, star indicating rank, etc, e g to
get one's second *pip*

pipal See *peepul*

pipe AS *pipe*, VL **pipa*, from *pipare*, to
pipe, cheep, like a young bird, of imit
origin Thus all the tubular senses app
start from a small reed pipe or whistle,
e g the *piping time of peace* (*Rich III*,
1 r), in contrast with the martial trumpet
Cf F *pipe*, It Sp *pipa*, also Du *pijp*,
Ger *pfife* *Pipe* (of port) is the same word,
via sense of cylinder *Pipeclay* was orig
used for making tobacco-pipes To *pipe*
one's eye (naut) is an obscure variation
on to *pipe away* (down, to quarters, etc),
with allusion to the boatswain's whistle
Piping-hot refers to the hissing of viands
in the frying pan The *pipe-rolls*, great
rolls of the exchequer, may have been
named from cylindrical appearance

He sente hire pyment, meeth, and spiced ale,
And wafres, pipyng hoot out of the gleede [hot
coals] (*Chauc A* 3378).

After all this dunc he has led the nation, he
must at last come to pay the piper himself
(*NED* 1681)

pip emma Mil slang for P.M See also *ack
emma*

pipi. Maori name of a shell-fish.

pipistrel Small bat It. *pipistrello*, "a night
bat or reare-mouse" (Flor), perverted var.
of *vipistrello*, for *vespertillo*, VL **vesper-
tillus*, for *vesperthio*, bat, from *vesper*,
evening

pipit Bird like lark Imit. of cry; cf *peuit*
pipkin Formerly in wider sense, including
metal vessels ²Dim. of *pipe*, cask, not
orig limited to wine Cf Sp *pipole*, keg,
from *pipa*, pipe, cask

pippin Orig (c 1300) pip³, kernel, later ap-
plied to seedling apple F *pépin*, "a
pippin, or kernell, the seed of fruit"
(Cotg.), cf Sp *pepita*, grain Origin un-
known Du. *pippling* shows the same
transition of sense, app due to ellipt use
of some such phrase as *golden pippin apple*
(cf *commerc. real bloods*, i.e. blood-
oranges)

A panyer full of pipyns and orynges [for Queen
Margaret] (*Covenry Lett Book*, 1457)

piquant Pres part of F. *piquer*, to sting, etc
See *prick*²

pique F, from *piquer*, to prick, sting To
pique oneself on, F *se piquer de*, is prob
from bird pecking and preening its plumage
(cf to *plume oneself on*).

piqué Fabric From F. *piquer*, to prick,
stitch.

piquet F (15 cent), perh. from *pique*, spade
at cards

piragua, peragua Boat Sp, Carib *piragua*,
dug-out canoe Cf F *pirogue*

pirate F, L *pirata*, G *peparis*, from *pepav*,
to attempt, attack In most Europ langs

Some dishonest booksellers, called land pirates
who make it their practice to steal impressions of
other men's copies (*NED* 1668)

pirogue See *piragua*

piquette F, orig spinning top, teetotum
etc Also in OF *piroquet*, Burgund *piro-
elle*, Guernsey *piroue*, cf It *pinuolo*, "a
top or gigge to play withal" (Flor), dim
of *pula*, in same sense ModF form perh
by association with *gironette*, weathercock

piscary [leg] MedL *piscaria*, fishing rights
from *piscis*, fish Cf *pisciculture*; *piscema*
orig fish-pond, in eccl sense with allusion
to pools of Bethesda and Siloam.

pisé Rammed earth F, p p of *piser*, L
pisare, *pisnare*, to ram

Pisgah view From Mount Pisgah, Heb
pisgāh, cleft, from which Moses viewed
Promised Land (*Deut* iii 27)

pish Natural interj, cf *tush*, *pooh*, etc

planchette *F* dim of *planche* plank In vented c 1835

plane¹ Tree *F* (now usu *platane*) *L* *G* πλανα from πλάτος broad in allusion to shape of leaves of Oriental plane

plane² Tool *F* *OF* *plane* Late *L* *plina* from *plinare* to smooth from *pinus* level

plane³ [math] Arbitrary 17 cent var of *plan* cf similar sense of *F* *plan* *Platin sailing* or *plane sailin* is navigation by a *plane chart* representing the earth's surface as plane instead of spherical Fig misunderstood as simple uncomplicated which is etym correct

plane⁴ [aeron] Verb *F* *planer* to hover from *plan* smooth level Also used as aphet for *aeroplane*

planesheer [naut] Ledge below gunwale of earlier man-of-war Folk-etym (*plane* and *sheer*) for obs *plancher* *F* boarding floor See *plank*

planet [astron & astrol] *F* *planète* Late *I* *G* πλανήτης wanderer from πλαν to lead astray With *planet struck* cf *moon struck*

planet² [eccl] Early claspable in form of traveller's cloak Ident with above wanderer's mantle Cf *pluvial*

plangent From pres part of *L* *planere* to beat

planish [techn] To flatten (metal) *OF* *planir planiss* (replaced by *aplani*) from *L* *planus* smooth

planisphere Flat projection of (part of) sphere *F* *planisphère* See *plane*² *sphere* *planisphere* an astrolabe (Cotg)

plank Norman Picard *planque* *F* *planche* Late *L* *planca* cogn with *G* πλάτ πλακ flat plate slab cf *OIt* *planca* *Sp* *plancha* Pol *plank* (of a platform) is US With to *plank down* (money) cf *Ger* *auf einem Brett be legen* and see *oof*

Protection is re-*us* *gonades* it protective *ist* *plank* (*D* *Ly Chm* Feb 1922)

plankton Collect name for floating organic life in sea *C* coined by Hensen from *C* πλανκτο drifting from πλανεσθαι to wander

plant AS *plante* young tree sapling (as still in *ash plant*) *L* *planta* sole of foot plant (secondary sense from treading in saplings) Later senses from *F* *plante* plant or plant act of planting from verb *planter* Cf *It* *pianta* *Sp* *planta* Also *Du*

plant *Ger* *pflanzen* *ON* *plan* *Ir* *cl* *ni* Welsh *plant* all from *L* Sense of apparatus etc springs from verbal sense of equipping establishing eg *plantin a new industry* (see *plant* *tion*) Sense of wind-trap is developed from that of thieves' hidden (planted) hoard (18 cent) With to *plant* abandon cf *F* *plant* *It*

plantain¹ *F* plant *OF* *L* *planta* *o* *plan* *ta* in from *planta* sole of foot in allusion to broad prostrate leaves

plantain² Banana *Sp* *plátano* *plátano* *L* *platanus* *plane*¹ The *F* form assimilated to the spell *no* of *plantain* The *Sp* word is perh also an assimilated form of some native Wind name (palatani one of the Carib vars of *bania*) as the *plantain* has no resemblance to the *plane*

Plantain, which the Portuguese call bayonhas (Anthony *h* *i* *t*, *n* *l'u* *h* *xv* 2)

plantation Hist sense of colony settlement as in the *Plantation of Ulster* or the *American Plantations* is due to the wide meaning assumed by the verb to *plant* The Colonial Office as formerly the *Plantation Office*

I will ppointe a place ad will plant *(I* *lg* *plant* *bo* *th* *n* *that* *th* *n* *v* *rem* *yn* *th* *re* *(Co* *rd* *5* *11)*

plantigrade [biol] Walking on the sole of the foot *L* *plants* like the bear as opposed to *digitate* toe walking like the cat *F* coined by (Cuvier) and Cuvier (1793)

plaque *F* tablet etc from *plaque* *er* (see *plaque* *d*) Now used in *E* of commemorative plates on historical houses in London

plash¹ [archaic] Pool AS *plac* *c* *com* *uth* *Du* *LG* *plas* and perh with *plak*

plash² Also archaic and poet *pleach* To intercalate twigs etc of hedge *OF* *pleissier* *VL* *plectiare* from *flectere* to weave cogn with *placare* to fold and *G* πλέ to weave Cf the common place name *Plessis* park etc as in *Plaisance* *Tours* (see *Quintus* *Divina* *d* *ch* *i*) *Plaisance* became obs in 17 cent its mod use being an echo of *Shaks* (*Measure* *for* *Measure*)

plash Splash Cf archaic *Du* *plischen* *Ger* *platschern* and *ceplash* with which it may be connected via the intermediate sense of dabbling See also *splash*

plasm For *protoplasma* *L* *C* πλάσμα from πλάσσω to mould Hence *plasma* in scientific neologisms and trade-name *plasma* in oats (for porridge)

similar sense-development to *pinle* (q v), cf It *pivolo*, peg, dibble, penis *Pivotal* men were (1918) released from the army for industrial purposes

The great translators are "pivotal" men in the history of literature (J S. Phillimore, Dec 1918)

pixy Also dial *pisky* Sw dial *pyske*, small fairy, dwarf, has been suggested, but the fact that *pixy* is essentially a west country word, its orig home being prob Cornwall, suggests rather a Celt origin

pizzicato [mus] It, from *pizzicare*, to pinch (q v)

pizzle [archaic] Penis of bull used as flogging instrument LG *pesel* or Flem *pezel*, dim of a word represented by Du *pees*, sinew, cf F *nerf de bœuf*, lit sinew of ox, in same sense

nerf de cerf a stags pizzle (Cotg)

placable OF, L *placabilis*, from *placare*, to appease, causal of *placère*, to please

placard F, from *plaquer*, "to clap, slat, stick, or past on, to lay flat upon" (Cotg), Du *plakken*, in same sense, prob imit of sound of daubing brush Orig offic document with large flat seal Connection with G *πλάξ*, *πλακ-*, flat surface, has also been suggested

placate From L *placare* See *placable*

place F, VL **plattia*, for *platea*, broad way, G *πλατεία* (sc *ὁδός*), from *πλατύς*, flat, wide, cf It *piazza*, Sp *plaza* Orig sense survives in *market-place* Many of the senses are found in F, but in E the word has completely replaced AS *stōw* and taken over meanings represented in F by *lieu* and *endroit* Another *place*, the House of Lords, is used by Burke To *take place* is for earlier to *have place*, translating F *avoir lieu* *Placeman*, *place-hunter* are early 18 cent.

placenta [biol] L, flat cake, from G *πλάξ*, *-λακ-*, flat plate

placer Gravel, etc containing gold Amer. Sp, from *plaza*, *place* (q v)

placet Affirmative vote at universities L, it pleases

placid F. *placide*, L *placidus*, cogn with *placère*, to please

plack [hist] Small coin (Sc) Flem *placke*, *plecke*, whence also OF *placque*, MedL *placca*, in similar sense Orig something flat

placket [archaic] Apron or petticoat For *placard*, in obs sense of breastplate

placoid [zool] From G *πλάξ*, *πλακ-*, flat plate.

plafond [arch] F, ceiling, orig. floor, for *plat fond*, flat bottom

plagiary Now usu *plagiarist* F *plagiaire* L *plagiarius*, kidnapper, used also by Martial for literary thief, from *plaga*, net

plagio- From G *πλάγιος*, oblique, from *πλάγος*, side

plague OF, L *plaga*, stroke, wound (whence F *plaie*, wound), cogn with L *plangere* and G *πληγνύναι*, from *πλῆσσειν*, to strike For extended sense cf that of *scourge* For fig uses, e.g. *plague take* cf *pest*, *pox*, etc

Betun with many *plagis* [var wounds] (Wyc. Luke, vii 47)

plaine OF *plair*, VL **platissus*, for *plateus* from G *πλατύς*, flat, cf Du *pladijs*, from L

plaid Orig garment, covering Gael. *plaid* cf. Ir *plaid*, blanket, Gael *peallaid*, sheepskin, ult from L *pellis*, skin Cf *pillow*

plain F, L *planus*, smooth, level, the older sense in E, whence noun *plain*, used OF & ME not necessarily of low land, but of any treeless stretch, e.g. *Mappperley Plains* are the highest ground near Nottingham With mod use as euph for ugly (v 1) cf US sense of *homely* *Plainsong* from F *plain chant*, cf It *canto piano* MedL *cantus planus* For *plain-sailing* see *plane*³

Whereas I expected she should have been a great beauty, she is a very plain girl (Pepys, July 28, 1660)

Plain living and high thinking are no more (Wordsw *Sonnets to Liberty*), vi

plaint [poet] F *plainte*, pp. fem of *plaindre*, to complain, L *plangere*, *plangere* to beat (the breast), or OF *plaint*, immediately from L *planctus*, cf It *pianto* Sp *llanto* Cf *plaintive*

plaintiff Spec use of OF. *plaintif*, from *plaindre*, to complain (v c). Cf *complainant*

plaster See *plaster*

plait Also *plat* OF *pleit*, L *phlectum*, from *phicare*, to fold, ? or *plectum*, from *plectere*, to weave Oldest sense survives in var *pleat* See also *plight*²

plan F, substantial use of adj *plan*, flat, smooth, L *planus*, applied to a ground plot as opposed to an elevation In lit. fig sense from c 1700 According to French renders Ger. *plangemäss*, much used (1918) of yielding ground

surname *Playfair* was usual for *playfellow* up to c 1500

We could at th t d tan see an ge (fi engine) play—that is, the w t r go out (Pepys, Apr 9 1667)

plea **plead** Both are *plaid* *plait* in AF & MF The noun archaic F *plaid* L *placitum* what pleases hence agreement decision is in the *Strasbourg oaths* (842) The verb F *plaisir* from the noun is represented in ModL by *placitare*

pleach See *plash*

plead See *plea*

pleasance [archaic] Delightful garden etc in MF *plaisure* delight courtesy etc OE *plaisance* from *plaire* *plais* to please (q v) Such place names as F *Plaisance* Sp *Plasencia* It. *Placenza* have the same origin

pleasant I *plaisant* pres part of *plaire* to please in ModF funny, jocular cf *pleasantry* F *plaisanterie*

Now Gilpin had a *plaisant* wit (Cowpe)

please F *plaire* *plais* VL **placere* for *placere* to please cogn with G *plā* & *flā*tnes Perh orig of moothering ruffled plumage Correct OF infin was *plaisir* now only noun whence E *pleasure* for ME *plesur* (cf *leisure*) Orig governed dat as in *please God* With *if you please* for earlier *if it please you* F *s'il vous plaît* cf *if you like* (see *like*) So also imper *please* for *may it please you*

pleat Var of *plait* (q v) preserving orig sense of that word For vowel cf *pleid* Obs as literary word in 17-18 cents but given by Walker (*Pronouncing Dict* 1,91) as a vicious pronunc of *plait*

plebeian F *plebèien* from L *plebeius* be longing to the *plebs* common people cogn with *plebique* many *plire* to fill *Plabiscite* in current sense F *plébiscite* L *plebiscitum* for *plebis scitu* n decree of the people (*sciscere scit* to decree from *scire* to know) came into gen use at time of French Revolution

plectrum Quill etc for striking cords of lyre L G *πληκτρον* from *πλησσω* to strike

pledge OF *puge* (noun) *pleier* (verb) whence archaic ModE *plenger* Found n Merovingian L as *pleuon* *plebium* *pleire* *plebre* (cf obs L *pleuon* warrant) app from a WGer verb to incur risk responsibility represented by AS *plon* Ger *pflegen* If this is right and the ap

proximate equivalence of E *pled* & Ger *pflicht* duty makes it likely *plet* & is ult cogn with *plaz* There is a curious contradiction between the archaic to *pled* & (in a bumper) and mod to *take the pledge* (1840-50)

pledget Plug tent of lint etc for wound From 16 cent ? Dim of ME *plege* (not in MED) app roll (v 1)

For *plige* flynen v 1 v 1 d (York *Mer A Ad* nt A ds 3 4)

Pleiad Used after F *pléiade* applied in 16 cent to seven poets of whom Ronsard was chief of a galaxy of writers L G *Πλάας* *Πλάυδς* group of stars trad connected with -*ι*ε to sail In Wyc (*Job* xxxviii 31)

pleio **pleo** **plio** From G *πλεω* more compar of *πάλς* much many See *plio*

pleistocene [*geol*] Coined by Lyell (1839) from G *πάλσς* most (vs) ai n

plenary Usu with *power* *indulgence* n *spiration* Late L *plenarius* from *plenus* full

plempotentiary MedL *plenipotentiarius* from *plenus* full *potentia* power Cf Ger *vollmacht*

plenish [Sc] OF *plenir* *pluniss* from L *plenus* full Chiefly in *plinishire* house hold gear esp as bride's outfit

plenitude F *plénitude* L *plenitudo* from *plenus* full

plenteous Altered on *betateous* o *leou* etc from ME & OF *plenious* from *plentif* VL *plentius* from *plenus* full Cf *bonituous*

plenty OF *plend* L *plenitas* *tit* from *plenus* full Adj sense (*ahé* *monet* is *plenty*) whence colloq adv sense (*plenty* *large enough*) represents ather OF adj *plentif* (cf *jolly* and see *plentiful*) Though now equivalent to *abundant* & *plenty* means etym enough fullness as still in dial

Of th *lo d* is th *erthe* and th *plent* of t (W t P xxiii 1)

pleo See *pleo* *plio*

pleonasm L G *πλεονασμος* from *πάλ* comp r neut of *πάλς* mu h

I've only fied th t p t mp v protem fr th tum being (A thot gard er 19 31)

plesiosaurus Coined (18 1) by Conybeare from G *πλησιον* near approximating *σαρος* lizard

plethora MedL C *πληθωρη* from *πλην* to become full Orig med for excess of humours cf *plethric*

plaster AS *plaster*, in med sense, VL *plastrum*, for *emplastrum*, G *ἐμπλαστρον*, from *ἐμπλάσσειν*, to daub over, from *τλάσσειν*, to mould. Building sense is from corresponding OF *plastre* (*plâche*), F having *emplâtre* in med sense. The var *plaister*, chiefly Sc & north, may be due to analogy of *maister* (*master*), OF *maistre*. *Plaster of Paris* was orig made from the gypsum of Montmartre.

plastic. F *plastique*, L, G *πλαστικός*, from *-λάσσειν*, to mould. Hence *plasticine*, trade-name for substitute for modelling clay.

plastron. Front of fencing jacket or dress-shirt. F, adapted from It *piastrone*, from *piastina*, breast-plate, cf *plaster*, *plastic*.

plat¹. Piece of ground (2 *Kings*, ix 26). Var of *plot*, due to influence of archaic *plat*, flat surface. The latter is F, ult G *πλατίς*, broad. Now usu as echo of Milton (*Penseroso*, 73), but once common for *plot*, plan.

This is the platt wick I finde best for this enterprise (Mary Q of Scots to Babington, July 17, 1586).

plat². See *plait*.

platan-e. Oriental plane-tree. OF. *platan* (*platane*), L *platanus*, plane³ (q.v.).

platband [*auch & hort*]. F *plate-bande*, lit flat band, also flower-border.

plate. OF, orig fem of adj *plat*, flat, Late L. **plattus*, G *-πᾶτις*, broad, cf It *piatta*, Sp *plata*, which developed esp sense of metal plate, hence precious metal, silver, as in *Rio de la Plata* (called *River of Plate* by 16 cent E sailors), *plate-ship*, etc. Earliest L. sense was also metallic, e.g. *breastplate*, *plate armour*. Railway sense, as in *plate-layer*, is a survival of the flat wheel-track formerly used in mines and called a *plate*. To *plate* an inferior metal with a nobler dates from c 1700. *Plate-glass* is a little later. As prize for horse-race, whence *plater*, from 17 cent.

And the order was to lay a thirti plate of silver (Wye. *Mass.*, xxi. 15).

plateau. I, OF *platel*, dim. from *plat*, flat (q.v.).

platen *platten* (typ.) Iron plate pressing paper against type. F. *platine*, from *plat*, flat (q.v.).

platform. F. *plate-forme*, lit. flat form. Earliest L. sense (16 cent) is ground-plan, etc., etc., in various applications. Current sense of railway and elevation for (platform) are to be noted. In pol sense of

program, set of principles, it is US (1840-50). See also *plot*.

Also that you doe seeke to observe with the instrument which I deliver you herewith the true platformes and distances (Hakl ii 123, 1588).

A sudden platform comes into my mind

(Grim the Collier, ii 1)

plateforme a platforme, plot, modell, or draught of a building; also, the foundation thereof; also, a platforme or square bulwarke; also, a certaine thicke board in the prow of a ship (Coig.)

platina. Earlier (18 cent) name for *platinum*. Sp, dim of *plata*, silver (see *plate*). *Platinum*, first introduced into Ger, was adopted in E by Davy.

platitude. F, coined from *plat*, flat, dull, after *latitude*, etc.

Platonic. L, G *Πλατωνικός*, from *Plato* (†348 B.C.). Esp in *Platonic love*, i.e. spiritual, without sensuality, a Renaissance idea. Cosmo de' Medici (15 cent) founded an *Accademia Platonica*.

platoon. F *peloton*, dim of *pelote*, a ball, pellet, hence an agglomeration. Earlier also *platoon*. In E spec a half-company, and described by the *NED*. (1908) as obs in Brit army. For revival cf *grenade*, *bomb*.

platten. See *platen*.

platter [*archaic*]. AF. *plater*, from F *plat*, dish, lit flat. It may have been modelled on *trencher* or altered from OF. dim *platel*, now *plateau*, tray.

Geve me here Jhon Baptiste heed in a platter (Wye. *dische*) (Lynd *Matt* xiv 6).

platypus. Ornithorhynchus (q.v.). G *-λαπί-ους*, flat-footed.

plaudit. For earlier *plaudite*, imper of *plaudere*, to clap the hands, appeal of Roman actors at end of play. Cf *explode*.

Nunc, spectatores, Jovis summi causa claudite (Plautus, *Amphitruo*).

plausible. L *plausibilis*, deserving applause, acceptable, from *plaudere*, *plaus-*, to clap, applaud (v.s.).

play. AS *plagan*, with gen. sense of brisk activity without spec reference to either business or amusement. The main current senses are found already in AS. Cogn with Ger *pflegen*, to be busily solicitous for, to be accustomed. *Plagiarism* is found in AS, rendering L *theatrum*, but some old compounds have been replaced by neologisms, e.g. the place-name *Plaster*, had the sense of mod *playground*, and the

plug Orig naut Du with LG cognates cf Ger *pflock* peg plug *Plug* tobacco is named from shape To *plug* work hard stick to it orig in rowing is partly imit of sound of oars With US *plug* contemptuous name for horse cf Dan *plag* foal Sv s Ger *pfug* sorry nag

plum AS *plune* L *pruna* n ut pl treated as fem sing G *apopon* For change of *r* to *l* cf Ger *pflaume* ON *pronia* This is perh due to the word having reached the Teutons via the Balkans still the great plum country (*l silb*) The *r* is kept in Du *pruim* F *prune* Applied from 17 cent also to raisins prob from their being substituted for the dried plums earlier used for *plum porridge* (*cake pud ding*) Cf su ar *plim* As slang name for £100 000 from 17 cent in sense of good thing prize from early 19 cent with allusion to Little Jack Horner

plumage F from *plume* (q v)

plumassier Worker in feathers F from *plumasse* augment of *plume* (q v)

plumb F *plomb* L *plumbum* lead Hence adj perpendicular and verb to sound (depth) Also *plumber* worker in lead in ME usu *plummer* as still in surname

plumbago L lead-ore and plant Has been used of various minerals current sense of black lead graphite datin^m from 18 cent

plume F L *pluma* Borrowed *punes* alludes to the jackdaw disguised as peacock With to *plume oneself* on cf a *father in one's cap* but orig metaphor was that of a bird pluming preening itself cf *pige*

Th y an l th f all w rs preen and plume them sel es on their arl torate st dpoint
(John I gies 9)

plummer block [*mech*] ? From name of inventor

plummet OF *plomet* *plonbet* dim of *plomb* lead L *plumbum* In Wyc (*Acts* xx ii 28)

plump¹ Fat Late MF *plonpe* coarse dull Du *plomp* blunt clumsy cf Ger *plump* coarse (from LC) Later sense of com fortably rounded perh due to association with *plum* and *plumb*

plump² To fall with a flop etc Imit but perh influenced by *plumb* cf It *piombare* to plunge and see *plunge* Here belongs verb to *pl m p* in vot ng which first appears (18 cent) in noun *plumper* undi added

vote which may also have been influenced by *plump*¹

plump³ [*archai*] Solid cla ter as in *plump of spears* reviv ed by Scott (*Marrion* i 3) Origin obscure cf similar use of *cl m p*

plunder First as verb Ger *plündern* from *plunder* orig household stuff etc nov rubb h lumber a IC word First used in L in ref to the Thirty Years War and actively introduced by Prince Rupert of the Rhine

plunge F *plonge* VL *plumbicare* from *plumbum* lead cf It *piomica* e ti *plunee* from *pio* *ibo* lead Hence *plun er ca* alry man re kle gambler both 19 cent

plunk Imit but some sen es suggest Picard *plong* er dual form of F *plonger* to plunge **pluperfect** Contr of F *plus-que-parfait* L *plus* *qua* i *perfectus* i (sc *tempu*) more than perfect First in Palsg

plural MF & OF *plurel* (*pl riell*) I *pl i ali* from *plus* *plur* more *Plurality* holding of more than one benefi e is in *Pers Plou n* In US politics it is used of excess of votes over next candidate when there are several as opposed to absolute majority

plus L more Introduced in mathematics with quasi prep force with *minus* (q v)

plush F *peluche* shag plush (Cotg) VL *pileuca* from *pile* hair cf Sp *pelusa* nap velvet and see *pile* h

plutocracy F *plutocratie* G *πλ τοκρατια* power of wealth πλ τορ *Pl tocrat* i a back formation after *aristocrat democ at* Plutonian Plutonic From G *Πλ τυρ* *Pl to* ruler of Hades

pluvial L *pluvialis* from *pluvia* rain Also (hist) an eccl vestment lit rain-cloak

ply Noun F *pli* fold bend from *plier* L *plicare* Chiefly in *three-ply* et and archaic to *like a ply* i e bent

ply² Verb Aphet for *apply* (q v) in sense of bu ying oneself wieldin^m sol citing etc In sense of regular transit between points orig naut and also used of Thames water men

Plymouth brethren Sect calling themselves "the Brethren" which arose c 1830 at Plymouth (Devon) The *plymouth rock* (lowl) is named from LS *Plymouth* reached by Mayflo er 16 0

pneumatic F *pneumatique* L C *pneumatikos* from *pneuma* breath spirit from π ν to blow

pneumonia C *πνευμονια* from πνε μω πν μω lung (v s)

pleurisy F *pleurésie*, from Late L *pleuritis*, for *pleuritis*, G *πλευρίτις*, from *πλευρά*, side, rib, whence also *pleuro-*
pleximeter [med] From G *πλήξις*, blow, percussion, from *πλήσσειν*, to strike
plexus [anat] Aggregate of fibres, etc L, from *plectere*, *plev-*, to plait, weave Esp in *solar plexus*, favourite mark of pugilists
pliable, **pliant** F, from *plier*, to bend, *ply*² (q v)

pligate [biol] L *phicatus*, from *phicare*, to fold

pliers From obs *ply*, to bend See *ply*¹

plight¹ [archaic] Pledge AS *plihht*, danger, risk, whence verb *plihhtan*, to endanger, later to pledge, promise, esp with *troth*, in ref to marriage, cf Du *phicht*, obligation, Ger *pflicht*, duty, and see *pledge*

And thereto I plight thee my troth

(*Marriage Service*)

plight² Condition ME *plht*, *plyt*, AF *plht*, var of *plait*, *pleat* From sense of fold was developed that of texture, "complexion" (q v), condition, orig in neutral sense, current sense and spelling (*sorry plight*, etc) having been influenced by earlier *plight*¹ *En bon plht*, in good condition, is common in AF

plyte, or *state* status (*Prompt Parv*)

A demie bukram cassok, plaine without plites (Ascham)

Plimsoll line, mark [naut] From S *Plimsoll*, MP, to whose exertions the Merchant Shipping Act (1876) against over-loading was chiefly due

plinth L, G *πλίνθος*, brick, squared stone

pliocene [geol] Coined, ? by Lyell, from G

πλείων, more, *καιός*, new -Cf *pleistocene*
plod In lit and fig sense from c 1560 Of imit origin, ? or cf ME & dial *plod*, *plud*, puddle, Gael Ir *plod*, pool, puddle

plop Imit, cf *plump*, *flop*

plot AS *plot* (of land), which, in view of its solitary occurrence and lack of Teut cognates, is prob F *pelote*, clod, VL **pilotta*, dim of *pila*, ball (for extension to something larger cf *moat*) This reappears in ME (15 cent) as *plotte*, prob a new borrowing from F The sense of scheme, which might naturally develop from that of flat surface (cf *plan*), was helped by association with *plat*, the two words being used indifferently (cf *platform*) The degeneration of sense, like that of *scheme*, *design*, was partly due to association with the related F *complot*, which had already

acquired the sense of conspiracy, and this was definitely fixed (1605) by Gunpowder Plot It may be noted that *platoon*, from the dim *peloton*, was also in earlier E *plotoon* With the *plot* of a story we may compare F *intrigue* (*d'une pièce*), and *nœud* (whence *dénouement*), used in the same sense The order of senses is thus—patch of ground, flat surface, ground plan of building, design in general, nefarious design See also *complot*, *plat*, *platform*

There have been divers good plottes devised, and wise counsells cast already, about reformation of that realme (Spenser, *State of Ireland*)

Our generall [= admiral] had plotted to goe for Newfoundland, and there to revictual, and to de part for the streits of Magellan, which plat, etc (Hakl)

plough AS *plōh* Com Teut, cf Du *ploeg*, Ger. *pflug*, ON *plōgr* See also *ear*² With *plough*, Charles' Wain, cf L *triones*, Great and Little Bear, lit plough-oxen On *Plough Monday*, first after Epiphany, spring ploughing begins *Plough-tail* is substituted for earlier *plough-start*, (see *redstart*, *stark-naked*), with which cf Du *Ploegstaart*, a famous wood in Flanders, named from its shape, anglicè *Plug Street* To *plough* in an examination is an arbitrary variation on *pluck* For *ploughshare* see *share*, *shear* See also *Luke*, iv 62

plover F *pluvier*, Late L **pluvarius*, from *pluvia*, rain Cf Sp *pluvial*, Ger *regen-pfeifer*, lit rain-piper, E dial *rainbird* Reason for name doubtful

pluck AS *pluccian*, *ploccan*, cf Du *plukken*, Ger *pflücken*, ON *plökka*, *plukka* Prob all borrowed (cf *pillow*), in connection with the northern trade with Rome in down and feathers, from VL **piluccare*, from *pilus*, hair, whence It *piluccare*, "to pick, or pull out haires or feathers one by one" (Flor), OF *peluchner* (cf. ModF *épilucher*), Norman-Picard *pluquer* Hence *pluck*, viscera of an animal, as being "plucked" out of the carcase (cf synon dial *gather*), adopted in 18 cent, like mod *guts*, as a pugilistic word for courage In this sense it is described as "blackguardly" by Scott, and was not used by ladies before the Crimean War (Hotten) It may have been partly suggested by the much earlier to *pluck up heart* (*courage, spirits*).

The proctor then walks up and down the room, so thrt any person who objects to the degree being granted may signify the same by pulling or plucking the proctor's robes (*Verdai t Gruen*)

magic potion philtre etc Cf Ger *gift*
poison lit gift

Je suis roïne mai le non [name]
En i perdu p r la poison [also call d is adn]
Q e nos beumes en la mer (Tr i 12 e t)

poissarde [hist] Parisian market woman
notably revolutionary Fem of *p issard*
pickpocket from *poix* pitch with allu-
sion to fingers but in later s use asso-
ciated with *poisson* fish as though fish
wife

poke¹ Bag Now chiefly dial e.g. *hop poke*
(Kent) or in to *buy a pig in a poke* i.e.
without examination for which Wyc has
to *buy a cat in the sack* (F *acheter chat en*
poché) (see *bag*) also as name for bonnet
(now *poke-bonnet*) ON *poki* cogn with
AS *fohha* (whence obs *pough* bag) Or
L word may be ON *foque* (see *pocket*)
which is of Teut origin Cf *pouch* and
see *pock*

Th y walwe as doon two pigges in a poke
(Chauc A 4278)

poke² To thrust Of LG origin Cf Du LG
poken also Du *pook* stick Ger *poelen*
to knock cogn with Norw *paak* stick
To *poke fun at* is 19 cent *Poky* paltry
petty is from the idea of poking in
sense of pottering The *holy poker* is Ir
poker Card game Orig US Cf Ger *pock*
pockspiel a bluffing card game from
pochen to brag lit to knock rap cogn
with *poke*²

polacre *polacca* [naut] Three masted Medi-
terranean ship Cf F *polacre* It Sp
polacra Du *polrak* Ger *polacke* all app-
meaning Polish (cf obs *Polack* Pole
Haml n 2) But it is difficult to see how
a Mediterranean rig could be named from
Poland Early authorities all describe the
polacre as pole masted i.e. with each
mast made of one piece of timber so that
the word may be of E formation from
*pole*¹ with jocular assim to *Polack*

polarize F *polariser* coined (1811) by Malus
as term in optics later applied to magne-
tism and electricity See *pole*²

polday [archaic] Course canvas From
Poldavide (Finistère) in Brittany Cf
doulas lockram

polder [geog] Land reclaimed from sea Du
earlier *pol* s Perh ident with Du *polder*
sow! run MedL *pullar* um

pole¹ Stake etc AS *pāl* L *pālus* Cf Du
paal Ger *pfahl* ON *pall* also from L (see

*pale*¹) Of ship's mast in *under bare poles*
For application to measure cf *rod perch*
also *yard chain* etc

pole² (geographical) F *p le* L G *r los*
pivot axis Cf It Span *polo* Du *p ol*
(er *pol* also from L Orig (Chauc) two
fixed points in celestial sphere around which
the stars appear to rev lve

poleaxe MF *pollax* as thou h from *poll*
head but formation from *pole*¹ seems more
likely Cf *halberd* Orig warlike weapon
halberd association with the butel r iating
from c 1700

polecat From OF *pole* (*poul*) hen from
its preying on poultry (q v) Cf *goshawk*
hen hawk etc See also *catchpole*

A d k th was pol at in lu ha
Th t a be yd bi po ns hadd y law
(Ch c. C 855)

polemarch [hist] Commander in chief (*πολέμαρχος* (v 1)

polemic G *πολ μος* from *πολ μ ε* war
Introduced by controversial theologians
of 17 cent

polenta It a meate used in Italie made of
barlie or chesnut flo re soaked in water and
then fride in oyle or butter (Flor) L *po*
lenta peeled barley from *polle* fine meal
police F civil administration MedL
politia whence also *policy*¹ *pol ty* (q v)
Current sense and *policeman* for a stable
from beginning of 19 cent

polyclinic [med] Clinic (q v) h ld in private
hou instead of hospital Ger *poliklinisch*
from *πολ ε* city From *pol clinic*

policy Statecraft OF *police* L G
πολιτεια from *πολιτης* citizen from *π ολ ις*
city Sc. sense of improvement on estate
is due to confusion with *polish* *polite*

policy Of insurance F *poli e* altered on
policy Ult MedL *apodissa* receipt for
L *apod riss* G *ap r t e* from *ἀποδο κ*
ν to make known Cf Prov *poli*
Port *ap'slice* also It *pol rra* invoice Sp
póliza For change of -d to l in words of
G origin Cf *pilot* In E from 16 cent

poligar Feudal chief in Sind Mahrattu
paligar from Tamil *pūṭṭam* feudal
estate Hence *poligar* -d-g fcm *poligar*
country

polish I *pol r* *poliss* L *polire* to polish
sm x th To *polish off* was orig pugilistic
Polish From Pole inhabitant of *Polonia*
used for earlier *Polack* *Polonian* *Polander*
The lang is Slav I or name of country see
polonia

po F pronunc of *pot*

poach¹ To dress eggs. F *pocher*, lit. to pouch, pocket, the yolk being enclosed by the white In OF & ME. we find *en poche* for poached

poach² To steal game Earlier *potch*, app ident with above But dial senses, to poke, trample, etc., belong to F *pocher*, to thrust, knock, of Teut origin (see *poke*²) In quot below the exact sense of F verb is uncertain See *foozle* for another possible connection

pocher le labour d'autrui to poche into, or incroach upon, another mans employment, practise, or trade (Cot.,)

pochard Diving bird App from F. *pocher*, to poke, etc (v s) It is also called *poker*

pock Usu in pl *pox*, for *pocks* AS *poc*, pustule, cogn with Du *poh*, Ger *pocke* (from LG), and ult with *pocket*, *poke*¹ *Smallpox*, as spec name of disease formerly called *poches*, *pox*, is from 17 cent

pocket AF *pokete*, dim of ONF *poque* (*poch*) See *poke*¹ First NED record (1781) for *pocket-handkerchief* is from Fanny Burney

pock-pudding Opprobrious Sc name for Englishman For *poke-pudding*, bag-pudding, see *poke*¹

pococurante It *poco curante*, little caring, L *paucum* and pres part of *curare*

pod¹ Of beans, etc Replaces (17 cent) earlier *cod* (*peasecod*) Origin unknown Prob much earlier than dict records

The poods [of pease in Angola] grow on the roots underneath the ground

(Andrew Battell, in Purch)

pod² US name for herd of whales, or seals Origin unknown

podagra Gout L, G *ποδάγρα*, from *πούς*, *pod-*, foot, *άγρα*, trap

podestà It, magistrate, L *potesias*, *-tat-*, power, from *potis*, powerful

podge Var of *pudge* (q v)

podium [arch] L, G *πόδιον*, dim of *πούς*, *pod-*, foot See *pew*

podophyllin [chem] Resin from plant *podophyllum*, from G *πούς*, *pod-*, foot, *φύλλον*, leaf

Podsnappery From *Podsnap*, character in *Our Mutual Friend*, fond of waving objections aside

Free-trade Podsnapery waves away such a necessity (*Referee*, April 29, 1917)

poem F *poème*, L, G *ποίημα*, var of *ποίημα*, from *ποιεῖν*, to make Cf *poet*, F. *poète*,

L, G. *ποιητής*, for *ποιητής* (cf early Sc. *maker*, poet), *poesy*, F *poésie*, from L, G, *ποίησις*, *poetry*, OF *poetrie*, Late L *poetina* *Poetaster* appears to have been borrowed by Ben Jonson from It *poetastro* or OF *poetastrie*, formed with pejorative suffix *-aster* See also *posy*

pogrom Russ, from verb *gromit'*, to batter, devastate, cogn with *gromiel'*, to thunder, cf *gromila*, burglar Usu of massacres of Jews

The total number of places pogrommed was 333, and the Jews killed 20,500

(*Daily Chron* Oct. 10, 1919.)

poignant Pres part of F *poindre*, to prick, stab, L *pungere*

poilu F, hairy, from *poil*, hair (of beard), L *pilus* The word is not new, e.g. Balzac uses it in the sense of bold, determined There was perh orig. a play on *brave à trois poils*, lit three-pile brave, a metaphor from velvet

poinsettia Flower Named (1836) from discoverer, J R Poinsett, US minister to Mexico

point F *point* (m), prick, dot, etc, L *punctum*, *pointe* (f), act of piercing, Late L *puncta*, from *pungere*, *punct-*, to prick, pierce, cf. It Sp *punto*, *punta*, in same groups of senses In sense of distinguishing mark now only in *strong point* *Point-blanc* is made with needle only. *Point-blank* is from *blank*, the white centre of the target, the marksman being considered close enough to point at this without allowing for curve, cf F. *de but en blanc*, *à bout portant*, *à brûle-pourpoint*, all in same sense, and obs F *de pointe en blanc*. *Point of honour*, F. *point d'honneur*, is adapted from Sp *pundonor*. Archaic *point device*, exactly, is ME *at point device*, from OF *devis*, arranged (see *devise*), and a *point*, just right, to a nicety. See also *edge* Spec sense of part of argument or chain of reasoning appears in to strain a *point*, make a *point of*

pointillism [art] From F *pointiller*, to cover with *pointilles*, small dots

poise OF *pois* (*poids*), earlier *pers*, L *pensum*, from *pendere*, to weigh Cf *avoir-dupois* The *-d-* in ModF. *poids* is due to mistaken association with L *pondus* In E the idea of weight has passed into that of balance

poison F, L *poiso-n-*, drink, from *potare*, to drink Mod sense arises from that of

supposed to have been orig made *Pomatium* is mod latinization

pomander [archaic] Perforated metal ball filled with aromatics pouncet box By dissim for earlier (15 cent) *pomatier* OF *pome ambr* apple of amber cf MedL *pomum ambræ* It was also called a *mush-ball* (Paston Let in 1464)

pomard se teurs a pomander r sweet ball (Cotg)

pomard **pommard** Burgundy wine Name of F village (Côte-d'Or) Cf *beaune*

pomatium See *pomade*

pombé Fermented drink in Central and E Afr Native (Swahili)

pomegranate OF *pome grana* (now simply *grenade* q v) cf It *granata* Sp *granada* from L *granum* seed Called in L *malum granatum* seeded apple and in VL also *garnade* apple *garnade* Wyc. has *pomina* *ga nei* *pumgarnade* Exotic fruits are commonly called apples" cf obs *pome citron* citron Ger *pomeranze* Seville orange lit apple orange *appel ine* orange lit Chinese apple also E *lois-apple* pine apple F *pomme-de terre* potato etc See also *melon marmalade*

pomelo Lind name for shaddock LS for grape fruit App from L *pomum* apple (v s)

pomeranian Dog from *Pomerania* Cer *Pommern* orig name of a Slav tribe Cf *Prussian*

Pomfret cake From *Pomfret* (Aorks) AF *font fret* broken bridge L *fontis font factus* Now latinized to *Pontefract*

pommard See *pomard*

pommel **pummel** OF *pomei* (*pommeau*) dim from L *pomum* apple applied to a rounded protuberance cf F *pommel* a cheek bone *pomme d'incanne* knob of walking stick Hence verb to *pommel* *pum* *iel* orig to beat about the head with pommel of sword or dagger

Pomona Roman goddess of fruit from *pomum* apple Hence *Pomona green*

pomp F *po npe* L G *πομπή* sol mn procession lit sending from πμπε to send *Pompous* is d precatory as early as Chauc. In the Church Catechism *pomp* has sense of *pompia diabolica* public spectacle show (v i)

That I h ld forsake the devil and all his workes and pompes th vanities of th wicked worl e (PB 1548-9)

That I should f reake the d ill d all his work s the pomps a d anities of the w ked w ld (PB 601)

pompadour Fashion hair dressing et From the *Marquise de Pompadour* (1717-64) mistress of Louis XV of France Cf *dolly varien*

pompier ladder From 1 *pompier* fireman lit pumper

pom pom Machine gun Imit. of report A word from the S Afr War (1899)

pompon Tufted tassel F perh lan use of OF *pompon* pumpkin

ponceau Poppy-colour F OF *pounce* dim of *poun* (pa n) peacock L *pavo-n* Cf F *coquelicot* wild poppy from *coq* cock

poncho Cloak S Amer Sp from Araucanian (Chile) native name Cf *gaucho*

pond Orig artificially banked pool Ident with *pound* (q v) which is still used for *pond* in dial Trace of older sense survives in compds (*duck fish mill* etc) For s use cf also Norw Dan *da n* dam pond ponder F *ponderer* to weigh L *ponderare* from *pondus* ponder weight Cf *preponderate* ponderous

pone [US] Maize flour bread \Amer Ind (Algonkin) *pone* *appone* *oppone* Capt John Smith has *ponap*

pongee Fabric Earlier *paunceke* \Chin *pun-chi* for *pun* *hi* own loom

pongo Nati e name in Angola or Loango for large anthropoid ape perh gorilla, with which Andrew Battell's description (Purch) agrees Also in recent use as nickname for marine

You a ldp us a na al off er more easily than you could as a pong (Coppleston L st v al P per 916)

poniard F *poignard* from *poing* fist L *poign* s cf OF *poignal* It *poenale* in same ense But prob associated also with *poindre* *poign* to pierce stab

pons asinorum L bridge of asses First (math) in Smollett Earlier in i gic

pontiff F *pontif* L *pontifex* hi h priest v hi h app means lit bridge-builder from L *pons* *pont* and *facere* The first element may perh be Oscan Umbrian *puntis* propitiatory offering but it may be noted that bridge building has always been regarded as a pious work of divine inspiration The L *pons* (cogn with *patk*) had orig the same sense as *brid* e l (q v)

pontoon F *ponton* L *pontic-n* punt (q v)

polite L *politus*, pp of *polire*, to polish
Cf F *poli*, It *pulito* Perh associated
with G *πολίτης*, citizen (cf. *urbane*)
politic F *politique*, L, G *πολιτικός*, from
πολίτης, citizen, from *πόλις*, city. Re-
placed, exc in sense of shrewd, and in
body politic, by *political* *Politics*, *poli-
tician* are 16 cent F *politique* has the
sense of trimmer

That insidious and crafty animal, vulgarly called
a politician (Adam Smith)

polity OF *politie*, learned form of *politie*.
See *polity*¹

polka Dance and jacket Polish, fem of
Polak, Pole, whence also F & Ger *polka*
Reached London (1842) from Paris via
Prague, Vienna Cf *polonaise*, *mazurka*

poll¹ Head Cf obs Du *pol*, *polle*, LG
polle, also Dan *puld*, crown of head Now
only of voting by head and in archaic
poll-tax, capitation Hence to *poll*, crop
the head (2 Sam xiv 26), now usu of
trees, whence *pollard* (oak, willow), earlier
and more gen sense surviving in *deed poll*,
a document executed by one party only,
as opposed to an indenture (v 1)

A deed-poll is that which is plaine without any
indenting, so called, because it is cut even or polled
(Coke)

poll² Parrot From name *Poll*, for *Moll* (cf.
Peg for *Meg*), earlier *Mal*, from *Mary* (cf
Hal, from *Harry*) NED quotes *pretty
Pall* for 1630 Hence verb to *poll-parrot*,
coined by Rogue Riderhood (*Mutual
Friend*)

poll³ Pass degree (Camb) Prob from G
οἰ-ολοί, the many, the multitude

pollack, pollock Kind of cod Prob from
*poll*¹, with fanciful assim to *Polack*, Pole
Cf *pollard*, obs name for chub

pollan Ir freshwater fish ? From Ir *poll*,
pool, mire

pollard See *poll*¹

pollen L, fine flour, dust, cogn with *pulvis*,
dust

pollcitation [leg] L *pollicitatio-n*-, from
pollicitari, to promise

pollute From L *polluere*, *pollut*-, from *pro*
and *luere*, to wash, cf L *lues*, filth

polly [neol] Slang for *apollinaris*

pollywog [dial] Tadpole ME *polwogle*,
from *poll*¹ and *wiggle*

polo Balti (dial of Indus valley), cf
Tibetan *pidu* First played in England at
Aldershot in 1871 See *chicanery*

polonaise Dress and dance F, fem of
polonais, Polish Cf *polka*

polonium [chem]. From MedL *Polonia*,
Poland Element discovered and named
(1898) by M and Mme Curie, the latter of
Polish nationality

polony Corrupt of *Bologna* (sausage), from
place of origin in Italy

poltergeist Ger, noisy spirit, from *poller*,
uproar, cogn with *boulder* (q.v.) Cf Du
buldergeest. Introduced, with *spook*, by
spiritualists See also *polter*

poltroon F *poltron*, It *poltrone*, from *pollro*,
"sluggard, idle, lazie, slothfull" (Flor).
Connected by some with It *poltro*, couch
It Sp. *pollro*, foal, is another possible
starting-point

poly- From G *πολύς*, *πολύ*, much, many,
eg *polyandry*, from *ἀνήρ*, *ἀνδρ*-, man,
polyanthus, from *ἄνθος*, flower, *polygamy*,
from *γάμος*, marriage, *polyglot*, from *γλῶτ*
τα, tongue, *polygon*, from *γωνία*, angle,
polyhedron, from *ἔδρα*, base, side, *polymath*,
G *πολυμαθής*, from *μαθάνειν*, to learn,
polytheism, from *θεός*, god

polyclinic General hospital For *polyclinic*
(q.v.), with changed spelling and meaning
polygonum [bot] From G *πολύγωνον*, knot-
grass, from *γόνυ*, knee

Polynesia Latinized from F *polynésie*,
coined (1756) by de Brosse from G *νήσος*,
island

polynia Open water amid polar ice Russ
polynya, from root of *polye*, field

polypus Octopus, cuttlefish L, G *πολύ-
πους*, from *πούς*, foot For application (14
cent) to growth in nose cf *canker*, *lupus*
polysynthetic [ling] Applied to langs, eg
NAmer. Ind, which combine a sentence
into a compound word

polytechnic F *polytechnique*, from G *πολύ-
τεχνος*, skilful in many arts (*τέχνη*), first
applied to the *école polytechnique*, engin-
eering school founded at Paris (1794) In
E to the *Polytechnic Institution*, founded
in London (1838)

polyvalent [neol] Of inoculation against all
zymotics From pres part of L *valēre*, to
be strong

pom [neol] Short for *Pomeranian* (q.v.)

pomace Crushed apples for cider Prob
plur of OF *pomat*, cider, MedL *pomatium*,
from L *pomum*, apple Cf *accidence*,
bodice, etc

pomade F *pommade*, It *pomata*, from
pomum, apple, from which the unguent is

supposed to have been orig. made. *Pomatum* is mod. latinization
pomander [archaic] Perforated metal ball filled with aromatics, pouncet box. By dissim. for earlier (15 cent) *pomumbe*. OF *pome ambre* apple of amber cf. MedL. *pomum ambræ*. It was also called a *musk-ball* (Pastor: *Let* III 464)

pomme d' senteur a pomander or sweet ball (Cotg.)

pomard **pommard** Burgundy wine. Name of the village (Côte-d'Or). Cf. *beaune*

pomate See *pomade*

pombé Fermented drink in Central and F. Afr. Native (Swahili)

pomegranate OF *pome grenade* (now simply *grenade* q.v.) cf. It *granata* Sp *granada* from L. *granum* seed. Called in L. *malus granatum* seeded apple and in ME also *garnade* *apple garnade*. Wyc. has *foam garnet* *pungarnade*. Exotic fruits are commonly called "apples" cf. obs. *pome citron*, citron. Ger. *pomeranze*. Seville orange lit. apple orange *apfelsine* orange lit. Chinese apple also E. *love-apple* *pine apple* F. *pomme-de-terre* potato etc. See also *melon marmalade*

pomelo Hind. name for shaddock. US for grape fruit. App. from L. *pomum* apple (v.s.)

pomeranian Dog from *Pomerania*. Cf. *Pommern* orig. name of a Slav tribe. Cf. *Prussian*

Pomfret cake From *Pomfret* (Yorks). AF *pont flet* broken bridge. L. *pons pont fractus*. Now latinized to *Pontefract*

pommard See *pon a d*

pommel **pummel** OF *pomel* (*pommeau*) dim. from L. *pomum* apple applied to a rounded protuberance cf. F. *pomme* *le* cheek bone *pomme d'u* *le* *canne* knob of walking stick. Hence verb to *pommel* *pummel* orig. to beat about the head with pommel of sword or dagger

Pomona Roman goddess of fruit from *pomum* apple. Hence *Pomona* *green*

pomp F. *pomp* L. *G* *pompa* solemn procession lit. sending from *pomp* *u* to send. *Pomp* *fous* is depreciatory as early as Chauc. In the Church Catechism *pon p* has sense of *pomp* *diaboli* public spectacle show (v.i.)

That I h. w. f. rak the devil and all h. workes and pompes: th. vanities of the wicked world. (PB 1548-9)

That I h. w. f. forsake th. d. n. l. and all h. workes th. pompes and. an. ties f. the w. k. d. world. (PB 603)

pompadour Fashion hair-dressing etc. From the *Marquise de Pompadour* (†1764) mistress of Louis XV of France. Cf. *dolls garden*

pompier ladder From F. *pompier* fireman lit. pumper

pompom Machine gun. Limit of report. A word from the S. Afr. War (1900)

pompon Tufted tassel. I. perh. lang. use of OF *pompon* pumpkin

ponceau Poppy-col. ur. F. OF *p* *incel* dim. of *poun* (*paon*) peacock. L. *paon* *n*. Cf. F. *coquelicot* wild poppy from *coq* cock.

poncho Cloak. S. Amer. Sp. from Araucanian (Chile) native name. Cf. *garcho*

pond Orig. artificially banked pool. Ident. with *poi nā* (q.v.) which is still used for *pond* in dial. Trace of older sense survives in compd. (*lick fish mill* etc.) For sense cf. also Norw. *Dan dam* dam pond. ponder F. *pondérer* to weigh. L. *ponderare* from *pondus* *ponder* weight. Cf. *preponderate* *ponderous*

pone {US} Maize flour bread. Amer. Ind. (Algonkian) *pone* *appon* *oppone*. Capt. John Smith has *ponip*

pongee Fabric. Earlier *paunchee*. N. Chin. *fen chi* for *fen* *hi* own loom

pongo Native name in Angola or Loango for large anthropoid ape. perh. gorilla with which Andrew Battell's description (Purch.) agrees. Also in recent use as nickname for marine

You could pass as a naval officer more easily than you could as a pongo

(Copplston *Last Naval Post* 1916)

poniard F. *poignard* from *poing* fist. L. *pugnus* cf. OF *poinal*. It *pugnax* in same sense. But prob. associated also with *poindre* *poign* to pierce stab

pons asinorum L. bridge of asses. First (math.) in Smollett. Earlier in logg.

pontiff F. *pontife* L. *pontifex* high priest which app. means lit. bridge-builder from L. *pons* *pont* and *facere*. The first element may perh. be Oscan Umbrian *puntis* propitiatory offering but it may be noted that bridge building has always been regarded as a pious work of divine inspiration. The L. *pons* (cogn. with *folk*) had orig. the same sense as *bridge* (q.v.)

pontoon F. *porton* L. *ponsio* *n* *punt* (q.v.)

floating bridge, prob Celt, but associated with L *pons*, *pont-*, bridge

pony Sc *powney*, ? OF *poulenet*, dim of *poulain*, colt, Late L *pullanus*, from *pullus*, young animal But the OF word is rare, and a pony is not a foal, so that the old derivation from *puny* may be correct For slang sense of £25 cf *monkey*, £500. The word is, like *donkey*, of late introduction from dial

pony a little Scotch horse (Bailey)

poond Weight of about 36 lbs. Russ, from LG or Norse *pund*, pound¹ (q v.)

poodle Ger *pudel*, orig a water-dog, for *pudelhund*, from LG *pudeln*, to splash Cf Ger *pudel*, puddle, *pudelnass*, dripping wet

poof Imit of blowing out candle, etc Cf *puff* and F *pouf*

pooh Imit of blowing away, cf *poof*, *pfew*, etc Hence to *pooh-pooh* (19 cent)

Pooh-Bah Lord High Everything Else in Gilbert and Sullivan's *Mikado*

One of our own Pooh-Bahs, in the person of the Lord Chamberlain (*Daily Chron* Nov 3, 1919)

pool¹ Of water. AS *pōl* WGer, cf Du *poel*, Ger *pfuhl*, cogn with Gael Ir *poll*, Welsh *pull*, Corn *pol*, common in place-names, but prob not with L *palus*, marsh

pool² In gambling F *poule*, hen, perh orig in sense of booty of successful player, cf Sp *polla*, hen, also stake at hombre, Walloon *poie*, hen, stake It may be ult connected with the OF *jeu de la galline* (L *gallina*, hen) in which the bird was both target and prize (cf *cockshy*) In E. associated with *pool¹*, an association perh helped by F *fiche*, counter, being confused with *fish* Verb to *pool* (funds, resources, ideas, etc) is quite mod

Si Denjean est de ce jeu, il prendra toutes les poules, c'est un aigle (Mme de Sévigné, 1680)

Industrious creatures that make it a rule To secure half the fish, while they manage the pool (NED 1766)

Poonah Painting, etc From Poonah, in Bombay Presidency

poop F *poupe*, VL **puppa*, for *puppis*, stern; cf It *poppa*, Sp *popa*

poor. AF *pouue*, OF *poure* (*pauvre*), L *pauper*, cf It *povero*, Sp *pobre* Completely replaced Teut word (AS *earm*, cf Ger *arm*, etc) For adj use of adv. *poorly* cf *ill*, *sickly*

pop¹ Imit of short quick sound, as of pistol, drawn cork, etc, e.g. *pop-gun*, *pop-corn* (US), to *pop the question* Also applied to motion, e.g. to *pop in* (out, off the hooks), *pop goes the weasel*, name of country dance and tune (c 1850), and to putting things away quickly, whence sense of pawning, *pop-shop* (18 cent) *Popping-craze* at cricket (18 cent) has the idea of popping, or striking, at the ball.

Sith you have popt me such a doubtfull question, if you and I were alone by ourselves, I would poppe you such an aunswere, that you should well find that I loved you (Greene, *Heaven and Hell*)

pop² Shortened (19 cent) from *popular concert*

pop³ Debating society at Eton. ? From *lollipop*, the society having met orig (1811) at a confectioner's

pope AS *pāpa*, Church L., Late G *πάπας*, for *πάπ-ας*, baby word for father, *papa* (cf hist. of *abbot*) In early Church title of bishops, but, since Leo the Great (5th cent), claimed as exclusive title in Western Church for bishop of Rome With forms in Rom langs cf. Ger *pfaffe*, priest, shaveling, *pabst*, pope, Russ *pope*, parish priest, from WGer The *pope's-eye* of a leg of mutton (17 cent) is in Ger *pfaffen-bisschen*, parson's bit (cf *parson's nose* of fowl), and in F *œil de Judas* Hostile sense of *popery*, *popish* dates from Reformation Pope Joan Card game Name of fabulous female pope, but cf synon. F *nain jaune*, lit. yellow dwarf, which may have suggested E name

popinjay Orig parrot, later applied to the over-conspicuous or noisy (1 *Hen IV*, 13), but in ME sometimes complimentary, e.g. Lydgate applies it to the Holy Virgin Very widely diffused, e.g. OF *papegai*, *papegau*, It *pappagallo*, Sp *papagayo*, Ger *papager*, Du *papigaar*, MedG *παπαγός*, Arab *babaghā*, etc, some forms being assimilated to *jay* and its cognates, others to L *gallus*, cock (cf hist of *cockatoo*) Prob the name originated in some barbarian lang as imit of cry, or it may, like so many bird-names (cf *parrot*), have been a nickname given by early travellers ME *papejay*, from OF, has now an intrusive -n-, as in *nightingale*, *messenger* An earlier form survives in surname *Pobgee*, *Popejoy*, etc Early Sc *papingo* (Lyndsay) is OF *papegau* (v s), corresponding to MedL *papegallus*

poplar OF *poplier* (*peuplier*) from L. *populus* whence directly dial *popple* (in place names e.g. *Popplewell*) cf Du Ger *pappel*

poplin F *popeline* earlier *papelaine* It *papa lina* fem of *papalino* *papal* because made at Avignon seat of the Pope during the schism (1309-1408) and regarded as a papal town till 1791

poppet Earlier form of *puppet* (q.v.)

popple Of water Imut of motion cf *bubble* and Du *popelen* to throb quiver Partly frequent of *pop*¹

poppy AS *popæg* later *pop* from L. *papaver* whence also F *pavot* exact formation of both words being obscure

posy wopsy Redupl on archaic *pop* darling short for *poppet* Cotg has *pupsia* for *puppy* (s.v. *chien de damoiselle*)

populace F It *popolaccio* the grosse base vile common people *ritraffe* people (Flor) from *popolo* people L. *populus* with pejorative suffix Cf *popular* *population* *populous* etc

porcelain I *porcelaine* It *porcellana* orig cowrie-shaped shell Venus shell from *porcella* dim of *porca* lit sow used in L. for *vulva* The sh. ll takes its name from the shape of the orifice (cf archaic Dan *kudemusing*) The china is named from surface resembling the shell L. *porca* *vulva* is regarded by some as distinct from *porca* sow and as cogn with AS *furh* sorrow

porch I *por* *he* L. *porticus* colonnade etc. ? cogn with *po* *la* door

porcine L. *porcinus* of the pig *porcus*

porcupine OF *porc espin* parallel name to *porc espi* (*porc épic*) the former meaning spine (thorn) pig the latter spike pig cf It. *porcospino* Sp *puerca espin* The early vars are numerous and odd e.g. *porhpen* *porhenpick* *porhpoint* *porpin* etc and Shaks spelt it *porpentine* (Ilam i 5)

The crest a blaw porpyntyn

(Mz hyn *Dury* 1350-63)

The porpens come o t of Inda and Afrike a kind of urch n o h deghoth y be

(Il lland s Fl y v i 33)

pore¹ Noun F L C = *por* way passage pore

pore² Verb ME *pu en* *pouren* to gaze fixedly Origin unknown

porism [math] L G = *porism* deduction from *ποριζ* to carry deduce from *πόρος* way

pork F *porc* pig pork L. *porcus* For limitation of sense in E cf *beef mutton veal* A *porher* was earlier a *porher*

It [Trinidad] hath tore of d re wild pork fruit *sch* and *f* ule (Ralegh)

pornography F *porno raphie* from G *πόρνη* harlot

porphyrogenitus [hist] See *purple*

porphyry F *porphyre* Late L. **porphyrus* G = *porph* *peos* purple whence = *porph* *pyre* porphyry In most Europ langs

porpoise OF *porpeis* L. *porcus* pig *pis* is fish Capt John Smith has *porhpisce* Cf sailors name *sea hog* an IGe *meerschwein* whence F *marsouin* a porpoise or sea hog (Cotg) See *grampus*

porraceous From L. *porraceus* of the leek *porrum*

porrect L. *porrigere* *porrect* to extend from *pro* and *regere*

porridge Altered (16 cent) partly under influence of dial *porray* leek broth etc from *podd sh* *potlage* (q.v.) Cf dial *perance* *orra* *moral* and for converse change *edlish* *paddock* *Porray* is OF *porde* Late L. *porrai* from *porrum* leek Association of porridge with oatmeal is Sc in which *parrick* is often treated as pl

por or p *pes* *potag* *piseim* (Prompt Parv)

Th was boyll g on the fyre a pipkin of pease pottag It w throw e down broke, an i ll the porridg bo t th h mbe (Rayn o d s Aw. b 17 c nt)

That i a chip in porridg t is j t th g (Dryden)

By re son of the mild natur th y [leeks] ro much sed n porridg wh h h d it m from th Latl p rrum i k th w from th Frez h w g ally call it pottage (Diel R s 1717)

porringer For earlier *potager* *podd nger* (v s) with intrusive n as in *passen* *er* etc *maneste* littl *porri g* a *pott g* di h (Flor)

port¹ Harbour AS *port* L. *portus* cogn with *porta* gate and ult with *ford* Rein forced in ME by I *port* Hence *port* side of ship replacing older *larboard* (q.v.) the loading side being naturally turned to wards the harbour

port² [hist] Gate F *porte* L. *porta* cf Du *poort* Ger *pforte* from L. Now only in naut. *port hole* and archai mil. *sally port* See *port*¹

port³ Bearing F from *porter* to carry L. *portare* whence also verb to *port* now only

in mil to *port arms* Cf *portable*, *portation*
For changed sense of *portly*, orig majestic,
cf *stout*

My queen and portly empress (Marlowe).

port⁴ Wine For *port-wine*, from *Oporto*,
Port o *porto*, the harbour Cf F. *vin de*
porto, Ger *portwein*

portage In current sense, transporting by
land from one navigable water to another,
from Canad F See *port*³

portal OF (*portail*), MedL *portale*, from
porta, gate

portcullis OF *porte-coulisse*, sliding door,
from *couler*, to flow, L. *colare*, cf *theat*
coulisse Replaced in F by *herse*, lit. har-
row

Porte [*hist*] For F *Sublime Porte* (cf It.
Porta Sublima), rendering Turk Arab.
bāb-i-'ālīy, lit lofty gate, offic name of
central office of Ottoman government Cf,
in diplomatic lang, the *Ballplatz* (Austria),
Quai d'Orsay (France), *Vatican* (Papacy),
etc

portend L *portendere*, to foretell, archaic
form of *protendere*, *protent*-, to stretch for-
ward, whence also noun *portentum*, por-
tent, omen

Coming events cast their shadows before
(Campbell).

porter¹ Doorkeeper F *portier* (see *port*²)

porter² Bearer F *porteur* (see *port*³)

porter³ Beer For *porter's beer*, *ale* (Swift),
from *porter*² Cf *cooper*¹ With *porterhouse*,
as in *porterhouse steak* (US), cf *alehouse*,
beerhouse

portfire [*mil*] Fuse, match Adapted from
F *portefeû*, lit carry-fire

portfolio In 18 cent *porto folio*, corrupt of
It *portafoglio*, lit carry-leaves, pl of *foglio*,
L *folium* Cf cogn F *portefeuille*, from
which comes current pol sense

portico It, as *porch* (q v) Also allusively
to the Painted Porch at Athens, resort of
Zeno (see *stoic*)

portière F, MedL *portaria*, from *porta*, door
portion F, L *portio-n-*, cogn with *pars*,
parti- Orig share, allowance (cf *appor-*
tion), as still in eating-houses

Portland cement From resembling colour of
Portland stone, from peninsula of *Portland*
(Dorset)

portly See *port*³

portmanteau. Orig for horseman's use F.
portemanteau, earlier *valise*, now clothes-
peg Older *portmanlle* is still in dial use

Portmanteau-word (e g. *acrobatics*, *Bakerloo*,
electrocute, *Eurasian*, *gerrymander*, *peran-*
bucot, *squarson*), was coined by Lewis
Carroll to explain *slithy*, *mimsy*, etc
(*Through the Looking-Glass*)

One [word] was ingeniously invented by a maid
servant, viz clantastical, which she contrived
should express both fantastical and clandestine
(Pegge, 1803)

The Daily Herald, the Hunshevik Labour paper
(*John Bull*, June 7, 1919)

A depraved motor car comes, belching out its
hudeous stench as it petrollicks down the road
(W de Morgan, *Old Madhouse*, ch 1)

portolan [*hist*] Early book of sailing-direc-
tions It *portolano*, from *porto*, harbour.
For formation cf *ortolan*

Portolan charts have naturally a great attraction
for collectors in the New World
(*Daily Chron* Aug 19, 1917)

portrait F, p p of *portraire*, to portray, L
protahere, to draw forward Orig in wider
sense, painting, sculpture

port-reeve [*hist*]. Mayor AS *porigerēfa*,
where *port* has sense of borough, prob ex-
tended from that of harbour See *reeve*¹

Portugee Back-formation from *Portuguese*,
Port *portuguez*, cf *Chinee*, *burgee*, *marquee*,
pea

We ought to let the Portugeses have right done
them (Pepys, Aug 12, 1664)

Portuguese man-of-war Marine hydrozoan
with sail-like crest, cf *nautilus*, *salleman*

posada Inn Sp, from *posar*, to lodge (v 1)

pose¹ To place F *poser*, Late L *pausare*,
to halt, rest, which replaced in Rom
langs L *ponere*, *posit-*, to place, also in
comps (*compose*, *dispose*, *repose*, etc)
See *pause* L *ponere* gave F *pondre*, to lay
(eggs), and survives in *compound*, *expound*,
propound, the nouns *composition*, *expo-*
sition, *proposition*, being now felt as be-
longing to both the *-pound* and *-pose*
groups Current sense of *pose* is from the
artist's model

pose² To non-plus Aphet, for *oppose* or
obs var *appose*, to question (see *puzzle*).
Hence *poser*, ong examiner, questioner

And Pilate apposed him saynge, Art thou the
kynge of the Jewes? (Tynd *Luke*, xxii 3)

Sittinge in the middes of the doctours, both hearynge
them and posing them (Tynd *Luke*, ii 46)

posit [*logic*] L *ponere*, *posit-*, to place, lay
down

position F, L *positio-n-*, from *ponere*, *posit-*,
to place With *posuite*, F *positif*, L *positi-*
tivus, cf "laying down" the law Scient

senses opposed to *negative* are mod *Positivism* is the philosophy of Auguste Comte who published his *Philosophie positive* in 1830

posology Science of do es *F posologie* from *G ποσος* how much Used by Bentham for mathematics.

posse Short for MedL. *posse comitatus* lit force of the county (q v) L. *posse* to be able from *potis* powerful *esse* to be

possess OF *possessor* (replaced by *pos éder*) from L. *possidere* *possess* compd of *sedere* to sit cf Ger *besitzen* to possess from *sitzen* to sit Archaic sense of taking possession controlling appears in adj *possessed* (of an evil spirit) and in Luke xxi 19 Earlier are *possessio* *pos essor* also from OI

posset ME *poshole* *posset* *possyt* Orig made with curdled milk Origin doubtful There is a rare and doubtful OF *possette* which may be a dim from *posson* "a little measure for mulle verjuice and vinegar (Cotg) This is a dim of *pot* cf archaic E *posnet* cooking pot OF *possonet*

possible F L *possibilis* from *posse* (*potis esse*) to be able With *possibilist* orig school of Sp republicans cf *opponentist*

possum Aphet for *opossum* (q v) Esp in to play *possum* (US) with allusion to opossum's trick of feigning death

post¹ Wooden pillar etc AS *post* L *postus* reinforced in ME by OF *post* which survives in dim *poiteau* stake and compd *suppl¹* cf Du *post* Ger *pfosten* all from L. *postus* ? and thus ult from *porere* *post* to place Hence to *post* a bill defaulter tc. by notice orig attached to a post (see *bill²*)

I went to see if any pl y was acted but I found none upon the post t being Passover Week (Pepys Mar 4 166)

post² For letters F *poste* (f) station It *posta* Late L *posta* for *posita* from *ponere* *po* to place Orig use! (c 1500) of series of mounted men stationed at intervals on road for rapid forwarding of royal messages etc. (cf synon L *equites postales*) Hence *post haste* *post chaise* etc Later applied to the offic forwarding of all missives The name was also given to the messenger as in *by return of post* F *par retour du courrier* With to ride *post* cf F *cours la poste* To *po* t earlier *post* over the *led er* app belongs here w th idea of transference hence *posted* (ip) also

fig well informed As size of paper (*post octavo*) of Du or Ger origin and said to have been named from watermark being a posthorn (cf *foolscap*)

post³ Of soldi r F *poste* (m) It. *posto* station employment Late L. *postum* for *positum* (v s) For extension from position of soldier to that of civilian cf *berth* Here belong *post-captain* *post rank* and *last post* bugle-call

post L *post* after as in *post meridiem* (P M) *post mortem* Hence *po* t in *impressionist* (20 cent) arti t going one better than *m* *pressionist*

poster See *post bill³*

posterior L compar of *posterior* coming after from *po* t after cf *posterity* A *po* *terior* (reasoning) is from result instead of cause (*a priori*)

The man was l ghted t as a bi nd rer wh aid in a p bl bnd ess W d m h for post nt I would f in se them do som th g f ru (Elizabeth Montagu's Letter J n 742)

postern [archaic] OF *posterne* (*polerne*) for earlier *poste le* Late L. *posterula* backway from *posterus* from *post* (v s)

posthumous L *postumus* last last born superl of *posterus* (v s) altered in Late L to *posthumus* by association with *humus* ground and applied to what appears after originator's (father's author's) death

postil [archaic] Marginal note esp in B ble F *postille* also *apostille* cf It *postilla* Sp *lela* MedL *postila* (13 cent) ? Short for *post ila verba* (*sacrae scripturae*) beginning of priest's explanation alter read ing text

postilion F *postillon* It *postiglione* a postilion a *postes* guide a forerunner (Flor) from *posta* *post²* Cf *postboy* For form cf *vermil on*

postlunary [lu =] Restoration of the *status quo* L *post¹ minimum* right to return home and resume one's privileges from *imen limin* threshold

postmaster¹ Orig official in charge of the mounted posts (see *po* t²) h nec jobmaster because of privilege of hiring out horses

postmaster Used (from 16 cent) at Verton College Oxf for scholar ? From the poor scholars of John Wyllyat a foundation (1340) acting as servants to the Masters (of Arts) and standing behind them at dinner

post-obit Promise to pay after death L. *post obitum* of some specified person Cf *obituary*

postpone L *postponere*, from *ponere*, to place
postprandial Comed (? by Coleridge) from
L *prandium*, late breakfast, lunch, from
**pram*, early, *edere*, to eat

postscript Shortened from L *postscriptum*,
written after

postulant From pres part of L *postulare*,
to demand, cogn with *poscere* Esp one
asking admission to holy orders Cf
postulate, to request, thing requested (logic
& math)

posture F, L *positura*, from *ponere*, *posit-*,
to place Fig sense of affectation, etc is
from the professional contortionist.

posy In both senses, viz short motto (on
ring, knife), bunch of flowers, contr of
poesy The second sense is connected with
the language of flowers

And for youre poyesye these letters v ye take
Of this name Maria, only for hir sake (Lydgate)

A hundreth sundrie flowres bounde up in one
small poesie (Gascogne)

A pultry ring
That she did give me, whose posy [old edd poesie]
was
For all the world lik cutler's poetry
Upon a knife "Love me and leave me not"

(*Merch of Ven v 1*).

pot Late AS *pot*, cf Du LG *pot*, ON *pottr*,
F *pot*, OIt *potto*, Sp *pote*, MedL *potius*,
also in Celt langs (from L) Origin doubt-
ful, but possibly a monkish witticism from
L *potus*, drink From cooling use come
to *keep the pot boiling*, whence *pot-boiler*,
work done for a livelihood, *pot-shot*, for
food, not for sport, *pot-luck* (cf F *la*
fortune du pot) From drinking use come
pothouse, *potboy*, *pot-valiant*, etc A *pot-*
hunter was orig a parasite (see *chassepot*),
later an unsportsmanlike sportsman (v s),
and finally a seeker after athletic cups,
etc, vulg *pots*, or even scholarships and
prizes A *pot of money*, to *put the pot on*,
are from racing slang, orig from vessel
which held stakes *Pot(t)* paper is from
watermark (cf *foolscap*) For *potsherd* see
shard The earliest record for *go to pot*
suggests cooking (v. 1), but Udall may have
been punning on *pot*, pit of hell, destruction,
common in early Sc

The niche and welthe of his subjectes went dayly
to the pott, and were chopped up (Udall, 1542)

potable F, L *potabilis*, from *potare*, to
drink

potamic Fluvial From G *ποταμός*, river

potash Earlier (17 cent) *pot ashes*, from obs
Du *pot-aaschen*, *pot ashes*, now *potasch*,

cf F. *potasse*, It *potassa*, Sp *potasa*, Ger.
potasche, etc. "Latinized" as *potassium*
by Davy (1807)

potation OF, L *potatio-n*, from *potare*, to
drink

potato Altered from Sp *patata*, var. of
batata (q v.), the sweet potato, to which
the name was first applied in E, its trans-
ference to the familiar tuber, first brought
from Peru to Spain (c 1580), being esp L
Potato-ring, Ir disk-ring of 18 cent, is mod
and inaccurate

One is almost induced to believe that the lower
order of Londoners imagine that *paters*, as they
constantly call them in their natural state, is a
generic term, and that *pot* is a prefix which
carries with it some specific difference (Pegge)

potheen, potheen [Ir] Illicitly distilled whisky
Ir *poitin*, little pot.

The police at Frenchpark (Rosecommon) captured
recently upwards of 1000 gallons of "potheen"
(*Daily Chron* June 19, 1919)

potent From pres part. of L *posse* (*potis*
esse), to be able Cf *potency*, *potential*, also
potentate, L *potentatus*, power, in Late L
individual possessing power.

potheen See *potheen*

potther. Tumult Earlier (17 cent) also *pow-*
ther, *pudder*, mod form app influenced by
bother ? Cf Ger, *potter*, in *pottergeist* (q v.)

The great gods

That keep this dreadful potther [early edds pudder,
powther] o'er our heads (*Lear*, III. 2)

pothook In writing See *hanger* (s v. *hang*)

paste a blurre, *scraule*, *pothooke*, or 'ill favoured
whum-whaun, in writing (Cotg)

potiche Oriental jar F (neol), from *pot*
potion F, L *potio-n*, from *potare*, to drink.
potlatch Tribal feast of N Amer Indians
Chinook *pollatsh*, gift

potleg Scrap iron used as bullets in Africa
? For *pot leg*, ? or corrupt of some native
word

pot-pourri Orig hotch-potch Now mixture
of scents, medley of tunes, etc F., trans-
lating Sp *olla podrida* (q v)

pot pourri a pot pornde, a Spanish dish of many
severall meates boyled, or stued together (Cotg).

pott Paper See *pot*

potrage F *potage*, from *pot*, *pot*. See *por-*
ridge *Mess of potrage* (*Gen* xxv 29-34)
dates from Matthew's *Bible* (1537), though
Coverd has the phrase in another passage
(*Prov* xv. 17)

potter Verb Frequent. of dial *pote*, to
thrust, poke, AS *potian*, cf Du *peuteren*

to thrust ones finger into a little hole
(Sewel) LG *pöterén* etc all app from a
Teut word meaning small stick (cf *poke**)
pottle OF *poitel* dim of *pot* pot
potto W Afr lemur Native name (Guinea)
potwaller [hist] Householder entitled to
vote as having a fire place of his own bt
pot-boiler from AS *weallan* to boil Now
usu *potwalloper* from dial *uillop* to boil
famously "gallop" Sometimes misunder-
stood and wrongly used by mod speakers
That was not a potwalloper's agitation and he
(J B rna) urged those present when the strike w
over not to celebrate it by a d yad i kl g
(Sta d d A g 28 893)

pouch F *poché* "a pocket pouch or poke
(Cotg) See *poke**

pouf I added head dress small round otto
man F from *pouffer* to blow out puff

poult Contracted form of *pullet* (q v)
Hence *poulturer* lengthened (cf *calerer*
upholsterer) from earlier *poultier* the latter
surviving as surname

poult de soie Mod F form of *pou-de soie*
paduasoy (q v)

poultrice Earlier (16 cent) *pultes* from L
puls *pult* pulse pottage Perh orig the
L nom pl *pules* altered on words in *see*
-815

poultry OF *pouletier* from *pouletier*
poultier Applied in ME to the office of
poultier also to the fowl run and its in-
mates (see *pullet*) Its connection with the
trade of the poultier persists in the
Poultry (London and elsewhere)

H s l v d e s h e p e, h i n e e t h d y e r v e
H i s s w y n h i s h o r e h i s s t o o r a n d h i s p l i t r y e [ear
pull in]

Was hoodly in this reves go emyng
(Cha c A 507)

pounce¹ Fine powder for drying up ink or
tracing F *ponce* now usu *pierre ponce*
L *pumex pumic* pumice (q v)

pounce² Verb Orig noun hawk's claw
App shortened from *pousson* var of
*punchoon*¹ (q v) which is similarly short-
ened to *punch* In falconry the heel-claw
was the *salon* (q v) the others being called
pounces (15 cent) Cf archaic *pounce* to
punch a pattern or perforation whence
archaic *pounce* box (for *pounded* box) a
pomander made of perforated metal
Verb to *pounce* now usu with *upon* was
orig trans to seize clutch

So mache pow sonyng of h sel to m ken holes
(Ch ec I 418)

My best powasyd peec [fpl] (E r v 15 ds 1502)

pound¹ Weight AS *pund* L *pondo* abl of
OL *pondos* by form of *pondus* weight in
libra pondo a pound in weight A trace of its
indeclinable origin survives in its unchanged
pl e g *five pound note* Adopted by all
Teut langs Du *pound* Ger *pfund* ON
Goth *pund* Rom langs preserving *libra*
Later sense of money arises from the pound
(weight) of silver being used as unit in
large sums (see *serling*) For *pound of flesh*
see *Merch of Ven* iv 1 *Pound cake* con-
tains a pound or equal quantity of each
principal ingredient Our abbreviations
£ and lb are due to the fact that medie al
accounts were kept in L cf *s d cut*
dut etc

And a um b seald fit pund
(AS Gosp Matt x 4)

pound Enclosure AS *pund* only in compd
pundfold cogn with verb *pyndan* to shut
up whence diml *pind* to impound and
the offic *pinder* so common as surname
in north Hence to *pound the field* leave
the rest far behind (in hunting) See also
pinfold pond

pound To pulverize etc AS *puman* with
excrement-d as in *soumd astound* gownd.
Cf Du *puin* LG *pun* stone rubbish etc

Upon whom it shal falle t halt i gudre po hym
(Wy M II x 144)

poundage [hist] Tax levied on every pound
of merchandise

pour From 14 cent Origin unknown The
orig quality of the vowel cannot be de-
termined for although the stock rime in
16-18 cents. is *flower shower* it is also
found running with *jore door* etc.

Winter in d s the spn g and often pours
A hilline flood on s nam r' drooping flowers
(Cowper)

pourboire F in order to drink Cf Ger
trinkgeld

pourparler L usu in pl F infin to deliberate
from *pour* L *po* *parler* VL *pa abol re*
Cf *parley* *parable* *palaver*

pourpoint [hist] Quilted doublet F pp
of OF *porpoindre* from *poindre* to per-
forate stitch L *pungere* to prick Cf
counterpane

poussette [dancing] F from *pousser* to
push (q v)

pou sto Bas s of operations From saying
attributed to Archimedes—*So, pou wo*
oro a u r y v y give me where I
may stand and I mo e the earth

pout¹ Fish (orig frog), esp. in compd *celpout*, AS *āleþūte*, app from root indicating power of inflation (v 1).

pout² Verb Cf Sw dial *puta*, to be inflated Ull cogn with *boudo.r.* Cf. *pot*, lip, in many F dialects, Swiss F (Geneva), *faire la poutte*, to make a face

poverty OF *poureté* (*pauvreté*), L. *pau-peritas*, -*tat*-, from *pauper*, poor

powan Sc form of *pollan* (q v)

Powans, now placed on the market from Loch Lomond (*Daily Chron.* July 7, 1917)

powder¹ Noun F *poudre*, OF *poldre*, *polre*, L. *pulvis*, *pulver-*, cogn with *pollen* and ult with *pellere*, to drive Often for gunpowder, e.g. food for powder (Ger *kavonnen-futter*), not worth powder and salt, keep your powder dry, powder-monkey (17 cent)

powder² [archaic] To rush impetuously, esp. of horseman Associated with *powder*¹ (kicking up a dust), but rather from archaic *powder*, vehemence, impetuosity, which is prob related to *pothier* See also *polltergeist*. Quot below could readily be rendered by Ger *ham den hugel herabgepollert*

Duke Weymar having got the castle came powdering down the hill upon us with all his forces

(Syd Poyntz, 1621-36)

power OF *poer*, VL *polēre*, for *posse* (*potis esse*), to be able ModF *pouvoir* has inserted -v- by analogy with *avoir*, *devoir*, *mouvoir*, etc In sense of pol state (European powers, etc) from early 18 cent Archaic sense of armed force, revived by Scott, dates from 13 cent and survives in colloq *a power of good*, etc Mech & math uses (*horse-power*, etc) are from 18 cent

The powers that be are ordained of God

(Rom xiii 1).

powwow N Amer Ind palaver or conference Orig sorcerer, medicine-man Algonkin *powwaw*, *powah* Cf *caucus* Quot below refers to the Essex Quakers

Heard & true y^t Turners daughter was distract in this quaking busines, sad are y^e fits at Coxall [Coggeshall] like the pow wowing among the Indies (Josselin's *Diary*, 1656).

pox See *pock*.

Three moneths before this time, the small pockes were rife here (Purch)

po(u)zzolana Volcanic ash It (sc *terra*), from *Pozzuoli*, near Naples

praaam, pram Flat-bottomed boat Du ; cf LG *prame*, MHG *prām* (*prahme*), ON *prāmr*, all from OSlav (cf Pol *pram*) and ult cogn with *fare*, *ferry* A Baltic word

practice. From verb to *practise* (the differentiated spelling is artificial), OF. *practiser*, for *pratiquer*, *practiquer* (whence archaic E. *practic*), Late L *practicare*, from *practicus*, G *πρακτικός*, concerned with action, from *πράττειν*, to do. With senses of *practice* and its derivatives cf those of the opposite theory *Practitioner*, now usu. of medicine (cf. doctor's *practice*), is lengthened from earlier *practician*, OF *practicien* (*praticien*) *Practice* (arith.) is for *practica Italica*, Italian methods

If you want any information upon points of practical politics (Vivian Grey, ii 8)

prad [archaic slang]. Horse. Du *paard*, horse See *palfrey*

It would never do to go to the wars on a rickety prid (*Ingoldsby*)

prado Public walk Sp, meadow, L. *pratum*, spec. public park of Madrid.

prae- L., before. See also *pre-*.

praemunire, statute of [hist] From *praemunire facias*, cause to warn, int words of writ, the verb being used in MedL sense which had become confused with that of *praemonēre* For similar confusion cf *muniment*

praenomen L., see *agnomen*

praepostor, prepostor Monitor at some public schools For L *praepositor*, agent. noun from *praepondere*, *praeposit-*, to appoint over, depute But the sense is rather that of *praepositus* (cf *prefect*)

praetor Restored spelling of ME & OF *pretour*, L *praetor-em*, for **praec-itor*, foregoer Hence the *Pretorian guard*, orig *cohort praetoria*, attached to the praetor, Roman military commander, later privileged body-guard of Emperor, which took to appointing fresh Emperors at its will The *praetorium* (*Mark*, xv 16) was the offic. residence of the Roman governor

The Pretorians of the Red Guard

(*Daily Chron* June 22, 1918)

pragmatic F *pragmatique*, L. & G *πραγματικός*, versed in business, from *πράγμα*, *πραγματ-*, deed, act, from *πράττειν*, to do For depreciatory sense cf *officious*, *dogmatic* *Pragmatism*, philosophy of practical consequences, was coined (1898) by W James The next day I began to be very pragmatical [i.e. busily occupied] (*Evelyn*)

prahu Malay vessel Malay *parāhū*, cf Port. *parao*, Du *prauw*, F *prao*, whence our earlier forms *proa*, *proow*

prairie F meadow applied by F travellers to the plains of Amer (cf *celtis*) VL *prateria* from *pratium* meadow cf It. *frateria* Sp *praderia*

praise OF *preisier* (priser to value) Late L. *pretiare* from *pretium* price value Orig Church word replacing AS *herian* but used also in ME in etym sense to appraise See *priser* Noun is from verb

Prakrit [skr] Inclusive name for (esp ancient) vernaculars of Northern and Central India allied to Sanskrit Sanskrit *prakriti* unrefined as opposed to *sa* *skṛta* refined

pram¹ See *pram*

pram² Mod for *perambulator*

prance First in Chauc. ? OF *paratancier* intens of *arancier* to advance This suits first record (v i) and would automatically give AF *p(a)raancier* cf *proffer* *pruneh* *plush* also ME *aunter* for *adventure* *far aunter* for *perambulator*

Though I p once al before
First in the tra, ful fat and newe shorn
Yit in I but an hors (Chauc. *Troil* s i 221)

prandial See *postprandial*

prank¹ Trick orig of spiteful natur A 16 cent. word of unknown origin ? Altered in some way from dial *prat* AS *pratt* (see *pretty*) which is exactly synon This is found in 15-16 cents but disappears exc in Sc after appearance of *prank* Or it may come from *prank* by analogy with the double sense of *trick*

prank² To decorate dress up ? Cf Du *prunk* Ger *prunk* how ornament VLG *prank* display Ger *prahlen* to show off etc See *frink*

in *kleiden* *pragen* toprank p yourself (L dw)

prate Du *praten* found also in LG MHG and the Scand langs Perth of imit formation

pratincole Bird ModL *pratincola* coined (1756) by Krammer from I *pratium* meadow incolt inhabitant

pratique Freedom from quarantine F intercourse L *practica* See *practice* In 17 cent spelt *prattick*

prattle Frequent of *prate*

praty [Ir] Potato Ir *prats* or (Meth and Ulster) *predas* for *patata* with substitution of r for t as in many Gael words

pravity L *pravitus* See *deprave*

prawn ME *prayne* *prane* Origin unknown

praxis G *praxis* from *prax* to do
pray ME also *prey* OF *preier* (priser) Late L *precare* for *precar* from *prex* *prec*

prayer cogn with Ger *fruchen* to ask
Prayer is OF *preiers* (*pridre*) VL *precaria* With imper *prai* for I pray you cf *please* See also *prince*

pre- L *prae* *pre* before or F *pré* from L
preach F *précher* L *praedicare* from *dica* e to proclaim Early Church word widely adopted eg It *predicare* Sp *predicar* Du Ger *predigen* ON *predika* etc With ironic *preachify* (18 cent) cf *speechify*
preamble F *préambule* MedL *praambulu* neut of *praambulans* going before from *ambulare*

This is i g pre mbl i tale (Chauc. D 83)

prebend F *prébende* ModL *praebend* neut pl putance lit things to be supplied from *praebere* to offer for *praebere* from *habere* to have In OF *praebende* is usual (see *provident* and cf *provost*) A *praebendary* was orig a canon in receipt of a fixed stipend

precarious From L *precarius* that by prayer instance and intreatie is granted to one to use and enjoy so long as hee pleaseth the partie and no longer (Coop) from *prex* *prec* prayer

precede F *préceder* L *praecedere* to go before *Precedence* in to take precedence survives from the elaborate ceremonial of early times synon F *pré lence* (v i) suggesting that it may also represent *presence* *Precedent* (noun) occurs first (15 cent) in leg ense of earlier cas taken as parallel or guidance cf *precedent*
for *precedence* or *precedent* first, or former place, rank eat sitting or going before oth rs (Cotg)

precentor Late L *praecentor* from *prae* *ci* re *praecent* from *canere* to sing

precept L *praecceptum* from *prae* *accipere* to take before order from *capere* to take Cf *preceptor* a word of the academy semiary type almost obs c c in connection with the examining body called the *College of Preceptors* also the hist. *preceptory* branch community of Templars ModL *praecceptor*

precession Of the equinoxes Late L *praecsesio* from *praecedere* *praecses* to precede used by Copernicus (c 1530) for *pertransire* (Ptolemy)

précieuse See *precious*

precinct ModL *praecinctum* enclosure lit gut in front from *cingere* in t to gird *Procinet* fu inct from OF forms from L *pro* were in earlier use

preciosity Dauntily affected style See *precious*

precious F *précieux*, L *pretiosus*, from *pretium*, price, value Association with literary daintiness, app due to Saintsbury (1880), is for F *précieux*, adopted (1640-50) as title by frequenters of refined literary circles in Paris But Chauc (v1) uses it in somewhat similar sense Intens use, e.g. *precious rascal*, is as old as Lydgate Corresponding adv use was app popularized by Dickens

I wol persevere, I nam nat precus (Chauc D 148).

Mr Chuckster remarked that he wished that he might be blessed if he could make out whether he [Kit] was "precious rax" or "precious deep" (Old Cur Shop, ch xx)

precipice F *précipice*, L *praecipitum*, from *praecipit*, *praecipit-*, from *caput*, head, cf *headlong*, *head-first* Hence *precipitate* (chem), substance thrown down from solution, as opposed to *sediment*, deposited from suspension

précis F, substantive use of adj *précis*, precise (q v)

precise F. *précis*, L *praecisus*, from *praecidere*, *praecis-*, to cut off (in front), shorten, make exact, from *caedere*, to cut Oldest is adv *precisely* (15 cent) Hence *precisian* (16 cent), puritan, coined on Christian

preclude L *praeccludere*, to shut off, from *claudere*, to shut

precocious Orig (Sir T Browne) of plants From L *praecox*, *praecoc-*, early ripe, from *coquere*, to boil, cook Cf Ger *frühreif* and see *apricot*

preconize To proclaim, summon, etc F *préconiser*, MedL *praekonizare*, from *praeco-n-*, public crier

precursor L, from *praecurrere*, -curs-, to run before

predatory L *praedatorius*, from *praedari*, to plunder, from *praeda*, booty, prey

predecessor F. *prédécesseur*, Late L *praedecessor-em*, from *prae* and *decessor*, one who goes away, deceases, but often used as equivalent of *precessor*, *antecessor*

predestination F. *prédestination*, Late L *praedestinatio-n-*, fore-ordaining First used in theol sense by Augustine and "popularized" by Calvin

predial Agrarian MedL. *praedialis*, from *praedium*, farm from *praes*, *praed-*, pledge, security

predicament. F *prédicament*, Late L *prae-*

dicamentum (see *predicate*), used to render Aristotle's *κατηγορία*, category of predications Mod sense is narrowed from gen sense of class, condition

Irish ladies of strict virtue, and many northern lasses of the same predicament (Tom Jones)

predicate Late L *praedicatum*, what is asserted, from *praedicare*, to proclaim Much older is *predication* (Chauc), proclaiming, preaching Cf *preach*

predict L *praedicere*, *praedict-*, to say before, cf F *prédire*

predikant Du, Protestant minister, esp. in SAfr See *preach*

predilection F *prédilection*, cf MedL *praediligere*, to prefer, from *diligere*, *dilect-*, to love See *diligent*

pre-emption Coined (c 1600) from *pre-* and *emphion* (q v).

preen Thinned form of *prince* (q v), partly due to archaic *pricen*, pin, etc (AS *prēn*, cogn with Du. *piem*, bodkin, Ger *pfirn*, awl), with allusion to action of bird's beak, cf similar use of F *piquer*, to pique (q v) Falconry distinguished the three words (v1)

Youre hawke proynith and not pith and she premith not bot whan she beynnith at hir legges (Book of St Albans, 1486).

preface F *préface*, L *praefatio*, fore-speaking, from *fari*, *fat-*, to speak Cf *prologue*

prefect Restored spelling of ME *prefet*, F. *préfet*, L *praefectus*, high official, from *praeficere*, *praefect-*, to set over, from *facere*, to make, appoint, cf *prélate* Often used to render F *préfet* (*de département*, *de police*) Public school sense is 19 cent

prefer F *préférer*, from L *praeferre*, to bear before Oldest sense to forward, promote, etc, as in *preferment*

pregnable Cf ME *prenable*, from OF. But in mod use a back-formation from *impregnable*

pregnant L *praegnans*, *praegnant-*, from *prae-* and a second element cogn with L *gnatus* (*natus*), born In fig senses, e.g. *pregnant sentence* (*example*), influenced by obs *pregnant*, cogent, pithy, OF. *pregnant*, pres part. of *preindre*, to press, L. *prement* (see *print*)

And that was him a pre nant argument (Chauc Trei. iv. 1176).

raisons *pregnantes* plaine, apparent, important, et pressing reasons (Cotgr.)

prehensile *F* *prehensile* (Buffon) from *L. prehendere* *hens* to seize second element cogn with *G* *χάρω* *v* *iv* to hold and ult with *get*

prehistoric Coined (c 1850) by D Wilson

prejudice *F* *préjudice* harm injury the oldest sense (13 cent) in *I* as still in *prejudicial* without *prejudice* Current sense represented in *F* by *préjugé* is restored on *L. praepudicium* fore judgment

prelate *F* *prélat* *L. praelatus* *p* *p* of *prae* *ferre* to put before prefer cf *It. prelato* *Sp. prelado* Orig included abbot prior etc

prelection *L. praelectio* *n* reading before public speech from *legere* *lect* to read Cf *prelector* *praelector* reader lecturer (*Oxf & Camb*)

preliminary *F* *préliminaire* coined from *L. limen* *limin* threshold

prelude *F* *prélude* Late *L. praeludium* from *ludere* to play

premature *L. praematurus* from *maturus* ripe Cf *precocious*

premier *F* *L. primarius* from *primus* first In current sense (early 18 cent) short for earlier *premier ministre* *F. premier ministre* used by Evelyn of Sunderland

premise *premissa* *F. prémisses* (*OF. premesse*) *MedL. praemissa* (*sc. propositio*) from *praemittere* to send in front Orig a term in logic (Chauc) now usu spelt *premises* Later sense with differentiated spelling *premises* arises from use of the word in leg conveyances of property to avoid repeating conditions already laid down or items already enumerated cf *aforsaid* Verb to *premise* is from noun

Les articles et les premisses avant nommes
(*Proc. of La 1 of Glouc. 1259*)

Wherefore the premisses (aforsaid & given) es) con- sidered I desire you, and in the King's name command you (*Pl. mpt. n. Let. 1501*)

premium *L. praemium* booty reward, from *prae* and *emere* to buy obtain In insurance sense adapted from *It. premio* Orig sense in to put a premium on

premonse [*biol.*] *L. praemorsus* bitten off (in front)

prentice Aphet for *apprentice* (*qv*) cf *prentice hand*

prep [*school slang*] For *preparation* *prepaatory* Cf *rep*

prepare *F. préparer* *L. praeparare* from *parare* to make ready (see *pare*) Adv use of *preparatory* (*to*) is in Evelyn

prepenne Altered from earlier *purpenne* *OF. pourpensé* Esp in *malice* *prepenne* *malice* aforethought For loss of ending cf *signal* (*adj*) *defile* *troue* etc *Prepensé* *purpené* are also found

preponderate From *L. praeponderare* from *pondus* *ponder* weight

preposition *F. préposition* *L. praepositio* *n* from *praeposere* *posit* to put before adopted as rendering of *G. προτις*

prepostor See *praepostor*

prepossession Coined (c 1600) from *possess* in archaic sense of taking hold of occupying

preposterous From *L. praeposterus* lit. be fore behind *cf. hinds de before* cart before the horse *topsy turvy*

When nature o d d thre rise a d change

Preposte only t disorder strange (*Syl. 1 s*)

pre Raphaelite Title of the brotherhood formed (c 1848) by group of *L. painters* (Holman Hunt Millais Rossetti etc) who encouraged by Ruskin aimed at re- viving the spirit which distinguished art before Raphael It *Raffaello* (11520) *Blackwood* (July 1850) alludes to their mountebank proceedings (cf *gall pot*)

prerogative *F. prérogative* *L. praerogativa* (*sc. tribus centuria*) having the right to vote (lit. be asked) first from *praerogare* In the royal prerogative referred to in 13 cent orig connection of *rogare* to ask with *regere* to rule is still traceable

presage *F. présage* *L. praesagium* from *praesagire* to forebode from *saire* to perceive

Presbyterian From c 1640 as name of *Sc. church* governed by elders lit. rendering of *G. πρεσβυτερος* compar of *πρεσβυτης* old man (see *priest*) This was used in *N.T.* of a member of the Sanhedrin, and later of an "elder of the apostolic Church" In *Iulig.* *senior* is usual in this sense, and is rendered by *Wyc. elder* *elder man* *senio* *priest* (*qv*) Cf *F. presbytere* parsonage and *F. presbytery* in various senses

I or his religion it was fit

To m t h his learnin and h wit

*Was Presbyterian true blue (*Pae. Ver. 1 L. 152*)

prescience *F. L. praescientia* fore knowledge See *science*

prescribe *L. praescribere* to write before ordain Replaced *ex. prescribere* from *OF. Prescripion* lit. to write (positive or negative) is *L. praescribere* in same sense.

present Adj F *présent*, L. *praesens*, *praesent-*, pres part of *praesens*, to be before, be at hand, cf a very present help (*Ps* xlv 1) Hence *presence*, F *présence*, L. *praesentia*, much used formerly of the being present of a royal or important person, whence sense of bearing, etc (*fine presence*) Adj is used as noun in the *present* (cf *the past*), and archaic *these presents*, OF *ces présentes* (sc *lettres*) *Present*, gift, F *présent*, comes from OF *en present*, in the presence of (v 1), cf L *praesentare*, to place before, exhibit, whence, through F *présenter*, gen senses of verb to *present* *Presently* formerly meant at once (cf *anon*, *by and by*)

Quant que il a tot lor met em present
(*Alexandre*, 12 cent)

presentiment OF (*presentiment*), "a providence, or fore-feeling" (*Cotg*), from L *praesentire*, to feel before

preserve F *préserver*, Late L *praeservare*, from *servare*, to protect Some E senses represent rather those of F *conserver*

preside F *présider*, L *praesidēre*, from *sedēre*, to sit *President* was formerly used of governor of province, dependency, etc, whence the Indian *Presidencies* In sense of elective head of republic first used in US, the title app growing out of that of *president* of the congresses of the various States (from 1774)

presidio Sp, fort, settlement (esp in Sp Amer), L *praesidium*, from *praesidēre*, to sit before, protect (v s)

press¹ To squeeze, etc F *presser*, L *pressare*, frequent of *primere*, *press-*, to press Hence noun *piess*, F *presse*, receptacle for packing things flat (*linen press*), instrument for squeezing (*winepress*), and, from early 16 cent, instrument for printing, also library bookcase (whence *press-mark*) *Liberty of the press* (1680) is already indicated in *Ascopagitica* (1644) In the *piess* was formerly under the *press*, F *sous la presse* A *pressman* was orig a printer At high *pressure* is a steam metaphor

ballitore a printers *presseman* (Flor)

press² As in *press-gang* (17 cent). Back-formation, partly due to association with *press*¹, from earlier *prest*, OF (*prêt*), loan, from *prester* (*prêter*), L *praestare*, to warrant, etc This is from *prae*, security (see *predial*), for *prae vas*, fore pledge, and distinct from *praestare*, to stand in front

Prest was used in 15 cent of earnest-money paid to soldier or sailor on enlistment (cf. to take the *shilling*) and in 16 cent of the enlistment itself, whence verb *imprest*, *impress*, to enlist, idea of force gradually coming in with altered form Hence fig to *press into the service*

Shyppys prested for the King in the west countré
(NFD 1513)

soldato *prest* with paie as soldiers are (Flor)

Prester John [*just*] Obs name for ruler of Abyssinia OF *prestie Jean* (see *priest*)

prestidigitator F *prestidigitateur*, coined (c 1830), after L *praestigiator*, juggler (see *prestige*), by a conjuror named J de Rovère, from It *piesto* (q v) and L *digitus*, finger Cf *phantasmagoria*

prestige F, magic, from L *praestigia*, usu in pl *praestigiae* By dissim for *praestrigiae*, from *praestringere*, to bind before, blindfold Current sense in F & E is 19 cent

praestigiae deceytes, delusions, legierdemaine, sleight conveyances that juglers use (*Coop* J)

presto It, quick, L *praestus*, from *praesto*, at hand, ? for *prae situ* (cf *on the spot*)

Introduced in 16 cent conjurors' patter

presume F *présumer*, L *praesumere*, to take before, anticipate, in Late L to take for granted, dare, whence depreciatory senses The *heir presumptive* is presumed to be heir if the *heir apparent* is not available

pretend F *prétendre*, to lay claim, L *praetendere*, to hold before, put forward This, the oldest sense in E, is preserved in *pretentious*, *pretension*, *Pretender* Current sense, from idea of putting forward false claim, is latest, and is not found in F It seems to have been affected by *pretext*

preterite [*gram*] F *prélerit*, L *praeteritus*, from *praeterire*, to go past

pretermit L *praetermittere*, to omit, lit to let go past

preternatural MedL *praeternaturalis*, coined, ? by Albertus Magnus (13 cent), from L *praeter naturam*, beyond nature

pretext F *prétexte*, L *praetextum*, from *praetextare*, to weave in front Cf fig sense of *cloak*, *palhate*

pretorian See *praetor*

pretty AS *prættig*, from *prætt*, trick, craft, cf obs Du *pretig*, *pertigh*, funny, roguish, etc Sense-development, as in the case of most adjs which can be applied to persons (*nice*, *proud*, *quaint*), is curious With various shades of meaning of *pretty fellow*

of the e of *fine fellow*. *Pretty* and was for
merly used like *nice* and *With pretty hope*
less of jolly miserable precious rotten etc
and see *gay*

preux chevalier Nom of OF *preux* from
Late I *prodis* from first element of *pro-*
desse to be of value *Preux* from were
once common I words though now sur-
viving only as surnames See also *proid*
prieae

prevail From OF tonic stem (*prevail*) of
prevalour I *prevailere* from *calere* to be
worth strong

prevaricate From I *praevaricare* to practise
collusion lit to walk crookedly from
varicare to stride from *varus* bent
knock kneed Cf fig sense of to *shuffle*

prevenient Esp in theol *prevenient* (ante-
ced nt) *grace* From pres part of L *prae-*
venire to come before

prevent From L *praevenire* *vent* to come
before anticipate guard against Etym
sense in to *prevent one's entry* with Cf I
praevenire to warn predispose Current
sense is latest *I prevent* applied to
branch of Coast Guard dealing with
smugglers is 19 cent

Prevent u. O Lord in all our doing
(Com m un Service)

Thy were called custom house officers then
These w no s ch t ag s prevent em n
(I gold by)

previous From L *praevius* from *prae* and
via way of *pervious* The previous ques-
tion (Burnet) is put to shut out the main
question A little *previous* for premature
is US slang

previse From L *praevidere* *praevis* to fore-
see

prey OF *preis* (prois) L *praeda* booty a
common sense of *prey* in ME Cf *pre-*
daury

prigasm [med] L G *πρᾶσμος* from *πρᾶ-*
sm = god of procreation

price OF *pris* (*prix*) L *pretium* reward
value (see *praise*) Cf It *prezzo* Sp *precio*
Correct E form is *prize* (qv) for change
of consonant cf *mic dice* ME senses
were much wider than mod some of them
having been absorbed by *praise* *Priceless*
now a favourite schoolboy word is first
in Shaks Maxum in quot below asmed at
Walpole and often errone attributed to
him evidently refers to his supposed or
expressed opinion

It is an old maxim that every man has his price
(S W Wyndham in H C M 13 1734)

prick AS *prica* *pricca* point dot cf I
LG *prick* prickle dot etc Oldest se
appears to be mark mad with sharp poi
and the word was used in many senses r
replaced by point dot cf *prick* son
pricked song marked with dots Verh
AS *prician* from noun and MF has
form *prica* (cf *pick* *fulch*) *prick-ea*
was applied to the Puritans whose sh
hair made their ears prominent

It is hard to tell for to kyke g the p i
(I lg cont st mulum aleitrare)

(W y Ad)

A the dyes t pou men be u wikk

B war there r th come t th t pnikke
(Ch c B)

At th s the town I Mansoul began to prick p
ears (Bunyan)

pricket [ten] See *brocket*

prickle AS *pricel* for *pricels* in trumen
noun from *prician* (vs) later treated
dim *Prickly pear* was earlier *prick fe*
(Richard Hawkins) *prickle pea* (Cap
John Smith)

pride AS *pryða* app from *prout* Cf O
p *pryða* from *pryða* gallant fine But t
formation by umlaut of an abstract noun
from a I loan word is abnormal and cas
some doubt on the origin of *pride* (qv)
Pride of place from falconry *pride* beu
used of height attained

A f leat to en g u h pride t pl c

(M b)

prie Dieu I pray (od)

priest AS *preost* app shortened from I
presbyter (see *Peshyterian*) cf OF *pre* t
(*prie*) It *prete* Sp *preste* also Du Ge
priester Assumed also in the converted
countries the sense of L *sacerdos* and like
sacerdos al has been associated sin e th
Reformation p with Rome hen e de
precatori *priestcraft* *priest ridden*

prig In earliest (16 cent) sense of thiel
cant word In u u mod sense perh parti
a violent shortennr of *precisian* (qv)
with which it is used interchangeably
17-18 cents Cf the derivations I hav
suggested for *far* *fig* But 17 cent *prig*
spruce may b long to *prick* in o's sens
of attiring carefully (with pins bodkins
etc) cf sense hist of *smug*

There do k n tynck is called also *prigg*es b
b astly peopl (Harrman s Cal 1367)

prim Recorded c 1700 as verb to assume
a formal or demure look adj and noun
a sully empty starched fellow (*Dial Cant*
Crew) There is also an obs 16 cent *prim*

pretty girl, etc App OF *prim*, first, also thin, sharp, etc., var of *prin* (as in *prim-temps*), L *primus*

prime thinne, slender, exile, small, whence, *cheveux primes*, smooth, or delicate hair (Cotg)

prima donna It, first lady Cf *leading lady* (theat)

prima facie L, at first sight, abl of *facies*, face Recorded 1420

primage [naut] Percentage addition to freight ModL *primagium*. Analogy of *keelage*, *bottomry*, suggests derivation from It *primo*, formerly used for keel, *legno*, timber, being understood See *prime*³

primary F *primane*, L *primarius*, from *primus*, first Has replaced *prime*¹ in some senses *Primary school*, after F *école primaire*, is early 19 cent

primate F *primat*, Late L *primas*, *primat*-, chief, from *primus*, first Current sense is earliest (c 1200), but it is also used in ME for chief, chief priest Cf *primates*, adopted by Linnaeus for highest order of mammals

This preost was *primat* in that lond of Madyan (Trev ii 325)

prime¹ Noun AS *prīm*, L *prima* (sc *hora*), one of the canonical hours, later used for early part of the day In other substantive senses, e g *prime of life*, it represents the F form, fem of OF *prim*, L *primus*, as in *prim-temps* *Primus* is superl from OL *pri*, before, cogn with *prae*

prime² Adj F (v s), used in a few phrases only, in which it is usu a late borrowing from L *primus* rather than an OF fem As descriptive of goods it is perh rather *prime*¹ used attributively, cf simular use of *choice*, *prize*, etc *Prime minister* (17 cent) renders F *premier ministre* Here belong *prime cost* (*motive*, *number*, etc)

prime³ To fill up, e g with knowledge or drink Earliest sense (Douglas, 1513) to load (a ship), which points to connection with *primage* (q v) The fig senses may belong partly to *prime*⁵

prime⁴ To give first coat of paint Aphet for synon F *imprimer*, lit to imprint

prime⁵ Of guns Goes with dial *prime*, to prune trees, both app representing **prime* for *proim* (v 1), cf *pile* for *soil* and see *prune*² The orig operation perh consisted in clearing the touch-hole

Rawlins having pruned the tuch-hole, James Roe gave fire to one of the peeces (Purch vi 168)

Thirty muskets ready laden and pruned sixty

powder-pots matched and pruned eight peeces of ordnance ready pruned (ib x 337).

primer Prayer-book for laity, elementary book for children (Chauc) MedL *primarius*, though reason for use in first sense is obscure With name of type cf *brevier-prica*

primero Card game - Altered from Sp *primera*, fem. of *primero*, first, L *primarius*

primeur F, fruit, etc. out of season, from *prime*, first Often used in journalism of first use of exclusive news

primeval From L *primaevus*, from *primus* first, *aevum*, age.

primitive F *primitif*, L *primitivus*, from *primus*, first In sense of pre-Renaissance painter late 19 cent after F *Le Primitif* *Methodists* seceded from the main body 1810

primogeniture F *primogéniture*, MedL *primogenitura*, after Late L *primogenitus*, born first, from *gignere*, *genit*-, to beget

primordial Late L *primordialis*, from *primordium*, from *primus*, first, *ordin*-, to begin

primrose Altered, by association with *ros* from ME & OF *primerole*, from MedL *primula*, from *primus*, first Cf OL *primeuse*, MedL *prima rosa* Though not recorded by NED till 15 cent, *primrose* was a surname in 13 cent As in most flower-names its orig application is uncertain For corrupt cf *rosemary* F *primrose path* see *Haml* i 3, *Macb* ii *Primrose day* commemorates Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield († Apr. 1881), who was trad fond of the flower

primula MedL (v s) Hence Ger *primel*

primum mobile MedL astron term, sometimes used for *prime mover* (*factor*)

primus L, first, cogn with *prae*, before

prior

prince F, L *princeps*, *princip*-, first, chief from *primus*, first, *capere*, to take, cf I *princeps*, Sp *princip* Cf Ger *furst*, *prince* lit first Application to Satan in *prince of darkness* (*the air*, *the world*, etc) is by contrast with *Prince of peace* The Black *Prince* is first called by that name by 14 cent chroniclers

principes L (v s) Esp in *editio princeps* *facile principes*

principal F, L *principalis*, from *princeps* *princip*-(v s) For financ sense, f

proang, inventor's name for it (17 cent)
 ? Variation on obs. *provel*, probe, *ἡ ἐπrou-
 vette*, from *ἐπrouer*, to test, etc., ? or re-
 presenting an E pronunc of F *proir*,
vine-hoot for planting, L *propago*, *pro-
 pagum*, which its shape may have sug-
 gested

probate I *probatum*, from *probare*, to prove,
 test Cf *probation-er* and see *probability*

probe First as noun Late L *proba*, from
probare, to prove (v s) Also called a *test*,
 from *tentare*, to try For fig senses cf
sound

probability F *probité*, L *probitas*, from *probus*,
 good (v s), from *pro* and Aryan root of
be

problem F *probléma*, L, G *πρόβλημα*, lit
 thing thrown before (cf *project*), from
βάλλειν, to throw In Wyc (*Judges*, xiv
 15) *Problem play* (late 19 cent) is perh
 a transl of F *pièce à thèse*, ? or vice-versa

proboscis L, G *πρόσθakis*, elephant's trunk,
 lit food instrument, from *βόσκειν*, to feed

procacity L *procacitas*, pertness, from *pro-
 cax*, forward, from *procare*, to ask

proceed I *proceder*, L *procedere*, to go
 forward With legal proceedings cf F,
procès, lawsuit *Proceeds*, profit, outcome,
 was orig used in sing

The only *procede* (that I may use the mercantile
 term) you can expect is thanks (Howell, 1621)

proceleusmatic [*metr*] Animating, esp foot
 of four short syllables From G *προ-
 κελαιέν*, to incite beforehand

procellarian [*ornth*] From L *procella*,
 storm

procephalic [*ethn*] From G *προκέφαλος*,
 long-headed Cf *dolichocephalic*

process I *procès* (now lawsuit), L *pro-
 cessus*, from *procedere*, *process-*, to proceed,
 go forward Etym sense still in *process of
 time* Hence *procession*, *processional* F
 leg sense (with which cf *proceedings*) also
 appears in *process of law*, *process-serves*

procès-verbal F, written statement of
 grounds of action (v s)

prochronism Coined on *anachronism* (q v).
Matinée, afternoon performance, *May
 Races*, Camb, held in June, are examples

proclaim F *proclamer*, L *proclamare* See
claim To *proclaim* (an Irish district as no
 longer fit to be governed by ordinary law)
 dates from 1881

proclitic [*gram*] Coined (1801) on *enclitic*
 (q.v)

proclivity F *proclivité*, L *proclivitas*, from

proclivus, from *clivus*, slope Cf *leaning*,
penchant, *bent*, *inclination*.

proconsul. L, from *pro consule* (see *consul* -
 Application to governor of great British
 dependency is app. due to Macaulay, who
 used it of Warren Hastings

procrastinate From L *procrastinare*, from
crastinus, of to-morrow, *cras*

Procrastination is the thief of time;
 Year after year it steals, till all are fled
 (Young, *Night Thoughts*, 1 333)

procreate From L *procreare*, to beget, from
creare, to create

1 evilful procreation of children (Chaucer E 1446)

Procrustean Of *Procrustes*, G, Προκρούστης,
 lit stretcher, myth robber of Attica, who,
 by stretching or chopping, made his cap-
 tives fit his bed

proctor. Contr. of *procurator* (q.v) Cf
proxy Orig deputy, attorney In early
 use at universities

Presentibus apud Woodstocke tam procuratoribus
 scoliarum universitatis quam burgensibus Oxon
 (NED 1248)

The cone of the proctour [var. procuratour] of myn
 hows (Wyc Gen. vi 2)

procumbent From pres part of L *pro-
 cumbere*, to fall forward Cf *incumbent*

procurator I *procurateur*, L *procurator-em*,
 from *procurare*, to procure Synon with
attorney, hence by *procurator*, by *proxy*.
 See *proctor*

procure F *procurer*, L *procurare*, to care
 for, bring about, act as agent, from *cura*,
 care In current sense the dat of the
 person is understood, e.g. *he procured (for
 himself, F il se procura) money* Sense of
 acting as pander, whence *procuress*, first in
 Shaks

prod Used by Coverd (1535) of goading
 oxen App cogn with obs *proke*, *prog*.
brod, all used in similar senses, the last is
 cogn with *brad* (cf dial *prodaul*), while
proke has a LG cogn *proken*, perh ult
 allied to *prick*

prodigal Late L **prodigalis*, from *prodigus*,
 from *prodigere*, to squander, lit drive
 forth, from *pro* and *agere* First in ref to
Prodigal Son (Vulg *filius prodigus*)

prodigy L *prodigium*, portent, marvel, from
pro and OL **agion*, thing said, cf *ao*,
 I say, and see *adage* *Prodigy pianist*
 (violinist, etc.) dates from c 1889 With
prodigious, immense, cf *monstrous*, *enor-
 mous*

prodrome Γ G *προδρόμος* running before from *δρομεν* to run Cf *palindrome*
 produce L *producere* to bring forth etc from *ducere* duct to lead (cf *production*)
 The noun was formerly accented as the verb

You heard not h alth f'r your own pri ate use
 But on the publ sp'd the n h produce (Byron)

poem Archa c F *proème* L G *πρόημα*
 prelude ? from *οὐδ'ος* way ? or *οὐδ'ος* song
 In Chauc (E 43) Cf *preamb*!

profane F L *profanus* lit before (outside) the temple (see *fane*) Orig sense of uninitiated still in playful use is developed into that of sacrilegious bla phemous

profess L *profiteri* *profess* from *falleri* to acknowledge own Before 1500 in rel sense only to make profession of one's faith and spec to take the vows Later to claim knowledge in some pec branch whence *professor* *profession* the latter almost monopolised by the stage as *ade* by the liquor business also *professional* (cricketer beauty politician agitator)

All wh profess and call themselves Christians
 (Prayer for all c dulous f men)

proffer AF *profferir* OF *poroffrir* from *por* (pour L *pro*) and *offerir* to offer Asso ciated in sense with L *proferre* For contr cf *prune* ^h pl sh *pick*

S in destr quant a Dieu en p offrit (Roi 2389)

proficient From pres part of L *proficere* to advance be useful from *facere* to make
 profile It *profilus* from *profilare* to outline from I *filum* thread Cf *puft*

p filo bord r a lining or drawing of any picture (H W)

profit Γ L *profecere* *progres* *profit* from *pro* *facere* to help forward etc (see *proficient*) As opposite of *loss* has superseded native *geatun* For bal sense cf to *take advantage* *Profitier* was coined (1915) on *privateer* to describe those who levied blackmail on the nation's necessity by exacting inordinate prices f'r their commodities or labour (cf Ger *bröckel* *winnen*)

Profitieren g i an e travail l recompense g en for services rendered

(D Lloyd George Jan 30 191)

profligate L *profligatus* from *profligare* to ruin cast down etc. from *fligere* to strike down. Cf sense-development of *alien* *and dissolute* *void*

profound Γ *profund* L *profundus* from *fundus* bottom Lsu in fig en ea of native *deep*

profundis de Init words of Ps cxxx cxxix

De profundis ad te clamamus Domine!

profuse L *profusus* pp of *profundere* to pour forth Cf *gishin*

prog¹ (slan) Food On a cant w'd (17 cent) App from *er* to *free* poke about forage cogn with obs *proke* to prod Cf synonym *grub* from *grub* to dig Perth vaguely associated with *pro* *rende* *pro* *ians*

prog (Oxf & Camb for *proctor* AL *progan*

progeny OF *progenie* L *progenie* f m *pro-* and *gignere* *gen* to beget

prograins See *pro*

prognathous Coined (19 cent) from G *γναθος* jaw

A prognathous Westph ha with retreating brow and the mass of a hog
 (Buck Thistle and top)

prognostic Restored spelling of ME & OF *procrilique* L C *προγνωστικός* from *προγνωσναι* to know before

programme Late L G *προγραμμα* a public written notice from *γραφειν* to write
 Spelling *pro* *ramme* is F

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prohibit From L *prohibere* *prohibere* *prohibere* to have hold *prohibition* (by abstainers of alcoholic refreshment f'r oth r) is Ls (c 1850) and triumphant 1919

project L *pro* *icere* from *pro* *icere* *project* to throw forward from *icere* to throw Cf synonym *Cet* *entire* from *versum* to throw I tym sense appears in *pro* *ect* In cl orthography *pro* *ect* from *pro* *ect* a plane surface) was orig the result of geometrical projection

prolate L *prolatius* used as pp of *proferre* to extend Cf *olus* *prolate*

prolegomena G *προλεγόμενα* real pl cf pres part pass of *prolegomenon* to say beforehand Cf *prosa* *prosa*

prolepsis [gram] G *προληψις* from *προ* *λαμβάνειν* to take before e g *pro* *lepsis* *le* *le* *condunt* it ther but the concealed hi lls Cf *an* *ception*

- provang*, inventor's name for it (17 cent).
 ? Variation on obs *provet*, probe, F *éprouvette*, from *éprouver*, to test, etc., ? or representing an L pronunc of F. *provin*, vine-shoot for planting, L *propagum*, *propagum*, which its shape may have suggested
- probate** L *probatum*, from *probare*, to prove, test Cf *probation-er* and see *probity*
- probe** First as noun Late L *proba*, from *probare*, to prove (v s) Also called a *lent*, from *tentare*, to try For fig senses cf *sound*⁴
- probity** F *probité*, L *probitas*, from *probus*, good (v s), from *pro* and Aryan root of *be*
- problem** F *problème*, L, G *πρόβλημα*, lit. thing thrown before (cf *project*), from *βάλλειν*, to throw In Wyc (*Judges*, xiv 15) *Problem play* (late 19 cent) is perh a transl of F *pièce à thèse*, ? or vice-versa
- proboscis** L, G *προσβόκη*, elephant's trunk, lit food instrument, from *βόσκειν*, to feed
- procacity** L *procauitas*, pertness, from *procar*, forward, from *procare*, to ask
- proceed** F *procéder*, L *procedere*, to go forward With legal proceedings cf F, *procès*, lawsuit *Proceeds*, profit, outcome, was orig used in sing
 The only *procede* (that I may use the mercantile term) you can expect is *think* (Howell, 1621)
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- procès-verbal** F, written statement of grounds of action (v s)
- prochronism** Coined on *anachronism* (q v) *Matinée*, afternoon performance, *May Races*, Camb, held in June, are examples
- proclaim** F *proclamer*, L *proclamare* See *claim* To *proclaim* (an Irish district as no longer fit to be governed by ordinary law) dates from 1881
- proclitic** [*gram*] Coined (1801) on *enclitic* (q v)
- proclivity** F *proclivité*, L *proclivitas*, from

- proclivus*, from *clivus*, slope Cf *lean*, *pendant*, *lent*, inclination
- proconsul** L, from *pro consule* (see *consul*) Application to governor of great Brit dependency 15 app due to Macaulay, v used it of Warren Hastings
- procrastinate** From L *procrastinare*, to *crastinus*, of to-morrow, *cras*
Procrastination is the thief of time,
 Year after year it steals, till all are fled
 (Young, *Night Thoughts*, 1)
- procreate** From L *procreare*, to beget, *creare*, to create
 Level of procreation of children (Chauc. E 14)
- Procrustean**, Of *Procrustes*, G. Προκρούστης, lit stretcher, myth. robber of Attica, v by stretching or chopping, made his *travellers* fit his bed
- proctor** Contr. of *procurator* (q v)
- procur** Orig deputy, attorney. In use at universities
 Presentibus apud Woodstocke tam procurator scolanium universitatũ quam burgensibus Oxonie (NED 1)
- The song of the proctor [tar procurator] of hows (Wyc. Ger xv 2)
- procumbent** From pres part. of L *cumbere*, to fall forward Cf *incumber*
- procurator** F. *procurateur*, L *procurator*, from *procurare*, to procure. Synon *attorney*, hence by *procurator*, by *pro* See *proctor*
- procure** F. *procurer*, L *procurare*, to for, bring about, act as agent, from *care* In current sense the dat of person is understood, e g *he procured himself*, F *il se procura* money Ser acting as pander, whence *procuress*, cf *Shaks*
- prod** Used by Coverd (1535) of good oxen App cogn with obs *proke*, *brod*, all used in similar senses, the L cogn with *brad* (cf dial *prodaul*), *proke* has a LG cogn *proken*, perhaps allied to *prick*
- prodigal** Late L **prodigalis*, from *prodigere*, to squander, lit forth, from *pro* and *agere* First in *Prodigal Son* (Vulg *filius prodigus*)
- prodigy** L *prodigium*, portent, marvel *pro* and OL **agion*, thing said, cf *I say*, and see *adage* *Prodigy* (violinist, etc) dates from c 1889 *prodigious*, immense, cf *monstrous*, *maus*

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Such men were y-cleped proletarii, that is geteris of children (Trev 1 251)

prolific F *prolifique*, MedL *prolificus*, from *proles*, offspring, *facere*, to make

prolix F *prolixa*, L *prolixi*, lit flowing forth, from *liquere*, to be liquid Cf *fluent*

prolocutor Chairman of Lower House of Convocation L, fore-speaker, from *loqui*, *locut*, to speak

prologue F, L, G *πρόλογος*, lit fore-speech From c 1300

prolong F *prolonger*, Late L *prolongare*, from *longus*, long

prolusion L *prolusio-n*-, from *procludere*, -lus-, to play before Cf *prelude*

promenade F, from *promener*, OF *pourmener*, to lead along, cause to walk, Late L *prominare*, to drive (cattle) onward, from *minari*, to threaten. Ending -ade is imitated from words of It or Sp origin. The *promenade concert* (1839) is of F introduction

Promethean Of *Prometheus*, demi-god who made man from clay and supplied him with fire stolen from Olympus, for which he was chained by Zeus in Caucasus

prominent From pres part of L *prominere*, to jut out, cf *outstanding* and see *eminent*

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promise L *promissum*, pp neut of *promittere*, lit to send before. ME had also *promes*, F *promesse*, L *promissa*, cf It *promessa*, Sp *promesa*. Verb, from noun, has expelled ME. *promit*. Land of Promise (Coverd), *Promised Land* (Milt), are for earlier *Land of Behest*. *Promissory* (note) is MedL *promissorius*

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promote. From L *promovere*, *promot*-, to move forward, to further. Financ sense is late 19 cent

One of the fearful things of the late war is that we had no admirals and generals shot—we only promoted them (Lord Fisher, *Times*, Sep 11, 1919)

prompt F, L *promptus*, pp of *promere*, to put forth, from *pro* and *emere*, to take, buy

First (14 cent) as verb, to incite (cf It, *prontare*), hence to supply with words, etc. (15 cent)

Were it

My cue to fight, I should have known it
Without a prompter (*Oth* 1. 2)

promulgate From L *promulgare*, alteration of *provulgare* (from *vulgus*, people), perh due to confusion with synon. L *promovere legem*

prone OF, L *pronus*, face downwards, cogn with *pro*. Hence used in connection with downward "bent"

Redi [var *proon*] in to yvel (Wyc, *Gen* viii 21)

prong From c 1500. Also *prang*, *sprong*. Cf Du *prang*, compression, pinch, Ger *pranger*, pillory, Goth *praggen*, to compress. See *fang*.

pronoun Imitated by Palsg from F *pronon*, L *pronomem*. See *noun*

pronounce F *prononcer*, L *pronuntiare*, to proclaim, announce, from *nuntius*, messenger.

pronunciamento [pol] Sp. *pronunciamento*, proclamation, esp of insurgents (vs)

The first place in the *Englishwoman* is naturally claimed by Mrs Fawcett's "pronunciamento" on the General Election (*Daily Tel* Dec 3, 1918)

proof ME *proeve*, *preve*, F *preuve*, Late L *proba*, from *probare*, to prove (q v.), from *probus*, genuine, true; cf It *prova*, Sp *prueba*. In some senses, e g *printer's proof*, *artist's proof*, *proof-spirit*, *armour of proof*, it is rather aphet for F *épreuve*, trial, test, from *éprouver*, VL **ex-probare*. So also *proof against*, F *à l'épreuve de*, whence numerous compds in *-proof*

Mr Thomas says, "It behoves us to make our union blackleg-proof" (*Daily Chron* July 27, 1917)

prop Du, earlier *proppe*, "pedamen, fulcrumentum, fulcrum, sustentaculum" (Kil); cogn with Ger *pfropfen*, peg, plug, cork of bottle. Thought to be Teut, in which case Ger *pfropfen*, shoot for grafting, must be a separate word (L *propago*, *propagin*). To *prop*, stop suddenly, (of a horse), is Austral

propaedeutic From G *προπαιδευτικ*, to teach before. See *pedagogue*

propaganda. Short for *Congregatio de propaganda fide*, committee of cardinals established (1622) by Gregory XV to supervise foreign missions (see *propagate*). Sometimes erroneously treated as neut pl. (*memoranda*, *addenda*, etc.) *Raging*, *tearing*

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What they call a "good prospect," that is, every appearance on the surface of a vein of good metal (Capt. Marryat, 1839)

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prostate [anat] MedL *prostatia*, G *προστατή*, one standing before

prosthesis [gram.] Prefixing of letter, e.g. F. *esprit* from L *spiritus* L, G. *πρόθεσις*, from *πρός*, to, *τίθέναι*, to put Has rather the sense of *prothesis*

prostitute From pp of L. *prostituere*, to offer for sale, from *pro* and *statuere*, to set up
prostrate L *prostratus*, pp of *prostrernere*, *prostrat-*, from *sternere*, to strew, lay flat.

protagonist G *πρωταγωνιστής*, actor who plays first part, from *πρῶτος*, first, *ἀγωνιστής*, competitor, etc. See *agony*.

protasis [gram.] Late L, G *πρότασις*, stretching forward, proposition, from *τείνειν*, to stretch Cf. *apodosis*

protean Like *Proteus*, G. sea-god with power of change of form.

protect. From L *protegere*, *protect-*, from *tegere*, to cover In econ sense *protection* is 19 cent. The first *Protector* (regent) was John Duke of Bedford, uncle of Henry VI
protégé F, pp of *protéger*, to protect (vs)
proteid. Introduced (1871) by Watts for *protein*, Ger. *protein*-(*stoff*), coined by Mulder from G. *πρω-ος*, first

protest. F *protester*, Late L *protestare*, for *protestari*, to testify publicly, declare, as in to *protest one's innocence* Now usu with *against* *Protestant* was assumed as title by those German princes and free cities that "protested" against the decision of the Diet of Spire (1529) re-affirming the edict of the Diet of Worms against the Reformation.

proteus [biol] Name of various protozoa and bacteria See *protean*

proto- From G *πρῶτος*, first, superl. from *πρός*, before.

protocol F *protocole*, MedL, Late G. *πρωτόκολλο*, first leaf, fly-leaf glued inside volume and containing account of MS, from *κόλλα*, glue. Cf. It. *protocollo*, Sp. *protocolo*

protocoll a book wherein scribes register all

their writings, any thing that is first made, and needeth correction (Flor.)

protoplasm Ger. *Protoplasma*, coined (1849) by Mohl from G *πλάσμα*, thing moulded, from *-λάσσειν* (cf. *plastic*) Ger *sprachreiniger* (purists) prefer *urschleim*, original mucus

protozoa [zool.] Unicellular animals Coined (1818) by Goldfuss from G *ζῷον*, animal
protract From L *protrahere*, *protract-*, to draw forward.

protrude L *protrudere*, to thrust forward
protuberant From pres part. of L *protuberare*, from *tuber*, swelling.

proud Late AS *prūð*, *prūit*, OF. *prod*, *prūd*, Late L **prodis*, back-formation from *prodesse* (*pro* and *esse*), to be of value, cf. It. *prode*, "valiant, hardie, courageous, full of prowess, stout, noble, worthy, haughty, wise, grave, notable, of great worth" (Flor) The F. word survives in the old nom. *preux*, also in *prūd'homme*, arbitrator, and *prude*; cf. archaic E. *grow*, doughty, and *prowess*. See *pride* As with most adjs which can be used as pers epithets, its sense-hist. is very vague. In *proud flesh* orig. idea is over-growth (vi)

We at time of year

Do wound the bark, the skin of our fruit-trees,
Lest, being over-proud with sap and blood,
With too much riches it confound itself

(Ric² II, iii 4)

There is such a thing as a man being too proud to fight (Pres Wilson on the Lusitania massacre)

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provenance F., from *provenir*, to originate, L *provenire*, to come forth Also, with latinized spelling, *provenience*

It is a penal offence to eat seed-potatoes, whatever their provenance (Daily News, May 2, 1917)

Provençal Of *Provence*, L *provincia*, first part of Gaul acquired by Romans Often vaguely as gen. name for the dialects of the *largue d'oc* (Provençal, Gascon, Languedocien, Auvergnat, etc.), esp as used by the troubadours (12-13 cents.).

provender. OF *provenire*, var of *proverre*, VL **probenda*, for *praeterda* See *praebend*, with which it is synon in ME For

prefix change of *provost* Hence also It *prospenda* Ger *pfrunde* benevolent foundation

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provide L *providere* lit to foresee *Providence* the Deity is ellipt for divine *providence* Universal *provider* was first (c 1879) assumed as title by William Whiteley *Provision* orig foresight acquires its current sense now usu suggesting eatables from phrase to *make* (take) *provision* hence also *provisional* See *prudent* *purvey* *purview*

province F L *provincia* The provinces contrasted with London is imitated from F *la province* orig used of the great semi-independent provinces contrasted with the central kingdom. Hence *provincialism* For sense of sphere of duty etc cf similar use of *distict* This belongs to the etym sense L *provincia* orig rule office etc being ult cogn with Goth *franya* lord (see *frau*)

provision See *provide*

proviso L abl absolute in MedL *provisio quod* it being provided that Hence *provisory* For origin and substantival use cf cogn *purview*

provisor [hist] Holder of a provision papal grant to benefice on its becoming vacant Hence *Statute of Provisors* (1350-51) ME & OF *provisour* L *provisor* em provider

provoke F *provoquer* L *provocare* to call forth For L F & obs E sense of challenging cf to *call out* Agent *provocateur* police or government agent in citing to crime is 19 cent F

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punch¹ Beverage Ori^o Anglo Ind and trad (since 17 cent) derived from Hind *pānch* five in allusion to five (?) ingredients Cf *Punjab* five rivers and Anglo Ind *punch* council of five *F punch* Du *punch* Ger *pinch* Sp Port *ponche* are all borrowed from *E* The trad etym is supported by the parallel of *charebēchhra* described (1629) by Peter Mundi as a composition of *racke* (i.e. arrick) water sugar and juice of lymes This is app Hind *chā bakhra* four parts and the same mixture is called by Mandelslo *pale punt* app *F pale pinch*

punch² To strike App combined from *prich* to pierce thrust (from *punch*¹) and *punch* a common ME contr of *pinch* The latter is still a boxing term *Bounce pinch* were also formerly used in same sense and may have contributed to modernizing

Carm (Ca n) his ynn w i punched seven-fold (Trev ii 23)

I pu k j boult j pousse (Palg)

I b che I heate je pousse (D)

punch³ Short fat person or animal esp in Suffolk *pun h* for earlier *punch* horse

Ident with *Punch* (v) a world which became very popular in Pepys' time

It's gun which I on the wharves and business, they do call Punchinell (Pepys Ap 12 669)

St ying among poo people there in the all y did barthm all their fat hild Punch, th t w d being bec me word of common use for all th tis th k d short (b Apr 30 1669)

Punch Short for *Punchinello* (17 cent) earlier *Polichinello* altered from Neap *Pollicenell* name of character in puppet play It *Pulinella* perh dum of *pulcin* chicken The Neap form is used also of the young of the turkey cock the beak of which the *Punchinello* make may have resembled Cf *F Polichinelle* Peased as *Punch* app refers to his unflinching triumph over enemies *Punch and Judy* is 10 cent for earlier *Punch and his wife* For its origin cf *pan loon scaramouch* etc Repeatedly mentioned as a novelty by Pepys

Then e ay to Polichinello and ther had three times in sport than at th pl y (P pps, Ap 9 667)

puncheon¹ [archaic] Tool for piercing *F poinçon* awl Late L *punctio n* from *pun ere punct* to pierce Cf *prison* Sp *pun on* Now usu replaced by shortened *punch* See *pounce*

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punctual MedL *punctilis* from *punct* s point from *pungere* *prict* to prick cf *I punctel* punctilious Current sense *n* *F* is latest

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By God in erthe I was h s p u l torie,
For which I hope h s soule be in glori

(Ch. uc D 489)

purge *Γ purger* *L purgare* for *purigare* from *purus* pure cf *castigare* from *castus* Leg use e.g. to *purge one's offence* is 17 cent *Pride's purge* (1648) is first mentioned under that name by 18 cent historians cf *Black Prince* (Death)

Purim Pl of *pur* lot prob borrowed by Heb from Assy or Pers See *Esther* ix 26
puritan Cf *Γ puritain* applied (16 cent) opprobriously to Protestants Orig in *Γ* of advan cd reformers in Church of England Cf Ger *ketzer* heretic from *G* *al pos* clean+ pure Depreciatory sense survives in *puritanical*

purle Twisted gold wire etc as ornamental edging Earlier (16 cent) *purle* from archaic verb to *purle* (v i) Cf It *puricare* to twirl round (Flor) from *piro's* spanning top cogn with *piromelle* Hence *pearl stitch*
I pyrie wy of gold or sylver I wynd t pon a whele as sylk women do (Palsg)

purle Drink Orig infusion of wormwood in hot beer In Pepys Origin unknown

purle To murmur (of brook) Imut cf Norw dial *purle* S v dial *porla*

purle [colloq] To bowl over For *purle* to spin round etc See *purle*

purieu Orig strip of land on edge of wood disafforested by a new perambulation or survey *L perambulatio* was rendered (13 cent) in AF by *puralee* a going through from OF *pouraller* This was contracted to *p rley* and later corrupted to *purieu* by a supposed etym from *L purus locus* by which it is rendered in early L dicta For a similar perversion cf *senie* For later senses cf *oulskirts* We also find OF *pa aller* MedL *peralare*
F resta ch es and p lewes

(Rolls of Pa l 48)

P lue or *Pou lue* is a certain term n of ground adjoin g into th forest d saff rosted again by the perambulation in de f these en g of the n w forrestes fro n th old

(M wood Law s of For st i 98)

purloin OF *porloigner* to remove put far away from loin far *L lon e* Cf *F dloigner* to remove

purple O'Northumb *purpel* for AS *purpure* *L purpura* *G π pō pa* name of the shell fish also called *murex* which gave the

Tyrian purple For dissim of *rr* to *rl* cf *marble* In most Europ langs esp with ref to dress of emperors kings cardinals the last named still showing the orig bright red colour Born in the purple renders Late *G π pō porpavptos* member of Byzantine imperial family For *purple patch* see below

Incepti gra id s pterumque t m on p fessus

Purpurens late qui splende t nus et it r

Admiratur pannus (Hor De Art Poet 14)

A tquit mywb l tash but lha e a gran l purpl
p t h i the el t of Lo d nd rry j t w on
d i m st take time

(Ma aul y' Diary O t s 84)

purport OF *porporter* to embody from *porter* to carry

purpose OF *porpos* (*propos*) from *porposer* (*proposer*) See *pose* With to the *p rpos* cf *Γ d p rpos* and with dial a *purpose* for of *purpose* cf *F de propo* (*del bē*) With novel with a *prpose* (late 19 cent) cf *problem* play and Ger *tendenroman*
purpresture (leg) Encroachment AF cor rupt of *purpessure* from OF *porpre id e L p rro* and *pre n lere* (for *prehend re* to take)

purrr Imut cf *F ron ommer*

purse AS *pirs* Late *L bursa* *G β pra* hide leather cf *F bourse* It *borsa* Sp *bolsa* Ori a small bag drawn together at the mouth by a thong *purse* i i g whence *purse net* and to *purse* i e wrinkle one's brow (lips) Idea of orig shpe also survives in *long purse* *Purser* (naut) is 15 cent Hence *purser's nam* false nam given to purser by passenger traveller, incognito

purslane Herb OF *porcelain* (cf It *por cellan a*) altered app by influence of *porce* i n from *L po cilaca* used by Pliny for *portulaca*

pursue AF *pursuer* from OF *porsen* p p of OF *porssure* (*porssure*) VL *prose quere* for *prosequi* to follow up prosecute *Γ* tym sense appears in *pursant* *pur uance* and *purs i vant* orig junior heraldic officer acting as follower of herald now officer of College of Arms *Pursus* is sometimes *persue* in ME OF *persure* to persecute and *persecute* *prosecute* often occur in same sense

Th K g s army p oerut d th in ven t th s
clitu (Syd. P yntz 324 36)

pursy For earlier *pu s te* AF *pursif* OF *polisif* (*ponissif*) from *L p lsa e* to throb frequent of *pellere puls* to drive S e

- Punic** L *Punicus*, earlier *Poenicus*, Carthaginian, orig *Phoenician* (q v) Esp in *Punic faith*, L *fides Punica*
- punish** F *punir*, *puniss-*, L *punire*, for *poenire* See *penal Punitive*, now usu with *expedition*, is MedL *punitivus*
- Punjaub head** [Anglo-Ind] Form of amnesia prevalent in *Punjaub* Also called *Burmah head*
- Then the Doctor told us that *aphasia* was like all the arrears of "Punjab Head" falling in a lump (Kipling, *Plain Tales*).
- punk** [chiefly US] Touchwood App for *spunk* (q v)
- punkah** [Anglo-Ind] Hind. *pankhā*, fan, from Sanskrit *paksha*, wing
- punnet** Chip-basket for strawberries. ? F dial (Rouchi) *ponete*, "petit panier où les poules viennent pondre" (Hécart)
- punt**¹ Boat AS has *punt*, L *ponto*, pontoon (q v) But, as the word is not found again till c 1500 (*punt-boat*), when it occurs in EAngl, it was prob borrowed afresh from cogn Du *pont*, ferry-boat
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- punt**³ At football First at Rugby (1845) Cf dial *bunt*, to kick, strike Prob the words are nasalized forms of *butte*, *put* (in orig sense)
- puny** Phonetic spelling of *pusne* (q v) Shaks has both spellings in current sense of *puny*
- The first-born child [Mont *aisné*] shall succeed and inherit all, where nothing is reserved for punics [Mont *puissés*] (Florio's *Montaigne*, II 12)
- pup** Shortened from *puppy* (q v) With to *sell* one a *pup*, swindle, cf hist of *cozen*
- pupa** [biol] L, girl, doll, adopted as scient term by Linnaeus
- pupil**¹ Scholar F *pupille* (m & f), ward, minor, L *pupillus*, *pupilla*, dims of *pupus*, boy, *pupa*, girl, baby words of the *papa* type Orig sense, still in F, survives in *pupilage* Current sense from 16 cent The *pupil teacher* system was introduced from Holland (1839-40)
- To visit *pupilles* and widows in her tribulations (Wyc *Jarvis*, I 27)
- pupil**² Of eye F *pupille* (f), L *pupilla*, "the sight of the eye" (Coop), ident with fem form of *pupul*, from reflection of face seen in eye Cf obs. use of *baby*, also G κόρη, girl, doll, pupil of eye
- They may kiss and coll, lye and look babies in one anothers eyes (Burton)
- puppet** Later form of *poppet*, OF *poupette*, "a little babie, puppet, bable" (Cotg), dim from VL **puppa*, for *pupa*, girl, doll, cf It *puppa*, Du *pop*, Ger. *puppe*, doll, also F. *poupée*. From 16 cent esp. doll worked by strings, whence fig use.
- puppy** F *poupée*, doll, plaything (vs). Orig (15 cent) lady's toy-dog, pet; cf *pug*¹. Current sense first in Shaks In earlier use not distinguished from *puppet*
- pur-** Norm, form of OF *por* (*pour*), L *pro* In OF & ME often confused with *par-*, *pre-* (see *appurtenance*, *prebense*).
- purana** Myth Sanskrit poems Sanskrit, from *purā*, formerly
- Purbeck marble** From Isle of *Purbeck*, peninsula in Dorset Mentioned 1205
- purblind** Already in Wyc dim-sighted, one-eyed, squinting, but orig (13 cent) quite blind App for *pure blind*; cf. dial *pure well*, quite well For change of sense cf *parboil*
- purchase** F *pourchasser*, to obtain by pursuit, procure (orig E sense), from *chasser*, to chase¹ (q v), cf It *procacciare*, to procure Current sense is first in *Piers Plowm* Not worth an hour's purchase is fig application of reckoning price of land by ref to annual value In sense of leverage orig naut, the verb being used of "ganuing" power by means of capstan, etc Up to 17 cent *purchase* is still often used for piratical gain, booty
- pourchasser* eagerly to pursue, follow, prosecute, sollicite, instantly to seek, purchase, procure, compass (Cotg)
- Their servants do act only as privateers, no purchase no pay (Pepys, May 21, 1667)
- pardah** [Ind] Curtain, esp for screening women Urdu, Pers *pardah*
- pardonium** Trade-name for coal-scuttle, introduced by one *Purdon*
- pure** F *pur*, L *purus*, clean, pure For intens use, e g *pure* (unadulterated) *non-sense*, cf *clean crazy*, etc
- purée** [cook] F, ? from OF *purer*, to squeeze out, from L *pus*, *pur-*, ? or ident with OF *porée*, from L *porum*, leek Cf MedL *purea*, *porea*, pea-soup See *porridge*
- purfle** [archaic] To decorate with ornamental border OF *porfiler*, from *fil*, thread, L *filum*, cf It *proffilare*, Sp *perflar* See *profile*
- purfyle* off cloth lumbus (Prompt *Parv*).
- purgatory** AF *purgatorie*, F. *purgatoire*; cf. MedL *purgatorium*, from *purigare*, to purge

and India mentioned by Herodotus and Homer now esp of dwarf races from Equatorial Africa whose existence may have been vaguely known to the ancients

pyjamas pajamas Urdu Pers *pâe jâmah* leg garment trouser In *F* incorr used of sleeping suit

pylon *G* πύλων gateway from πύλη gate
pylorus [anat.] Lower orifice of stomach
Late *L* *G* πύλως gate keeper (*vs*) from πυρ watcher

pyracanth Shrub *L* *G* πυρα α θ app from πυρ fire ακ νθα thorn but identity of *G* shrub with that known by the Linnaean name is dubious

pyramid *F* pyramide *L* *G* πυραμς πυραμς δ trad associated with πυρ fire (beacon) or πυρος grain (granary) but prob of Egypt origin

pyre *L* *G* πυρα hearth funeral pile from πυρ fire See *pile*¹

pyrethrum Plant *L* *G* πυρεθρον from πυρε fever from πυρ fire from med properties Cf its pop name *feverfew* (*qv*)

pyrexia Fever From *G* πυρεξς (*vs*)

pyrites *I* *G* πυριτης (sc λιθος) fire stone (*vs*)

pyrotechny *F* pyrotechnie from *G* πυρ fire τεχνη art Orig in mil and chem senses
pyroxene [min.] Named (1896) by Häuy who regarded it as a stranger *G* ξ νος to the igneous rocks

pyroxilin Explosive from vegetable fibre Named (1846) by Pelouze from *G* ε λωv wood

Pyrrhic Dance and metrical foot *F* pyrrisque *L* *G* πυρρική (sc πυρρς dance) war-dance of Ancient Greeks trad from its inventor Πυρρς The phalanx (*vs*) belongs rather to next

Y u ha e the Pyrrhic dance as yet
Where is the Pyrrhic phalanx gone?

(Jul s of *Greeks*)

Pyrrhic victory Gained at too great cost to victor like that of Pyrrhus *G* Πύρρος king of Epirus (3 cent *nc*) over the Romans at Asculum Cf *Caesarian*

Ctesiphon where General Townsend won his Pyrrhic victory (*Daily Chron* Jan 27 1917)

Pyrrhonist Follower of Pyrrho *G* Πυρρώνος sceptic philosopher of Elis (4 cent *bc*)

pyrus [bot.] Med *L* incorr for *L* πύρος pear tree esp in πύρος japonica

Pythagorean Of Pytha oras *G* Πυθαγόρας philosopher of Samos (6 cent *nc*) In

early use with spec ref to doctrine of transmigration of souls

Pythian From *G* Πήθε of the Delphi Apollo (*vs*)

python *L* *G* Πύθων nam of serpent slain near Delphi by Apollo πυθ from earlier name of Delphi Mod sense is *vs* cent

pythoness Of pythoness Late *L* pythonessa used in Vul of Witch of End (1 Sam xxviii 7) app connected with the prophetic of the Delphic oracle (*vs*)

And pek as enally d f r nd w l
A t h l h ton and s m el (Chau D 3 q)

pyx [*e* i] Receptacle for consecrated bread Also pyxis *L* *G* πυξς box from πυξς box tree See box¹ Also later (16 cent) used of the assay box at the Mint

Q ship Name given to mystery ships which lured the unsuspecting U boat *Q* for query in allusion to enigmatic character Cf *kush boat*

qua *L* in the capacity of fem abl of qui who used adverbially

quack Imit of Du *kuacken* (*er quacken* In sense of doctor short for *quacksal* *er* Du *kuackzake* one who sells his salves by his patter Cf synonym *Ger marktschreier* lit. market shrieker and see *charlatan* Du has also *lofspreker* charlatan from *lofspreken* to patch cobble

quad (Orf) Short for *quadrangle*

quadragesimal From *L* *quadragena* 40 from *quadragesimus* trib of *quadragesima* forty

quadragesimal Lenten. Late *I* *quadragesima* 40 in allusion to forty days

quadrangle *F* Late *I* *quadrangulum* from *quadr* (*quatuor* four)

quadrant *L* *quadrans* *quadrans* fourth part The instrument (from c 1400) is a quarter circle

quadrant *I* *quadratus* from *quadrare* to square from *quatuor* four *Quadrations* (1 cent) are so called because involving the square of π Cf *quadrant* (squaring) of the circle

quadrantennial From *L* *quadrantes* four years Cf *biennal* etc

quadriga *L* four horse chariot from *quatuor* four *sum* yoke

quadrilateral From *L* *quadrilaterus* from *latus* later side In mil sense of region defined by 4 fortresses esp in ref to the *Italica quadrilatera* (Mantua Verona Peschiera Legnano)

push, and cf *jolly, testy* Orig short-winded, later associated with *purse* and suggesting a swollen bag

pursy in wynde drawynge cardiacus
(*Prompt Parv.*)

One said, yong Mr Leake was verry rich and fatt "True," said B Reid, "pursy men are fatt for the most part" (*Munningham's Diary*, 1602)

You must warrant this horse clear of the glanders, and pursyness (*Gentleman's Dict* 1705)

purtenance [archaic] OF *partenance*, from *partenur*, to belong Cf *appurtenance* See *Ev* xii 9

Caput cum pedibus ejus et intestinis vorabitur
(*Vulg*)

purulent F, L *purulentus*, from *pus*, *pus-purvey* AF *purveier*, OF *porveoir* (*pourvoir*), L *providēre*, to provide, by which it is now usu replaced Both had in ME orig sense of to foresee Cf *survey*

purview F *pourvu*, p p of *pourvoir*, to provide (vs), AF *purveu est*, *purveu que*, being used to introduce a provision or proviso Hence body of statute following preamble In mod use, e g *within the purview of*, influenced by *view*

pus L, cogn with G *πῦρ*, matter

Puseyite Supporter of *Pusey* (†1882), canon of Christ Church, Oxf, and leader of Oxf (Tractarian) movement

push F *pousser*, L *pulsare*, frequent of *pellere*, *puls-*, to drive Hence *push*, vigorous effort Sense of gang, lot (Austral) is evolved from that of throng, press

Pushtoo [Ing] Native name of Afghan lang, intermediate between Iranian and Sanskrit

pusillanimous From Church L *pusillanimus*, from *pusillus*, very small (cogn with *puer*, boy), and *animus*, spirit Used to render G *ὀλιγόψυχος*, small-souled

puss As call-name for cat found in many Europ langs, and even in Afghan Of course much older than the dict's (*NED* 1530) *Pussyfoot* is a neol (1919) from US, where it was formerly used of a dainty gait Ilyf le Messer vulneravit Robertum Pusekat juxta pontem de Corebrigge, ita quod statum obuit (*Northumb Assize Roll*, 1256)

George came pussy-footing round the corner of the station in old man Cardigan's regal touring-car (*Kyne, Valley of Giants*, 1918)

At a demonstration, on Saturday, to celebrate America's going dry, the chairman, Sir A Pearce Gould, said it was not generally known how the name [Pussyfoot] originated It was an honoured name given to Mr Johnson by the Red Indians

because of his skilful and brave fight against the drink traffic in the United States

(*Daily Chron* Jan 19, 1920)

pustule F, L *pustula*, ? from *pus*, purulent matter, ? or imit of "puffing" (cf *blister*)
put Late AS *putian*, also *pothian*, *þýlan* Of obscure origin, prob ult cogn with *butte* and synon F *bouter*, "to thrust, put, force, push, forward" (Cotg) Orig sense, to thrust, propel, survives in to *put the weight*, *put a horse (at a fence)*, *put a knife (bullet) into one*, naut *put back (to sea)*, and, with differentiated spelling and pronunc, in the golf *putt* To *put up with* (an affront) was formerly to *put up*, i e to "pocket" To *put upon*, bully, earlier befool, was orig to *put the ass (fool) upon* With to *put one down (for an ass, etc)* cf similar use of to *write*

Nor would she [the maid-servant] go into a family that did not put out their luen to wash, and hire a charwoman to scour (Defoe).

putative F *putatif*, Late L *putativus*, from *putare*, to think

putlock, **putlog** Transverse support in scaffolding App from *put*; second element doubtful

putrid F *putride*, L *putridus*, from *putrēre*, from *puter*, rotten; cf *putēre*, to stink.

putt [golf] See *put*

puttee Hind *paṭṭī*, bandage, cf. Sanskrit *paita* Late 19 cent

puttock [naut] In *puttock-shrouds*, now replaced by *futtock-shrouds* Cf Du *putting* in somewhat similar sense

putty Earlier also *polee*, F *potée*, "brasse copper, tinne, pewter, &c, burnt or calcinated" (Cotg), lit *potful*, from *pot* Sense has undergone various changes

puzzle Aphet for ME *opposal*, interrogation, etc, also *apposal*, cf to *pose* and *poser* The *NED* points out that the sense-hist of *puzzle*, so far as recorded casts some doubt on this otherwise obvious etym

What answers I sholde make
Unto hys unkouth the opposaylle (*Lj dgate*)

puzzolana See *pozzolana*

pyaemia Blood-poisoning From G *πύον*

pus, αἷμα, blood

pycnotic Of condensation G *πυκνωτικός* from *πυκνῶν*, to condense

pygmy, **pigmy** L, G *πυγμαῖος*, dwarfish dwarf, from *πυγμή*, measure of length from elbow to knuckles, also fist, cogn with L *pugnus* Orig of dwarf races of Ethiopians

quadrille¹ [*archaic*] Card-game which superseded ombre (18 cent) and was superseded by whist F, ? Sp *cuartillo*, quarter, altered by association with *quadrille*²

quadrille² Dance F, Sp *cuadrilla*, orig troop of riders in four groups, cf It *quadrighio*, "a crue, a troupe, a compagnie" (Flor)

quadrillion Coined on *million*, *billion*

quadrivium L, meeting of four ways, from *via*, way, in MedL the math part of the liberal arts, viz arithmetic, geometry, astronomy, music Cf *trivial*

quadroon Earlier *quarteron*, *quatron*, F *quarleron*, Sp *cuarterón*, from *cuarto*, fourth, L *quartus*, because having one-fourth of negro blood Form has been influenced by numerous words in *quadr-* (v s)

quadrumane Late L *quadrumanus*, coined, after *quadruped*, from L *manus*, hand

quadruped L *quadrupes*, *quadruped-*, from *pes*, foot *Quadru-* is a var of *quadr-*

quadruple F, L *quadruplus* Cf *double*, *triple*.

quaere L, imper of *quaerere*, to seek Used as comment on matter to be looked up or further considered Now usu *query*

quaestor [*hist*] L, from *quaerere*, *quaesit-*, to seek Orig official in charge of treasury

quaff Earlier also *quaft* Orig to carouse, the date (16 cent) and *hist* of the word suggesting that it came from the Low Countries (cf *booze*) This is also the statement of early etymologists The fact that *quass*, LG *quassen*, to eat or drink immoderately, is found in the same sense, suggests that *quaff* may have originated in a mis-reading of *quaff*

I q'auht, I drinke all out je boys dautant (Palsg)

The beastly man muste sitte all dry and quasse,
The beaste indeede doth drinke but twice a day,
The beastly man muste stuffe his monstrous masse
(Turberville, 1576)

In our fathers days, the English returning from the service in the Netherlands, brought with them the foul vice of drunkenness, is besides other testimonies the term of *carous*, from *gar-aus*, all out, learnt of the High Dutch there, in the same service, so *quaff*, &c.

(Chamberlayne, *Present State of England*, 1692)

quagga Kind of zebra Given (1710) as Hottentot *quacha*, but now current in Kaffir in the form *iguara* "The true quagga is believed to have been exterminated about 1873" (NED).

quagmire From 16 cent, cogn with *quake*.

Earlier also *quakemne*, *quavemne* (see *quaver*)

Quai d'Orsay [*hist*] F. Foreign Office From address Cf *Ballplatz*, *Porte*, etc

quail¹ Bird F *caille*, of Teut origin; cf It *quaglia*, OSp *coalla*, MedL *quacula* VL *quaccola* (Gloss of Reichenau, 9 cent) Source may be OHG *quahela*, imit of cry, cf Du *kwakkel*

quail². Verb Obs from c 1650, but revived by Scott Fig use of obs *quail*, to curdle coagulate (still in dial), F. *caillet*, L *coagulare* Cogn It *cagliare* has the same double sense

cagliare to curd or congeal as milke doth Also to hold ones peace (Flor).

You could mark by the change of his skin and by the look out of his eyes how his courage was clabbering to whey inside him, making his face a milky curdled white (Irvin S Cobb).

quaint OF *cointe*, L *cognitus*, pp of *cognoscere*, to get to know Cf *acquaint* Orig clever, ingenious, pretty, etc For vague and wide senses cf *nice*, *fine*, etc Some early dicta have "quaint, see unknown," the word having thus gradually reached its opposite

count quaint, compt, neat, fine, spruce, brisk, smug, smug, daintie, trim, tricked up (Cotg)

quair [*Sc*] See *quire*²

quake AS *cwacian*; cf OLG *quakith* vibrating, ult cogn with *quaver* Some times treated as strong verb in ME. (see *aspen*) The nickname *Quaker* was given (c 1650) to the Society of Friends, by whom it is not recognized (cf *Shaker*, com *vulsonnaire*)

Preacht at Games Coln, ye quakers nest, but no disturbance (*Diary* of Ralph Josselin, Vicar of Earl's Colne, Essex, July 3, 1655).

qualify F *qualifier*, MedL *qualificare*, to describe, attribute a quality to, from *qualis* of what kind Sense of modifying (a statement) by closer definition is 16 cent Mod to *qualify* for (a position) is for earlier reflex

I am qualifying myself to give lessons
(*Bleak House*, ch. xxxiii)

quality F *qualité*, L *qualitas*, from *qualis* (v s) For people of quality cf. similar use of *fashion*, *rank*, etc, with adj understood

Les gens de qualité savent tout sans avoir jamais rien appris (*Précieuses ridicules*, 17).

qualm Orig (16 cent) sudden faintness or fear, later esp in *qualms* of conscience (Milt) Du. *kwalm*, earlier, *qualm*, "steam, reek, vapour, must" (Sewel), whence

quest In medieval romance esp of a knight's enterprise

question F L. *quaestio*-n from *quaerere* (v.s.) *Questionnaire* (neol) is F Deprecatory sense of *questionable* from c. 1800

queue F OF *coue* *cue* L *cauda* tail of *cue*! As verb early in 1918 Quot below from a contemporary of the Revolution refers to the shortage in Paris c. 1792

Dès dix heures du matin les femmes ang a nt de x à deux sur une longue l in qu i peuple duigna sous le nom de q ou

(M r c r e P pendant la R d t on)

quhair [Sc] See *quiere*!

quibble Dim of obs *quid* clipped form of L *quis* abl pl of *qui* who which occurring frequently in leg documents and hence suggesting hair splitting tricks etc

quick AS *caic* living Com Teut cf Du *kwik* Ger *keck* impudent ON *kvitr* ult cogn with L *vixus* alive G *βos* life Orig sense in *the quick and the dead* and in numerous compds e.g. *quicklime* (cf *h chaux vive*) *quicksand* *quicksilver* (cf *h kais vite*) *quicksilver* (cf *h tiff a gent* Ger *quicksilver*) also in Bibl to *quicken* Sense of rapid is evolved from that of lively (cf *look lively*) With to *cut to the quick* cf F *francher dans le vif*

D th come on hem nd go thei down qu k (sa lyen) a to h le (W y P h v 10)

quid! Of tobacco Var of *cui* (q v)

quid Sovereign earlier (17 cent) guinea > Slang use of L *quid* something cf F *quibus* used for *de quoi* the wherewithal *his money* (Dud Can Crew)

quiddity F *quiddité* scholastic L *quidditas* formed from *quid* what after *qualitas* *quantitas*

quidnunc L *quid nunc*? what now? what's the news?

quid pro quo L something for something Orig substitution in med prescriptions of one drug for another In encolbianter rather from s holastic phrase *quid pro quod* i.e. elementary gramm blunder wh h in F is altered to *quiproquo*

quiescent From pres part of L *quiescere* to become quiet from root of *quies* rest

quiet L *quies* p p of *quiescere* (v.s.) Cf *cor* Hence *quies* i i run of rel mysticism taught (c 1675) by Molinas a Sp priest The noun may represent Af *quies* L *quies* *quies* common in phrase *en quies* et *pea*

quietus From MedL phrase *quies* + *es* he

is quit (of a debt etc) In fig sense first in Shaks (*Hamlet* iii i)

quiff [slang] Oiled lock plastered on f r head In Last End word (not in VED) > From It. *cuffia* coil *Quise* occurs as early var of L *coif*

The well-oiled quiff, th t o r top of ha that was on the sold er's prid and glory

(Star Apr 28)

quill Orig hollow stalk (l *ompt Par*) cf LG *quiele* Ger *kuhl* Origin unknown Hence archaic to *quill* orig to gofer a ruff Cf F *travaier* to quill, from *tuai* a pipe quill cane reed canell (Cotg) *quillet* [antiq] Small plot of land Earlier also *cuylett* OF *coilete* (*curelett*) top from *cueil* to gather See *coif* *cull* *quillet*! Quibble Short for obs *quill* tv corrupt of *quid* lity (q v)

Why might n t that be the skull t la ye
Wh re be h quiddits now hi quillet his asen
his tenares d his trucks (H ml v)

quilt OF *coille* *cuille* (*corne* le) L *cuista* cushion With ME *q* *ist* point of *courter* *pans* (q v) With slang (US) sense of to *quilt* thrash cf. obs to *bumbast* (see *bombast*) and F *bourrer* to stuff with flocks and haire also to beat or thumpe (Cotg)

quinary L *quintus* from *q* *int* distrib of *quinque* five Th is a sum for *pinge* and suffers dissim (VL c *nyue*) in I omantic See *five*

quince Orig pl f obs *quinc* ME *c* *vin* *quoyne* OF *cuin* *c* in (*coing*) L *coturnum* (Pliny) for *cydonium* G *Quinc* *pylor* Cyd nian apple from *Cydonia* (in Crete) Cf *bod ce* lettuce and f r converse change *cherry* *pya* Cf also Prov *coing* It *cologna* Ger *q te* (OHG *chi* *na*) DL *kuce* AS *coddappel*

quincenary In *orr* for *g* *inquenena*

quincunx L orig five ounces from *qu* *aque* five *unc* a ounce also applied to arrangement of trees like the pips on a five of cards In spec sense introduced by Fael n and common in describing the artificial gardens of the period Cf I *qu n o ce*

La vergne de l'abb de Thélis, pleia de tous arbres fructiers tous ordonnez en ceste maniere (R h t)

quingentenary Coined from L *quingenti* five hundred after *ce* *ternary* etc

quaine From *qu* *na* Sp *qu* *ng* of Peru *k n* *urk* whence also in redup the earlier *qu* *qu* *ng* (17 cent)

(*de Rabelais*), paying time, with allusion to a trad incident in the life of Rabelais

quarter a quarter, coast, part, region, also, a quarter, or ward, in a town, also, the quarter of a veere, of a yard, a quarter of the moon, of mutton, &c, the fourth part of any thing thats commonly divided by quarters, also, a trencher, also, quarter, or fair war, where souldiers are taken prisoners, and ransomed at a certaine rate (Cotg)

quartern OF *quartern*, fourth part, from *quart*, quarter, e.g. a *quartern* of gin is a quarter of a pint and a *quartern* loaf is made from a quarter of a peck of flour.

quartette F, It *quartetto*, from *quarto*, fourth
quarto L (in) *quarto*, the sheet being folded in four Cf *folio*, *octavo*, etc

quartz Ger *quarz*, found in MHG, whence also Du *kwarts*, F *quartz*, It *quarzo* ? Pet-form (cf *Heinz* for *Heinrich*, *Kunz* for *Konrad*) of MHG *querch* (zwerg), dwarf, gnome (cf *cobalt*, *nickel*)

quash F *casser*, L *quassare*, frequent of *quater*, *quass-*, to break See *cashier*? The F *cour de cassation* has the power of "quashing" a sentence

Quashee. Nickname for negro From Ashantee or Fantee *Kwasi*, name commonly given to child born on Sunday.

quasi L, as if, for *quam si*

quassia Named (c 1761) by Linnaeus from *Graman Quassi*, a Surinam negro (see *Quashee*) who discovered the properties of the root (1730) Cf *sequoia*

quaternary L *quaternarius*, from *quatern*, four together, from *quater*, four times

quaternion Late L *quaternio-n*, set of four (vs) In Wyc (*Acts*, xii 4) In math sense introduced (1843) by Hamilton

quatrain F, from *quatre*, four, L *quattuor*
quatrefoil F. *quatre*, four, *feuille*, leaf, foil
Cf *trefoil*

quattrocento It, as *cinquecento* (q v)

quaver Frequent of obs *quave*, ME *cuawien*, ult cogn with *quake* Cf *quiver*?
Mus sense from 16 cent

quay F *quai* (12 cent), Gaulish *canum* (5 cent) Earlier spelling, now altered on ModF, was *kay*, *key*, AF *kate* See also *key*?

quean [archaic] AS *cwene*, woman Aryan, cf OHG *quena*, Goth *qino*, G γυνή, Zend *genā*, OIr *ben*, Welsh *bŷn*, cogn, but not ident, with *queen* (q v) For disparaging sense, which appears early, cf *hussy*, *wench*, and *Who are you calling a woman?*

To knowe

Other [either] a knyght fro a knyve other [or] a queyne fro a queene (*Piers Plowm* C. ix. 46)

queasy Earlier (15 cent) *coisy* Ong ticklish, unsettled Sir John Paston observes more than once that "the world seems queasy," i.e. things are looking queer
Forms point to F origin, and obs *squeasy* suggests OF **escoisier*, to disquiet, from *coisier*, to settle, etc, VL **quietiare* (see *coy*), but *squeasy* occurs later (16 cent.) than *queasy* and may be due to influence of *squeamish*

queen AS *cwēn*, wife (of king or celebrity), cf OSax. *quān*, ON. *kvæn*, Goth *qēm*, woman; related by ablaut to *quean* (q v)

"What news, Mr Neverout?" "Why, Madam, Queen Elizabeth's dead"

(Swift, *Polite Conversation*).

queer First in Sc (c 1500) ? Ident with cant *queer*, not straight, "on the cross" Ger *quer*, across, athwart, ult cogn with *thwart*?; cf to *queer the pitch* (game), i.e. to thwart, and similar use of F. *travers*, "crosse, crosse-wise, thwart, overthwart" (Cotg) *Queer Street* is 19 cent

Queensberry rules For fair boxing Drawn up (1867) by eighth *Marquis of Queensberry* (†1900)

quelch Occ for *squelch* Cf *s-quash*.

quell AS *cwellan*, to kill, destroy. Com Teut, cf Du *kwellen*, Ger. *quälen*, to torture, ON *kvēlja* ? Cogn with *kill* Wyc has *man quellers* for *murderers* (*Matt* xii 7)

quench AS *cwencan*, in *ācwercan*, to extinguish (fire, light), causal of *cwincan*, to be extinguished (cf *drench*, *drink*), cogn with Fris *kwinka* For application to thirst cf similar use of F *éteindre*, Ger *löschen*, to extinguish *Modest quencher* is Dick Swiveller's (*Old Cui Shop*, ch xxxv)

quenelle Forcemeat ball F, ? corrupt. of synon Ger *knödel*, dim of *knoten*, knot.

querimonious From L *querimonia*, from

queri, to complain

quern [archaic] AS *cwern*. Com Teut, cf Du *kwern*, OHG *quirn*, ON *kværn*, Goth *qairnus*, ult. cogn with Sanskrit *grāvan*, stone The replacement in the Teut langs of this word by derivatives of Late L *molinum* is a tribute to Roman efficiency (cf *kitchen*)

querulous From L *querulus*, from *queri*, to complain

query Altered from *quaere* (q v). Cf *parly*.

quest OF *queste* (*quête*), from *quaerere*, *quaesit-*, to seek; cf It. *chiesta*, Sp *cuesta* Sometimes apheet for *inquest*, e.g. *crowner's*

quiz Orig (late 18 cent) eccentric person oddity With verb to *quiz* cf to fool to gull etc App of arbitrary formation *Quox* was used at same period in somewhat similar sense

quod [slut] Perth orig the quad rangle of the prison From c 1700

quod Newgate also any prison tho f r d l t (D I Cant Crew)

quodlibet [archaic] Dispute for practice medley L what you will

quoin Wedge esp arch abo naut and in gunnery Var of *coin* (q v)

quoit Earliest in AF *jeu de coyles* (1388) In ME also *coile quaye* These forms correspond phonetically to F *coulette* cushion (Of *coile* L *culesta*) It is not known whether the word was orig applied to the missile or the target In 16 cent we find copious records of *cushion* some unknown game in to *miss the cushion* *wide of (be side) the cushion* and both E *quoit* and F *coussinet* are used in spec senses for a flat disk of stone Early *quoits* were of stone (v.1) and were perh orig slid in stead of thrown hence dial *quoting* for curling and verb to *quoin* in Shaks (v.1) In naut, F *coiles* (*couilles*) are deux fortes pièces de bois qui placées sous un bâtiment en construction glissent avec lui quand on le lance à la mer (Littré) I am aware that this is all rather vague but it may help some other student to identify *quoit* with F *couille* an identity of which I personally am convinced

cf *styn* petri d (P ompt I ru)

Quit him d n(stairs) Ba d lph i k a sh e
groat shifting (2 Hen II 4)

quondam I formerly In 16 cent used as a noun (cf *ci-devant*)

quorum L of whom occurring in commissions appointing certain persons *quorum* *vos unum* (*duos* etc) *esse vol mus*

Mr North by th title always feel the likeness of the bee k st rally i fish in a deep t H m t look in at th door to see if there is a quorum A q rum wo ld do A enj gr at rarity (W do Morgan BA Gh d meet Ghast)

quota ModL (sc *pars*) from *quot* how many
quote ModL *quotare* to distinguish by numbers from *quot* how many Cf I *color* Orig to mark with chapter numbers marginal references etc hence to be able to give chapter and verse Mod b: ness sense reverts to etym meaning

quoth Past tense of obs. *quetha* AS *cweðan*

Com Tent of OSax. *quethan* Olfu *quethan* ON *kvetha* Goth *githan* Cf be *quetha* Archaic *quotha* is for *quo h te*

quothdian F *quotidien* I q of dian is from *quotidie* every day from *quodius* how many *dies* day

quotient L *quotiens* how many times from *quot* altered by association with participial forms in *ent*

quotum L neut of *quotis* from *qu* t cf *quota*

R The *r month* when oysters are in season are mentioned by Lord Chest r field The three P's read ng riting rithmetic is said to have been first given as a toast by Sir W Curtis (†1829)

rabbit [carpent] OF *rabat* tr m *abiti* to beat back *Rebate* is found in same sense

rabbi L G Heb *rabbi* my master from *rabb* master Jewish title of respect for doctors of the law The i in F *rabb* n MedL *rabbi* us whence *rabbinical* may be due to association with *assassin cheri bin* etc

rabbit Orig the young rabbit, as distinguished from the coney Cf Walloon *robett* Flem *robbe* dim *robbeke* also F *sabou illets* rabbit burrow Prob nickname from *Robert* whence comes name *Faldbett* cf *rena d robis* jack tan etc The rabbit is called *robert* in Dev

Th hare d th ont ar e d d in their ant years *levents* and *robb* (T ribers 1576)

rabble Orig (14 cent) pack swarm of animals with idea of a string or snares strongly suggested Origin unknown The analogy of *rascal* (q v) suggests an OF derivati e of *ab* rake L *rabululum* with suffix *ra* in *canville riletai* *platan mille* etc

rabid L *rabidus* from *rabere* to be mad cf *rabies* (canine) madness whence *r*

race [B bl] Chaltee r d of d subtle mean

ing See Matt v 2

raccoon See *coon*

race Running current channel e c ON *ra*s Cogn AS *ra*s gave ME *rese* attack in ursion cf Cer *asen* to rave *ra*c from LG

race Tribe family F earlier (15 cent) *rasse* It *ra*a (14 cent) Sp Port *ra*a ? from Arab *ra*s heil origin

race [ar hai] Root (of ginger) Of *ra*s L *ra*lis ad c root Cf *rad* s

raceme [bot] L *racemus* grape erron taken to mean cluster Cf *ra*s n

Quinquagesima [*eccl*] L, fiftieth (sc. *dies*), because about fifty days before Easter.

quinquennial From L *quinquennus* Cf *biennial*, etc

quinquina See *quimine*

quinsy OF *quinnance* (12 cent), MedL *quinnancia*, G *κυνάγχη*, lit dog-throting, from *κύων*, *κυν-*, dog, *ἄγχω*, to strangle. Commoner in ME is *squincy*, *squinsy*, F *esquinnance*, with prefixed *es-*

esquinnace the squincy, or squinancy (Cotg)

quint Sequence of five at piquet F *quinte*, from L *quintus*, fifth

quinta Country-house (Sp & Port) Orig farm let for fifth part, *quinta parte*, of produce

quintain [*hist*]. F *quintaine*, cf It Prov MedL *quintana* ? L *quintana* (*via*), market-street of camp, orig quarters of fifth maniple. It is supposed that this may have been used for warlike exercises, but the hist of the word has not been traced

quintal Hundredweight F, Arab *qintār*, L *centenarium*, cf It *quintale*, Sp *quintal*, MedL *quintale*

quintennial Incorr., after *septennial*, for *quinquennial* (q v) Cf *quintagenarian* for *quinquagenarian*

quintessence F., OF *quinte essence*, MedL *quinta essentia*, substance of the heavenly bodies (outside the four elements), the discovery of which by distillation was one aim of medieval alchemy

quintette F, It *quintetto*, from *quinto*, fifth

quintillion Cf *quadrillion*

quintuple F, from L *quintus*, fifth, after *quadruple*

quip Short for obs *quippy*, L *quippe*, for-
'sooth Prob associated mentally with *nap*,
whip, etc., in sense of sharp and cutting,
and often confused with *quibble*

Quips and cranks, and wanton wiles (*Allegro*, 27)

quipu Coloured thread used by ancient Peruvians to record events Peruv, knot.

quire¹ Earlier form of *choir* (q v)

quire² Of paper ME *quaer*, *quan*, etc., OF *quaier*, *caver* (*cahier*), VL **quaternum*, for *quaternio*, "a quier with four sheets" (Coop) Cf the *Kingis Quan*, i.e. book, written, when imprisoned in England, by James I of Scotland

Quirinal [*hist*] Former papal palace, on Mons *Quirinalis* (Rome), from *Quirinus*, divine name of Romulus

quirk From 16 cent Orig sense prob

twist, turn, flourish, as in *quirk* (ornamentation) of stocking (16 cent) Later, quibble, quip, verbal conceit, etc ? Ult cogn with Ger *quer*, slanting, etc (see *queer*)

Quirks, it may be explained, are young enemy aviators in an embryonic stage

(*Sunday Times*, May 20, 1917)

quirt Riding-whip (US) Sp *churda*, cord

And cantering with him rode the frontier band,
Whooping and swearing as they plied the quirt
(*Masefield, Rosas*)

quit Adj F *quitté*, L *quietus*, discharged, cf Sp *quito*, MedL *quitus* The verb, F *quitter*, meant orig. to release, clear (cf *quittance*), hence, to give up, renounce, and finally, to depart from In some uses, e.g. *quit you like men*, it is aphet for *acquit* Something of earlier sense appears in US *quit*, to leave off, *quitter*, a shirker *Quit-rent* (leg.) is paid in lieu of service. In to *be quits with* (cf *to be even with*) the -s may be due to MedL *quitus* (cf *quietus*), but *doubles or quits* was earlier *double or quit* (Sidney's *Arcadia*). With *to cry quits* cf obs leg *quitclaim*, to acquit, OF. *quiteclamer* The noun *quitclaim*, formal release, is still in US use, cf synon Du *kwytschelden*

quitch Grass AS *cwice*, cogn with *quack* Also called *couch*

quite Ident with *quit* (q v), in sense of clear, unburdened In early use often coupled with *clear* or *clean*.

quits See *quit*

quittance See *quit*

quiver¹ For arrows OF *cuvre*, *cuevre*, said to be of Teut origin and ult ident with AS *cōcor*, Ger *köcher* ? Or simply a *cōver* For *quiver full* (of children) see *Ps cxxvii 5*
quiver² To shake Thinned form of *quaver* qui vive F, who (long) live? The abnormal use of the subjunct is explained by an ellipsis for *Qui voulez-vous qui vive?* Whom do you wish to live? on which side are you? Quot below seems to confirm this etym., and is much earlier than any record of the F phrase

Interrogati secundum communem modum loquendi "Qui [sic] vivat, qui vivat?" respondebant "Rex, Regina et Dux Burgundie," nomen Dalphini tacentes

(*Cronique du religieux de Saint-Denis*, 1419)

quixotic From *Don Quixote*, hero of Cervantes' (†1616) novel The name means *cuisse* (q v), hence Smollett called his imitation *Sir Lancelot Greaves*

quix Orig. (late 18 cent.) eccentric person oddity. With verb to *quix* cf. to *fool* to *gull* etc. App. of arbitrary formation. *Quox* was used at same period in somewhat similar sense.

quod [slang] Perh. orig. the quad range of the prison. From *q* 100.

quod Newgate also any prison th. for d. bit. (Dial. Ga. 1 C. 100)

quodlibet [a *chaix*] Dispute for practice medley. L. what you will.

quoin Wedge esp. arch. also naut. and in gunnery. Var. of *coin* (q.v.).

quoin Earliest in AF *jeu de coynes* (1383). In ME also *coits* *quante*. These forms correspond phonetically to F *coquette* cu lion (OI *coite* L *culecta*). It is not known whether the word was orig. applied to the missile or the target. In 16 cent. we find copious records of *cushion* some unknown game in to *miss* the *cushion* *under* of (be side) the *cushion* and both F *quoin* and F *coussinet* are used in spec. senses for a flat disk of stone. Early *quints* were of stone (v.1) and were perh. orig. slid in stead of thrown hence dial. *quoin* n. for curling and verb to *quoin* in Shaks. (v.1). In naut. I *coites* (quitt.) are "deux fortes pi ces de bois qui placées sous un bâtim ent en construction glissent avec lui quand on le lance à la mer (Littré)". I am aware that this is all rather vague but it may help some other student to identify *quoin* with F *coussin* an identity of which I personally am convinced.

cyn. petrelada (Promp. Farn.)

Quoit him d. m. - stare. Randolph. Hk. a sh. - great sh. Hk. (a flow H. H. 4)

quondam L. formerly. In 17 cent. used as a noun (cf. *ex-dictant*).

quorum L. of whom occurrence in c. m. mission appointing c. tain persons *quorum* in eos *unum* (in eos etc.) e. e. v. m. m. m.

Mr. Norbury the butler always feels the likeness of the bricklayer to the fish in a drop net. If you look in at the door to see if there is a quorum. A q. rumo m. Hk. A. u. m. a. g. r. e. t. r. i. t. r. (W. d. Muran. Hk. Chalmers etc.)

quota ModL. (c. pars) in n. q. t. how many. **quote** ModL. *q. otare* to distinguish by numbers from *quid* how many. Cf. I *color* Orig. to mark with chapter numbers marginal references etc. hence to be able to "give chapter and verse". Mod. business sense reversal to c. t. m. m. m. m.

quoth Past tense of *ol*. *quotha* AS *cwætan*

Com. Tent. of OSax *qu than* OHG *quedan* ON *hætha* Goth *q. than* Cf. *be queath* Archaic *q. than* is for *quoth* *be*. **quotidian** F *quot. dien* I *qu. tidian* s. from *quo. idie* every day from *quod. id* how many *di. es* day. **quotient** L. *quotiens* how many times from *quot* altered by a sociation with parti. equal forms in -ent. **quorum** L. neut. of *q. ot* s. from *q. ot* & *q. otia*.

R. The months when oysters are in season are mentioned by Lori Che. t. field. *The three P.* reading rings arithmetic is said to have been first given a. a. t. t. l. y. r. W. Curtis (1829).

rabbit [a *pent*] OF *rabat* from *es. dit* t. beat back. *Rabate* is found in *san. o. w. e.* **rabbi** L. G. H. b. *rabbi* my master from *rabbi* master Jew. h. titl. of respect for doctors of the law. The n. in F. *a. d. n.* MedL. *al. bus* whence *rabbi* al. may be due to association with *s. a. n. c. a. u. bin* etc.

rabbit Orig. the young, *rabbi* as distinguished from the cony. Cf. Wall. on vol. 1. Item *robbe* dim. *rob. v. e.* also I *a. u. s. ill. re* rabbit burrow. Prob. nickname for *F. best* whence comes name *Fab. v. e.* *ren. rd. v. h. n. tach. d. a. u.* et. The *rabbi* is called *rob. v. e.* in Dev.

Th. hare and t. o. a. d. t. ont. years *leaves* and *be. T. u. l. e.* - 5.

rabble Orig. (14 cent.) pick sw. m. I *ans. m. a. l. s.* with id. a. o. f. a. s. t. r. i. n. g. or *sen. s. a. t. i. o. n.* suggest I. Origin unk. *an*. The analogy of *rab. a.* (q. v.) suggests an OF det. *at. t. o.* of *es. e. rak*. In *cut. i. u. m.* with suffix *as* in *can. u. e. r. a. d. i. a. l. e. p. e. d. u. t. e. e. t. r.*

rabid I *rabida* from *a. c. e. t. b. e. r. a. l.* of *es. i. s.* (car. -) mad *es. w. e. c. e. e. s. e.* **rack** L. H. *ch. u. l. t. o. r. d. i. s. t. i. l. l. a. m. a. n. t.* *ing*. See *35a* 22.

raccoon See *2* a. m.

race I *unus* - current, charnel etc. O. rd. Com. A. m. s. gave ME *rac. e.* attack incursive et. C. r. *a. u. m.* to *rac. e.* *es. a.* from *LC*.

race Tribe family F. *ex. a. c. t.* (17 cent.) *rac. e.* It *rac. s.* (14 cent.) Sp. *rac. e.* from Arab *ra* head *es. s.* **race** [archaic] Part (finger) OF *L. p. e. t. r. a. d. i. e.* t. it *C. r. e. t.* **raceme** bot. L. *racemus* p. t. a. c. t. m. *rac. e.* to mean c. t. str. Cf. *es. a.* n.

rachitis [*med*] G *ῥαχίτις*, inflammation of the spine, *ῥάχις* Adopted (1650) by Glisson as learned name for *rickets*

rack¹ Mass of driving cloud In ME also crash, collision, rush of wind Cf ON *rek*, wreckage, from *reka*, to drive, cogn with *wreck*, *wrack*

The night rack came rolling up ragged and brown (Kingsley)

rack² Bar, framework in various senses Du *rah*, *rek*, cogn with Ger. *rechen*, to stretch Hence archaic *at rack and manger*, in the midst of plenty For mech *rack and pinion* see *pinion*²

rah, *schotel-rah* a rack to put trenchers, plates, or platters in (Hexham)

rack³ Torture First (15 cent.) as verb Du *rekken*, to stretch, cogn with Ger. *rechen*, and ult with *reach* (cf *rack*²) Hence *racking headache*, to *rack one's brains*, *rack-rent* In quot 2 confused with *rack*⁴

Here [in America] are no hard landlords to racke us with high rents (Capt John Smith).

He was often wracked by religious doubts

(*Times Lit Sup* Feb 19, 1920)

rack⁴ In *rack and ruin* Var spelling of *wrack* (q v.).

Alas! all then had gone to wrake,
Wold ye have slayne my son Isaac (ME *Mystery*)

rack⁵ [*equit*] Kind of amble Now only US., but once common in E Palsg has *racquassure*, not otherwise known Quots below suggest that the word may have lost an init *t*-, an abnormal phenomenon (but see *rankle*, *ruff*³, and cf obs *Sc rod*, path, for *trod*)

trac allure d'une bete de somme (*Dict Gén*)

destraqué put out of a racke, or pace (Cotg)

traquenard a racking horse, or guelding, a hackney (ib)

rack⁶ Liquor Aphet for *arrack* (q v) Esp in *rack-punch*.

rack⁷ To draw off wine, etc, from the lees Prov (Gascon) *arracar*, from *raca*, dry residue of grapes ? Cf F *drèche*, residue of malt, grapes, etc, also OF *drache*, *drac*

racket¹, **raquet** For tennis F. *raquette*, cf It *racchetta*, "a racket to play at tennis with" (Flor), Sp *racheta* OF. *raquete*, palm of the hand, from Arab *rāḥat* Cf F *paume*, tennis, lit palm (of the hand)

racket² Disturbance, clamour, wild dissipation, hence, trying situation, as in to *stand the racket* ? cf *rake-hell*

rack-rent See *rack*³

raconteur F from *raconter*, to recount

raccoon N Amer Ind., from a Virginian dial of Algonkin Early forms are numerous, e g *raugroughcum* (Capt. John Smith), *assahacoune* (*Travel into Virginia*) Cf *coon*

racquet See *racket*¹

racy Of anything having a distinctive flavour associated with its origin, *race*² *Racy of the soil* is mod, orig used in ref to Ireland, and perh. suggested by F. *goût de terroir*, used of wines and also fig

Turgenev is cosmopolitan in character, while his rivals are racy of the soil that bred them

(*Daily Tel* Nov 7, 1917)

rad [*pol*] Short for *radical* (NED 1831)

rada Governing body (1918) of Ukraine ? Borrowed from Ger *rat*, counsel

raddle, **reddle** Vars of *ruddle* (q v), red ochre Esp with ref to rouged cheeks

radiant From pres part of L *radiare*, from *radius* (q v) For fig sense cf *beaming*

radical F, Late L *radicalis*, from *radix*, *radic*-, root Earliest (14 cent) in ref to *radical humours* (*moisture*) Pol sense first in *radical reform* (18 cent).

Radical is a word in very bad odour here, being used to denote a set of blackguards (Scott, 1819)

The word radical in the United States is used to denote an extreme socialist

(*Daily News*, Apr 16, 1920)

radio- From *radius*, *radium* (q v) Also as abbrev for *radio-telegram*, wireless

radish AS *radic*, L *radix*, *radic*-, root, re-adopted in ME from F *radis*, It *radice*, the true OF form being *rais* (see *race*²). Ult cogn with *wort*¹.

radium [*chem*] Isolated by Mme Curie and named from its power of emitting rays without loss *Radiogram* in telegraphic sense dates from 1907

radius L, ray, wheel-spoke, ult cogn with *radix*, *ramus* Cf *ray*¹ The scient senses are mostly later than 1600

radix [*math*] L, root See *radish*

raffia Fibre for binding Malagasy Also *raphia*, *rofia*

raffish From archaic *raff*, as in *riff-raff* (q v).

raffle¹ Game of chance Orig (Chauc) dicing game; current sense from 17 cent F *rafle*, whence *rafter*, to make a clean sweep. Ult cogn with *rifle*, and perh. with Ger *raffen*, to snatch Cf Sp *risa*, contest, *raffle*

raffle a game at three dice, wherein he that throws

all three k = nve whatever is set also a
 n $\in (C, g)$

It is very light

There will be some great things for wind power.

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(11826)	

raft ON ra_{tr} ong beam raft (when e
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rafter AS *reflex* cogn with raft

rags Tatter etc AS *rag* (in adj *raggy*) ON *r* g shag, moss First (13 cent) used of stone (*Aenith rag ea r* etc.) if this is the early word With *rag-bell* having a jagged head of the *rag d* (vorrated) stem of the Earl of Warwick *Rag* is (1) *bell tail* for it is 17 cent *lag and rug mill rail* *Lag* is for US See also *vru*, *ru ed* Exempt from *er* or *twin* vowels (VED 140)

ran², plane). Short for *ba* & *ac* by *wa*

ragamuffin. I used in *Pr 15* I am (C. vii 253) (a demon such being often described in MF as ragged i.e. ugly) I were left ment suggested by OF *amuse* & Saracen chief but perhaps arbitrary (cf *1st demon* on).

rage F VL *rabia* for *mad* as madness
 for later sense of LS use of *mad* for fig.
 sense e.g. *all the rage of fire*

raglan Overcoat From Lord Raglan
(1855) Brit h commander in Crimea
Cl. m. x. 1 m. ch. 1 field spencer e.c.

ragout 1. acid from en v to revive
the taste can. Lust

Orig. a mounted incursion on the Dorset
Much extended in use even before the War
e.g. *police raid to a d. d. skin, fund*
etc. *Ru drr* is now (1917-18) used ironi-
cally of the lawfully aliens who have fled
from London and into the villages of the
home counties unpalatable

rail" Bar Of *raille* 1 *egle* rule bar
from *regere* whence also Ger *ir el* bolt
Modk *ra* 1 is from F *Rail* ad {th cent }
tended t be replac'd by *rails* v aft r the
invention of the locomotive engine but
the latter word is recorded as early as

1.56 Δa and Δb are theoretically horizontal
falls perpendicular

night rail. *V. Arzel* with numerous compounds cogn with OHC *Arzel*

raŭ Bird Chiefly in compds landraŭ
cornerake water rail T rail OF raille
MedL rail is named from its harsh cry
(cf cornerake) Cf Du raŭen "to jabber
or peep (Sewall) railrool landrail Ferh
ult as ra "cf the birds C'er name
meerschenŭrcher lit meadow snorer

rail. *Veil*. To *veil* *Now* usu with prep
(*at* *a* *in* *f*). Earlier also to *veil* *tear*.
It is a doublet *rails*² the sense of which
also appears in *railery*. *F railer* to
jest aboard sport be merrie or pleasant
with to *rifle* mock *flowt* *scoffe* gibe
at (*Cotg*)³ cogn with *Sp railor* to
srape grate fig to *m* *rest* from *L*
raum ploughshare. For metaphor cf
be a dill. *Irrail railr* from *F railier*
cf *scilf* *silly* from *F soulier*.

raiment Aphet for arrayment! See array

rain AS *regn* Com Teut of Du Ger
regen ON *rēgn* Goth *sign* The chief
 compds *rainbow* *raindrop* *rainwater* are
 found in AS and other Teut lngs also
rainworm the common earth worm

Would he be the one keeping nothing against a native
d. ? (NFD 1390)

raise *ON* *r* *isa* (cf. Goth *u* *raisan*) cogn. with AS *f* *u* whence *reaz*² which it has partly supplanted. In Wyc up to *Jerem* *a* the earlier version has *rear* the later *ra se*. For fig. senses e.g. to raise *calabres* (cf. *l* *en* the mob etc.) cf. similar use of *I* *elever* *soulever*. With to *ra se* the *sir* *e* cf. *F* *let* *u* *le* *s* *ee*.

raisin. Fr. grape VL. racemosa var. acemata
cl. Du robyn Ger + sine. Since 13 cent
of dried grapes but used also by Wyc. of
the growing fruit

raj [Anglo-Ind] Hind. rāj sovereignty (v)
 rajah Hind. rāj Sanskrit: n king cogn
 with L. rex reg Ofr rē, and also with
 Celt. Oir rōis Duman- etc See rich
 Rajpoot [ethn] Warlike Hindu race claiming
 descent from the four ordinal Ashvats
 who sprang from the sacred fire-pit on
 the summit of Mount Abu. Hind. rāj p
 Sanskrit: rājaputa k. n son (v)

W Flem razz Ger *recken* ON *reka* spade
shovel Goth *rihan* to heap up Wi-
mul & nav to rake of to sweep (with fire)

$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{r})$

rake² Debauchee Short for *rake-hell* (q v)
 rake³ [naut] Slant of ship's extremities (see
 quot s v bluff¹) or masts From Sw *raka*,
 to project (cf Norw *rage*), from Ger *ragen*,
 to jut out, cogn with AS *hrægan* in *ofer-
 hrægan*, to tower above In a *rakish-looking*
schooner prob associated with *rake*²
 rake-hell Early associated (v 1) with *rake*¹
 and *hell*, but perh altered by folk-etym
 from ME *rakel*, rash, whence dial *rackle*,
 reckless

O rakel hand¹ to doon so foule amys

(Chauc H 278)

Such a felce as a manne should rake helle for

(Udall, 1542)

Is there ony news o' that rackle brother of thine?

(Lanc dial, NED 1876)

raki Drink Turk *rāqī*, whence ModG *řakí*,
 brandy ? Cogn with *arrack*

râle [med] F, rattle in throat ? Cogn with
 E *rattle*, ? or with *rail*¹

rallentando [mus] It, pres part of *rallen-
 tare*, to slow down, cogn with *relent* (q v)

rally¹ To bring together (again) F *rallier*,
 from *re* and *allier*, to ally (q v) Hence
 intrans to revive Cf *rely*

rally² To banter See *rail*¹.

ram AS *ramm*, cf obs Du. LG OHG *ram*,
 cogn with ON *rammr*, strong The Aryan
 name is *wether* In AS also in sense of
battering-ram, whence the *ram* of a battle-
 ship, cf L *aries*, ram (zool & mil). Hence
 verb to *ram*, *ramrod* (for earlier *rammes*),
 and various mech applications, with which
 cf Ger *rammbock*, builders' rammer, lit
 ram-buck

ramadan Mohammedan fast of thirty days,
 of changing date, but supposed to have
 been orig instituted in a hot month Arab.
ramadān, from *ramada*, to be hot

ramble. From 17 cent in lit and fig sense
 Also *ramel* Superseded ME *rumble*,
romble, in *Piers Plowm* as var for *roam*,
 of which it is perh a frequent Change of
 vowel may be due to Du *rammelen*, Ger
rammeln, used of the night-wanderings of
 the amorous cat and cogn with *ram*.

rammeler, a rambler, a night-walker, one that goes
 catervauling (Ludv.).

ramekin, ramequin Cheese, bread-crumbs,
 etc made into small mould, also, earlier,
 a kind of Welsh rabbit ? Cf obs Flem
ramreken, grilled bread, etc, given by Kil
 as used at Bruges Some connect it with
 Ger. *rahri*, cream.

ramify F *ramifier*, MedL *ramificare*, from
ramus, branch

ramilie [hist]. Wig. From Marlborough's
 victory at *Ramilles* in Belgium (1706).

Cf *mayonnaise*, *steenkerk*

ramose L *ramosus*, from *ramus*, branch.

ramp¹ [fort]. Inclined plane F *rampe*, from
ramper, to clamber (v 1)

ramp² [her] To stand on hind-legs F
ramper, to crawl, clamber Chiefly in pres
 part *rampant*, fig sense of which, eg.
corruption is rampant, seems due to asso-
 ciation with *rank*¹ (cf Sc *ramp*, *rank*).
 Origin and sense-development are both
 obscure In sense of nefarious stunt perh
 due to fancied connection with L *rapere*,
 to snatch. Wyc uses *rampant* to render
 L *rapicens*, *rapax*

rampage Orig Sc, from *ramp*².

rampant See *ramp*²

rampart F *remparti*, OF *rampar*, from *rem-
 parer*, to fortify, from *re* and *emparer*,
 Prov *ampasar*, L *ante* and *parare*, to make
 ready The -t is due to influence of synon
boulevard (*boulevard*). Cf It *riparo*, "a
 rampire, a fort, a banke, a fence, a mound".
 (Flor) The OF. form survives in dial.
ramper, raised road For archaic *rampire*
 (v s) cf *umpire*

rampion Plant Cf F *raponce*, It *rapon-
 zolo*, Ger *rapunzel*, MedL *rapuncium*, all
 ult. from L *rapum*, rape, turnip

ramshackle Back-formation from *ram-
 shackled*, earlier (18 cent) *ranshacked*, from
 obs *ransackle*, frequent of *ransack* (q v)
 Of late esp in the *ramshackle empire*
 (D Lloyd George, 1914)

ramson [dial]. Garlic. Orig pl in -en of AS
hramsa, cogn with G *krópolis*, onion

ranch. Sp *rancho*, rank, row, "a quarter
 among soldiers, their quarters; also a mess
 on board a ship" (Stevens), hence, row of
 huts, etc. Of Teut. origin (see *rant*?)
 Hence *rancheria*, *ranchero*.

Herc the Spaniards have seated their *rancheria* of
 some twenty or thirtie houses (Hakl. 1670)

rancid OF *rancide*, L *rancidus*, "mouldie,
 putrified, stinking" (Coop)

rancour Archaic F. *rancour*, L. *rancor-en*,
 "a rotten or stinking savour" (Coop), used
 in 1719 for bitterness; cogn with *rancid*

rand AS *rand*, brim, bank, cf. Du Ger.
rand, bank, border, etc Oldest Teut. sense
 is shield-rim The L. word is dial. only,
 but as Du is now familiar in connection
 with the gold-bearing reef of Johannesburg

(Transvaal) whence also ironic *rand lord* gold magnate

randan Rowing with pair of sculls and two oars (19 cent) ? Fig use of archaic *randan* spree var of *random* ? or for *randem* (v 1)

randem Three horses harnessed in a line Jocular formation on *tindem* (q v)

In his dog-ca t *randem tandem* (Miss Edgeworth)

random Earlier (14 cent) *randon randum* Orig in *at random* OF *d (de) randon* with impetuosity in headlong rush very common in OF epic poetry and often coupled in rhyme with *d landon* recklessly (see *abandon*) Dubiously referred to OHC *rand* in poet sense of shield (see *ranf*) Chief current sense is from archery (*random shot*)

randy Orig Sc aggressive boisterous and esp applied to women ? From obs *rand* var of *ranf* (q v)

ranee Hindu queen Hind *ranf* Sanskrit *rājñī* fem of *raja*

The best man up n the side of the enemy (at the title of Gwallor 1833) was the woman I und de d th Ranee of Jhan i (Lord Stratthairn)

range First as verb F *ranger* to set in a row from *rang rank* the senses having been extended in E to measuring extending and hence *crusam* roving etc also trans to traverse explore With sense-development cf that of F *arpenter* lit to measure ground as a surveyor fig to traverse stride across etc The (kitchen) *range* is as old as the 15 cent but its earliest sense is not clear In some senses the verb is aphet for *arrange*

rank¹ Adj AS *ranc* proud insolent cf Du LG *rank* thus high grown For transition to overgrown coarsely luxuriant cf *proud* Later senses perh associated with *rancid* Intens use e g *rank heresy* from 16 cent

rank² Noun OF *ranc (rang)* earlier *renc* OHG *hrinc hrin* ring circle (of warriors etc) Thus the idea of circle has become that of straight line See *harang* e *van h* With *man of rank* adj being omitted cf *man of family* *people of quality* etc *Rank* and *fashion* is perh modelled on earlier *rank and file* (see *file*) with which cf in the ranks *ranker*

rankle From obs noun *rankle* festering sore OF *drancle druncle* MedL *dranculus* lit little dragon Cf F *fu oncle* fester

L *furunculus* lit little thief (see *felon*) The loss of *d* before a consonant is abnormal but cf F *rouche* used of the dialect of Valenciennes said to come from *drouche* here in this place It would be more satisfactory to find an OF *ranole* L *ranunculu* a plant regularly used by early vagrants for the production of artificial sores or rankles

ransack ON *rannsaka* from *rann* house (cf Goth *rarn*) *sakja* to seek In ON esp to search a house for stolen goods For formation cf Sc *h moken hame ucken* Later senses perh influenced by *sack*

ransom ME *ranson* F *ançon* OF *rançn* n L *redemptio* : from *redimere* *edemft* to buy back from *emere* to buy For final *m el* *gramm* *renomi* etc Use of *erb* in sense of extortion is after F *ran owner* to ransom to put unto ransom also to oppress pole despoyle exact or extort most of his substance from (Cotgr)

rant Archaic Du *randen anten* "to dot or to be enraptured (Hexham) ? cf MHG *rantzen* to spring about First in Shaks (v 1) Sc sense of lively tune from c 1700 *Panier* was applied (c 1645) to a sect of Antinomians and again (1814) to Primitive Methodists

Na thou'lt mouth

I'll t as well thou (Hamil v 1)

ranunculus L little frog also plant Dim of *rana* frog

ranz des vaches Herdsman's song Swiss f (Ribourg) ? First element cogn with *rant*

rap¹ Sharp blow esp on door or knuckles Imut *cf* *clap flap* etc Hence to *rap on* (let fly) an oath Spirit *rapp* ng dates from c 1850

rap² Verb Only in archaic to *rap a drend* Sw *rappa* or LG *arpen* cogn with Ger *raffen* to rap and ran to catch and snatch (Ludw) Lt origin seems most likely as the earliest form is *raps* and the latter word being the Frs cogn of *rend* Here *raps* is due to association with OF *rater* and L *rapiere* (see *rape*)

Ye shul n t wyne a nyt on that I f r

It was a lth t y may r pe and rene

(Chaucer C 1251)

rap Counterfeit half penny (Ireland 18 cent) mentioned by Swift (*D after Let*) Now only in *not (to ca)* a *af* Ger *rappen rappe* Upper Ger var of a *e* raven orig used (14 cent) of counterfeit

rake² Debauchee Short for *rake-hell* (q v)
rake³ [*naut*] Slant of ship's extremities (see
 quot s v *bluff*²) or masts From Sw *raka*,
 to project (cf Norw *rage*), from Ger *ragen*,
 to jut out, cogn with AS *hrægan* in *ofer-
 hrægan*, to tower above In a *rakish-looking*
schooner prob associated with *rake*²

rake-hell Early associated (v 1) with *rake*¹
 and *hell*, but perh altered by folk-etym
 from ME *rakel*, rash, whence dual *rackle*,
 reckless

O raket hand¹ to doon so foule amys
 (Chauc H. 278).

Such a feloe as a manne should rake helle for
 (Udall, 1542)

Is there any news o' that rackle brother of thine?
 (Lanc dial, NED 1876)

raki. Drink Turk *râqî*, whence ModG *rákí*,
 brandy ? Cogn with *arrack*

râle [*med*] F, rattle in throat ? Cogn with
 E *rattle*, ? or with *rail*¹.

rallentando [*mus*] It, pres part of *rallente-
 rare*, to slow down, cogn with *relent* (q v)

rally¹ To bring together (again) F *rallier*,
 from *re* and *allier*, to ally (q.v.) Hence
 intrans to revive Cf *rely*

rally² To banter See *rail*¹

ram AS *ramm*, cf obs Du LG OHG *ram*,
 cogn with ON *rammr*, strong The Aryan
 name is *wether* In AS also in sense of
battering-ram, whence the *ram* of a battle-
 ship, cf L *aries*, ram (zool. & mil) Hence
 verb to *ram*, *ramrod* (for earlier *rammer*),
 and various mech applications, with which
 cf Ger *rammbock*, builders' rammer, lit
 ram-buck.

ramadan Mohammedan fast of thirty days,
 of changing date, but supposed to have
 been orig instituted in a hot month Arab.
ramadân, from *ramada*, to be hot.

ramble From 17 cent. in lit and fig sense
 Also *ramel* Superseded ME *rumble*,
romble, in *Piers Ploum.* as var for *roam*,
 of which it is perh a frequent Change of
 vowel may be due to Du *rammelen*, Ger
ran meln, used of the night-wanderings of
 the amorous cat and cogn with *ran*.

ran meler a Rambler, a night-walker, one that goes
 rattle-walking (Ludw.)

ramekin, **ramequin** Cheese, bread-crumbs,
 etc made into small mould; also, earlier,
 a kind of Welsh rabbit. ? Cf obs Flem.
ramwiken, grilled bread, etc., given by Kil
 as used at Bruges. Some connect it with
 Ger *rakel*, cream.

ramify F *ramifier*, MedL *ramificare*, from
ramus, branch

ramilie [*hist*] Wig. From Marlborough's
 victory at *Ramilles* in Belgium (1706)
 Cf *mayonnaise*, *steenkerk*

ramose L *ramosus*, from *ramus*, branch
ramp¹ [*foit*] Inclined plane F *rampe*, from
ramper, to clamber (v 1.)

ramp² [*her*] To stand on hind-legs F
ramper, to crawl, clamber Chiefly in pres
 part *rampant*, fig sense of which, e.g.
corruption is rampant, seems due to asso-
 ciation with *rank*¹ (cf Sc *ramp*, *rank*).
 Origin and sense-development are both
 obscure. In sense of nefarious stunt perh.
 due to fancied connection with L *rapere*,
 to snatch Wyc uses *rampant* to render
 L *rapiens*, *rapax*

rampage Orig Sc, from *ramp*²

rampant See *ramp*²

rampart F. *rempart*, OF *rampar*, from *rem-
 parer*, to fortify, from *re* and *emparer*,
 Prov *amparar*, L *anle* and *parare*, to make
 ready The -t is due to influence of synon
boulevard (*boulevard*) Cf It *riparo*, "a
 rampire, a fort, a banke, a fence, a mound"
 (Flor) The OF form survives in dial
ramper, raised road For archaic *rampire*
 (v s) cf *umpire*

rampion Plant Cf F *raponce*, It *rapon-
 zolo*, Ger *rapunzel*, MedL *rapuncium*, all
 ult from L *rapum*, rape, turnip

ramshackle Back-formation from *ram-
 shackled*, earlier (18 cent) *ranshachled*, from
 obs *ransackle*, frequent of *ransack* (q v)
 Of late esp in the *ramshackle empire*
 (D Lloyd George, 1914)

ramson [*dial*] Garlic Orig pl in -en of AS.
hramsa, cogn with G *κρόμμυς*, onion

ranch Sp *ranch*o, rank, row, "a quarter
 among soldiers, their quarters, also a mess
 on board a ship" (Stevens), hence, row of
 huts, etc Of Teut origin (see *ran*^{1,2})
 Hence *rancheria*, *ranchero*.

Here the Spaniards have seated their rancheria of
 some twelve or thurte houses (Hakl 1600)

rancid OF. *rancide*, L *rancidus*, "mouldie,
 putrified, stinking" (Coop)

rancour Archaic F. *rancœur*, L *rancorem*,
 "a rotten or stinking savour" (Coop), used
 in *Fulg* for bitterness; cogn with *rancid*

rand AS *rand*, brim, bank, cf Du Ger
rand, bank border, etc Oldest Teut sense
 is shield-rim The F word is dial only,
 but as Du is now familiar in connection
 with the gold-bearing reef of Johannesburg

(Transvaal) whence also ironic *rand-lord*
gold magnate

randan Rowing with pair of sculls and two
oars (19 cent.) ? Fig. use of archaic *ran-*
dan sprec var of *random* ? or for *rande* ?
(v1)

randem Three horses harnessed in a line
Jocular formation on *landem* (q v)

In his dog-cart, *randem* tand m (N 18 Edg worth)

random Earlier (14 cent.) *randon randun*
Orig m *ot random* OF *d (le) rand* n with
impetuosity in headlong rush very com-
mon in OF epic poetry and often couplet
in rhyme with *d bandon* recklessly (see
abandon) Dubiously referred to OHC
rand in poet sense of shield (see *rauf*)
Chief current sense is from archery (*random*
shot)

randy Orig Sc. aggressive boisterous and
esp applied to women ? From obs *rand*
var of *rauf* (q v)

rahee Hindu queen Hind *rauf* Sanskrit
rajni fem of *rajah*

The best man upon the side of the enemy [at the
b title of Gwahor 1954] w s th was an found dead
the Rahee of Jhansi (Lord Strath albyn)

range First as verb F *ran* *er* to set in a
row from *rang* rank² the senses having
been extended in F to measuring ex-
tending and hence cruising roving etc.
also trans to traverse explore With
sense-development cf that of F *arpenteur*
lit to measure ground as a surveyor fig
to traverse stride across, etc. The (k tchen)
range is as old as the 15 cent but its
earliest sense is not clear In some senses
the verb is aphet for *arran* e

rank¹ Adj AS *ranc* proud insolent cf
Du LG *ranc* thin high grown For tran-
sition to overgrown coarsely luxuriant
cf *proud* Later senses perh associated
with *rancid* Intens use e.g. *rank heresy*
from 16 cent

rank² Noun OI *ranc* (*rang*) earlier *renc*
OHG *arinc* *hring* ring circle (of warriors
etc.) Thus the idea of curl has become
that of straight line See *haringue ranch*
With *man of rank* adj being omitted cf
man of family *people of quality* etc F *rank*
and *fashion* is perh modelled on earlier
ranch and *file* (see *file*) with which cf in
the ranks *rankle*

rankle From obs noun *rankle* festering sore
OI *drancle* *draoncle* MedL *dra un ulis*
the little dragon Cf F *fironcle* fester

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normal but cf F *rom* *h* used of the dia-
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L *ranunculus* a plant regularly used by
early vagrants for the production of arti-
ficial sores or rankles

ransack ON *ransak* from *raim* *hau* e
(f Goth *raim*) *saka* to seek In ON esp
to search a house for stolen goods For
formation cf Sc *hamisoken* *ham* *ucken*
Later senses perh influenced by *sac*
ransom VI *rans* n F *ra* m OF *ran* e
L *relemp* *o-n* from *l mere* *re* m t
to buy back from *emere* t buy For find
m cf *gr* *gra* *reno* etc Uo cf *ra* t in
sense of extortion is after F *ra* *onner* to
ransome to put unto ransom also to
oppress pole *de poyle* exact or extort
most of his substance from (Cotg)

rant Archaic Du *ranten* *ranten* t l te
or to be enraged (Hexham) ? cf MHC
ra *ren* to spring about First in Shaks
(v1) Sc sense of lively tune from c 1700
Ranter as applied (c 1645) to a cat of
Antinomians and again (1814) to Primitive
Methodist

Nay n th ult mo th
I l l rant a w l l a th u (H m v 1)

ranunculus L little frog also plant Dm
of *rana* frog

ranx-des vaches Herdsman's song Swi F
(Tribourg) ? First element *ra* *gn* with
ra t

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Imit cf *clap* *flap* etc Hence to *rap* out
(let fly) an oath *he* it *raping* dates from
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raffen to rap and *rahn* to catch and
snatch (Ludw) LC origin seem most
likely as the earliest form is *raps* and *ren*
the latter word being the 1115 *ra* *gn* of
rend Here *raps* is due to associat n with
OF *rap* *r* and L *rapere* (see *rape*)
Ye shal nat wyne a myte on th t half e
It w a t al that y m yrape and ei
(Chaucer 14 1)

rap Counterfeit halfpenny (Ireland 18
cent) mentioned by Swift (*Dublin's List*)
Now only in *and* (to *save*) a *rap* Cer
rapp *rapp* Upper Cer var of *ra* e
raven orig used (14 cent) of counterfeit

copper coin stamped with eagle The word may have been brought from Germany by Irish soldiers of fortune

acious From L *rapax*, *rapac-*, from *rapere*, to snatch Cf *audacious*

1st [hist] One of six divisions of Sussex

AS *rāp*, rope, for measuring

2nd Taking by force AF from OF *rafer*, to snatch, L *rapere* Cf synonym *ravish*

3rd Plant L *rapum*, *rapa*, turnip, cf G *ράπυς* In some senses via Du *raap*

4th F *rapide*, L *rapidus*, from *rapere*, to snatch The *rapids* on Amer rivers, named (18 cent) by F voyageurs, preserve F sense of steep

5th F *raprière*, orig (15 cent), adj qualifying *épée*, sword, ? Ir *rapane*, half-pike (see *rapparee*) For vague names of weapons cf *pistol* (qv), *glaiive* (qv) The sword-dancers' *rapper*, *rafer*, is the same word

6th F, L *rapina*, from *rapere*, to snatch *rapparee* [hist] Ir freebooter, orig (17 cent) pikeman Ir *rapanidhe*, pl of *ra-vaire*, half-pike For use of pl cf *cateran*, *assassin*, etc

7th Snuff F. (*tabac*) *râpé*, rasped tobacco, i.e. snuff

8th F, from *rapporier*, to refer, relate chiefly in phrases imitating F *en rapport avec*

9th *approchement* F See *approach*

10th *rapscallion* Altered (? by association with *rabble*) from earlier *rapscallion*, from *rascal* (cf L *raptus*, pp of *rapere*, to snatch) Orig carried up to heaven, like Elijah Hence *rapture* (c 1600) Cf fig senses of *ravish*

11th *rapscallion* [zool] From L *raptor* (vs)

12th *rapscallion* See *rapl*

13th F, L *rarus*, thinly sown, scarce, hence, precious *Raree-show* represents the pronunciation of *rare-show* by Savoyard proprietors of peepshows, cf *galanty-show* The *raree-show* which the NED quotes from T Brown is also *rare-show*, *raiy-show*, in an earlier edition

14th A pretty closet which is the raree-show of the whole neighbourhood (Evelyn, 1696)

15th They [the trippers to Ypres and the Somme] speak of this ghastly evidence of human agony as of some raree-show (Obs Dec 7, 1919)

16th *rebit* Perversion of (Welsh) *rabbit* Cf *catsup* for *ketchup*

17th *scallion* OF *rascaille* (*racaille*), *rabble* (cf F *râcler*, to scrape, Prov *rascle*)

**vasculare*, from *rastrum*, rake Applied to individual from 15 cent (cf ModF use of *canaille*). In early use (14 cent) also for inferior animal, esp deer, a sense common in Shaks, e.g. *As You Like It*, iii 3 This may have been its first sense in E Hence archaic *rascallion*, now usu altered to *rapscallion*

And he smoot of the puple seventi men, and fifti thousandis of the raskeyl [Vulg plebs]

(Wyc 1 Kings, vi 19)

18th *rase* See *raze*

19th *rash*¹ Adj From c 1500 Du *rasch*, "quick or swift" (Hexham), cf Ger *rasch*, swift, ON *ioskr*, valiant, cogn with AS *horsc*, active, quick-witted

20th *rash*² Noun Archaic F *rache*, OF *rasche*, cf It *raschia*, "a scratching" (Flor) Ult from L *radere*, *ras-*, to scrape

21st *rasher* From 16 cent ? From obs *rash*, to cut, slash, corrupt of F *raser* (see *raze*) It may even represent F *rasure*, "a shaving" (Cotg); cf *batter*, *fritter* Minshen's explanation, "rashly or hastily roasted," is not very convincing Sp *raja*, slice, has also been suggested (cf *lunch*)

22nd *rasores* [ornith] L, lit scrapers, name given (1811) by Illinger to his fourth order of birds

23rd *rasp* OF *raspe* (*râpe*), from OHG *raspōn*, to scrape together Cf *rappée*

24th *raspberry* For archaic & dial *rasp*, back-formation from earlier *raspis*, app ident with ME *raspise*, a kind of wine, MedL *raspecia*, of unknown origin If the berry sense is the earliest there may be connection with OWalloon *raspoie*, thicket, of Teut origin and cogn with *rasp*

25th *framboise* a raspis, hindberry, framboiseberry, also, a pleasing smell or savor in wine, or fruits (Cotg)

26th *Rasputinism* [hist] From *Rasputin*, an obscene impostor supposed to have influenced the late Russian court Cf *Bolsism*, *Leninism* Bolshevism is only Rasputinism under another name (Pall Mall Gaz Jan 26, 1918)

27th *rasse* Civet-cat Javanese *rase*

28th *rat*¹ Animal AS *ræt*, cf Du *rat*, Ger *ratte*, also, F *rat*, obs It. *ratto*, Sp *rato*, MedL *ratius*, all prob of Teut origin, the animal having come from the East with the race-migrations; ? cogn with L *radere*, to scrape, *rodere*, to gnaw The usu ME word was *raton*, F dim of *rat* (cf *chat*, with common var *rotton*, which as surname, cf *rattening*) Verb, is *rat* that rats desert

a sinking ship (*Temp* i 2) or falling house
To *smell a rat* is 16 cent With the *Hanover*
rat said by Jacobites to have come over
with George I cf *Hessian fly* *Rats* is US
*rat*¹ For *rot* (in exclamation) cf *drat*
rata New Zealand tree Maori
ratafia F (17 cent.) App connected with
F *lafia* Creole name for rum
rataplan F Imit of drumming cf *rub a*
dub
ratchet [*mech*] F *rochet* ratchet of a clock
dim from OIG *rocco* (*rocken*) spindle
Cf It *rocchetto* the wheel of a mill whl h
causeth the grinding stones to turne and
goe (Flor)
*rate*¹ Amount quantity etc OF MedL
rata as in L *pro rata* (sc *portione*) from
reri rat to think judge (cf *riti*) The
full *ratepo cion* is found in AF Here be
longs at *any rate* Later applied to degrees
of speed *First rate second rate* etc were
orig (17 cent) naut the navy being
divided into six *rates* or classes Cf *ratine*
now (nav) almost equivalent to man
*rate*² To chide ME also *ret arate* of which
ra-e may be aphet form OF *reter areter*
to accuse blame L *reputare* to repute
in Late L to impute It occurs in the
Anglo Norm transl of the Laws of the
Anglo Saxons and is very common in AF
for impute cf OSp *rehtar* to blame
Associated al o with *rate*³ (cf to *tax one*
with) Quot r below is the reply of the
larab to the wolf
Que *ret* s n fet il mei
N re pas p z il c m jco ciut (Mari de I rance)
[“Whyd you impute this to me? sa th I w
n t born as I th nk.”]
ratel Honey badger b Afr Du of uncertain
origin
rath [*Ir*] Farthwork encl sure Ir *rath*
mound ult cogn with L *pratun* meadow
rathaus Ger council house to in hall See
rede
rathe [*poet*] Quick h n e early Obs in 18
cent exc in *rathe rife* but revl ed by
Scott as echo of Milton's *rathe p mrose*
(*Ly 1115* 114) See *rather*
rather Compar of ME *rathe* quick early
(vs f) orig adv IS *bruthe* corresponding
to adj *brad* cogn with OIG *brad ON*
brathr For sense-development cf F
plutôt (*plus tôt* sooner) As strong affirma
tive (= not half) first recorded in Dickens
Sense of inclined towards (*rather nice*) is

ellipt for *rather than not* *Rathest* was in use
up to 17 cent

Altir me is comen a man whil h was maad but r m
for h wa ath [I lg p c] than Y
(Wy f h i 30)

ratify F *ratifier* Late L *ratificare* from
rat is agreed and *facere* to make See
*rate*¹
ratio L from *reri rat* to judge etc (see
*rate*¹) ult cogn with *reds*
ratiocination L *ratiocinatio* n from *ratio*
cinari to calculate deliberate from *ratio*
ratiō F L *ratiō* n proportion *ratio*
L ntl recently (1918) usu pronounced to
rhyme with *nation* but the mil pronunc
rhyming with *fashion* has now become
gen
rational L *ratio nalis* from *ratio* For senses
cf *reason* (q v) *Rational d ess* dates from
1883 *Rationale* fundamental reason etc
is the L neut adj *Rationalist* free
thinker is after F *rat onaliste* (16 cent)
ratline *ratling* [*ma it*] Earlier (15 cent) also
radelyne Prob the *rat* and *line* are both
folk-etym (cf *ma line* *boul ne*) The
analogy of Du *weveling* *ratline* lit weav
ing suggests that *radelyng* i from dial &
naut *radle* to intertwine interlace from
raddie or *raddling* long slender rod used
in weaving hurdles etc d m of obs *rathe*
rail of a cart Cf F *enflechure* *ratline* app
from *flechi* to bend be flexible and also
OF *flechiere* *raddling* of hedge The *rat*
lines of early ship are p ctured as forming
a very wide network
x ij th *rat* lyne empl ed *rat* lyng of th
m yne shrowdes (Y *fact* 1495-97)
flech as the *rat* gs th cordy leps whereby
mariners climbe p to th top of mast (Cotg)
rattan Malay *rotan* from *rat* i to trim strip
rat tat Imit of sharp knock at door
ratteen [*chaic*] Fibric F *rat ne* (1, cent)
? from *rat rat* (cf *molestin*)
rattening [*hist*] Molestation of non union
workers by tampering with tools in such a
way as to cause accidents e p at Sheffield
(1850-60) See Charles Read s *Put your*
self in his place Fram d al *ra ten rat*
(q v)
rattle Imit of Du *ratle* Ger r s *eln*
G *paralow* clapper etc Prob in AS
as the word is much older than *VED* re
cords e g *rattlebag* (VED 1583) was al
ready a surname in 123 (John Rittilbagge
in *Hundred Rolls*) *Rat letrap* is of similar

formation With *rattling* as intens of *thundering, clinking*, etc

ratty Out of temper Neol ? from US.

raucous From L *raucus*, hoarse

ravage F, from *ravir*, to ravish (q v)

rave F *râver*, to dream, OF also *raver*, *resver*, cf OF *desver*, to be mad Both are of unknown origin ? VL **re-aestuar*, **de-aestuar*, from *aestus*, tide, vehemence.

ravel Du *rafelen*, to tangle, fray out, cogn. with AS *ārāfian*, to unwind (thread), ? and ult with *reeve*²

Sleep that knits up the ravelled sleeve of care

(*Macb* II 2)

ravelin [fort] F, cf It *revellino*, earlier *revellino*, *revellino*, "a ravelin, a wicket, or a postern gate" (Flor). Perh ident. with archaic F *ravelin*, kind of shoe, OF *revelin*, AS *rifeling*, whence ME *riweling*, shoe of undressed hide The thing and name are still in use in the Shetlands The F terms of fort are often taken from articles of dress which their shape suggested, e.g. *bonnet à prêtre*, *genouillère*, *fausse-brave*, etc

raven¹ Noun AS *hræfn* Com Teut, cf Du *raaf*, Ger *rabe* (OHG *hraban*), ON *hrafn*, Goth *hrabns* (in pers names), prob cogn with L *corvus*, G. *κόραξ*

raven² Verb OF *raviner*, to ravage, from *ravine*, L *rapina*, from *rapere*, to snatch Hence *ravenous*, now usu in sense of hungry

ravin [poet] Rapine (v s)

ravine F *ravine*, in archaic sense of violent rush (of water), or *ravin*, from *raviner*, to tear up, as in *des champs ravins par un orage* See *raven*²

ravish F *ravir*, *raviss-*, VL **rapire*, for *rapere*, to snatch Fig sense, to delight, transport, is in *Piers Plowm* (cf *rapture*)

raw AS *hræaw* Com Teut, cf Du *rau*, Ger *roh*, ON *hrâr*, ult cogn with L *crudus*, raw, *cruior*, blood, G *ῥέπας*, flesh Orig uncooked, hence, undressed, unsophisticated, uncovered, e.g. *raw-boned*, to touch one on the raw *Rawhead* (and *bloody-bones*), spectre, is in Johns

ray¹ Of light Archaic F *rai* (usu replaced by *rayon*), L *radius*, cf It *raggio*, Sp *rayo* Not in common use till 17 cent, and of the sun usu with ref to heat rather than light (*beam*)

ray² Fish F. *raie*, "ray, skate, thornback" (Cotg), L *raia*, cf It *raja*, Sp *raya*

rayah Non-Mohammedan subject of Sultan

of Turkey Arab *ra'iyah*, herd, subjects, peasants

rayat See *ryot*.

raze F. *raser*, from L *radere*, *ras-*, to scrape, cogn with *rodeie*, to gnaw Now usu of buildings, fortifications, esp in to *raze to* (make level with) the ground Cf archaic naut *razee*, man-of-war cut down by removal of upper decks, F *rasé*, razor, OF. *rasoir* (replaced by *rasoir*)

razzia F, Algerian Arab *ghāziyah*, military raid, from *ghasw*, to make war

razzle-dazzle Recent US coinage, redupl on *dazzle*

re [mus] See *gamut*

re, in **re** L, in the matter, *res*, (of)

re- L *re-*, *red-* before vowels In E often via F *re-*, *ré-* Both in L & F it is often merely intens

reach AS *rēcan*, to stretch out (the hand) WGer, cf Du *reiken*, Ger *reichen* With obs past *raught* (Shaks) cf *teach*, *taught*. In sense of attaining from AS *gerācan* With *reach* (of a river) cf *stretch* (of country) and archaic Du *rah wegs*, stretch of road, from *ickken*, to stretch *Reach-me-downs* (mod slang), ready-made clothes, represents the customer requesting to be supplied with garments which he sees hanging in the shop

On voyait chez les fripiers des chapes et des rochets à vendre au "dicroche-moi ça"

(Hugo, *Quatre vingt treize*)

The shoddy, ready-made, reach me down sort of thing that has so frequently to be doled out now as a makeshift for education

(*Sunday Times*, March 9, 1919)

A stout, fatherly man whose clothes had the appearance of rather being made to measure than reached off a hook (Niven, *S S Glory*)

reaction Orig (17 cent) scient (cf *reagent*) Now used, after F *réaction*, in mil sense *Reactionary* in pol sense is 19 cent, after F *réactionnaire*

read AS *rēdan*, to make out, interpret, etc Com Teut, cf Du *raden*, Ger *raten*, to counsel, ON *rātha*, Goth *rēdan* Orig. sense survives in to *read a riddle*, to *read one a lesson*, *reader*, lecturer, also in such modernisms as *how do you read the matter* ? See also *rede*, *riddle* With use of p p in *well-read* cf *well-spoken*, etc

ready Lengthened in ME from (v)-*rede*, prepared, AS *gerēde* Com Teut, cf Du *gereed*, Ger *beret* (MHG also *gereit*), ON. *greithr*, Goth *garaihs* Prob from root of *ride*, *raid*, cf relation of Ger *fertig*,

recommend Farther *recommand* F *recom-*
mander orig to entrust hence to intro-
duce (favourably) See *command* *commend*
recompense F *récompenser* See *compensare*
reconcile F *réconcilie* L *reconciliare* See
conciliate

recondite L *reconditus* pp of *recondere*
from *condere* to put away hide *ompld* of
dire to give

reconnoitre F *reconnoître* & archaic palling
of *reconnaître* to recognize From early
18 cent (War of Spanish Succession) Cf
reconnais *ance* earlier also *reconnoissar*
Recong it *e* was used earlier in same sense

He [a commander] ought himself to recognize all
ways, whereby his soldiers may march at hand
(1647)

reconography[neol] F*reconnaissance* ketch-
ing Titl of book mentioned in *Tmes Lit*
Sup Jan 3 1919

reconstruction In current sense of re-
organization after war first used in US
after Civil War of 1861-65

record First (13 cent) as verb Archaic F
recorder from I *recordari* lit to get by
heart *cor cord* cf lit *ricorda* & Sp *re-*
corda Hence noun *re cord* sporting sense
of which is late 19 cent the gramophone
record being still more recent The office
recorder was orig one skilled in law ap-
pointed by civic magistrates to record
their proceedings The *Recorder* of London
is still appointed by the Court of Aldermen
The obs. mus *recorder* from ME sense
of verb to practise a tune

recount OF *reconter* (replaced by *raconter*)
See *count*

recoup Orig to deduct F *recouper* from
couper to cut See *coprice*

recourse F *recours* L *recursus* from *re-*
cursus *recurs* to run back For sense of
resort

recover F *recouvrer* L *recuperare* to get
back ult cogn with *capere* to take
Intran sense to revive etc is for earlier
reflex

recreant [poet] OF pres part of *recreare*
later *recreate* to yield in trial by combat
lit take back one's pledge from OF *creire*
L *credere* to believe Cf *miscreant* The
pp *re-ru* in ModF worn out exhausted
was used in OF in same sense

Ja bons vassals n'en fient vif recreant (Rol 2088)

recreate From L *recreare* to refresh lit.
to create again

recrement Waste product I *récrement* L
recrementum from *cernere* to sift out
separate Cf *excrement*

recriminate From ModL *recriminari* from
crimen *crimin* charge crime Cf F *ré-*
criminer to recriminate retort a crime
accuse an accuser (Cotg)

recrudescence From L *recrudescere* to be-
come raw *crudus* again Chiefly in bad
sense of sore disease etc

recruit Obs F *recrute* dial var of *recrue*
pp fem of *recroutre* to grow again L
recrescere Orig reinforcement collectively
(see *crea*) Adopted as noun and verb by
most Europ langs in 17 cent Fig sense
(to recruit one's health) also occurs in 17
cent E Racine describes verb *recruter* as
a barbarous word coined by the gasettes
de Hollande

Presently came orders for our sending away to the
fleets a recrute of 200 soldiers
(Pepys, June 2 1666)

rectangle Late L *rectangulum*, from *rectus*
straight right, *angulus* angle Cf *recti-*
linear *rectify* F *rectifier* Late L *rectifi-*
care *rectitude* F Late L *rectitudo*

recto [typ] L *recto* (sc *folio*) Cf *verso*
rector L from *regere* *rect* to rule guide
Earliest (13 cent) in E in eccl sense of
incumbent whose tithes are not unprop-
riate Also at Sc universities and schools
and at two Ox colleges (Lincoln Exeter)
used of the Head So also F *recteur* Ger
rek or

rectum [anat] L (sc *intestinum*) from
rectus straight

recumbent From pres part of L *recumbere*
to recline Cf *incumbent*

recuperate From pres part of L *recuperare* to recover
(qv) get back For intrans use cf *re-*
cover

recur L *recurtere* to run back
recusant From pres part of L *recusare* to
refuse from *causa* cf *accus* Orig (c
1550) of Roman Catholic refusing to
attend service of Church of England Cf
rare verb to *recuse* F *récusar*

red AS *read* Com Tent cf Du *rood* Ger
rot ON *rauthr* Goth *rauths* cogn with
L *ruber* *rufus* G *ῥυθπος* Gael *ir ruadh*
(cf Rob Roy) Welsh *rhudd* Often as
intens e.g. *red ruin* (*republican*) Spec
application to violent revolutionaries (*red*
fig etc.) dates from adoption (1793) of
the Phrygian cap or *bonnet rouge* in France
but in 17 cent the *red flag* was the naval

signal for fight *Redcoat* dates esp. from the Cromwellian troopers, though recorded for 16 cent. The *Red Cross* (of Geneva) was adopted (1863) by the Geneva Conference as symbol securing immunity for hospitals and wounded. Turkey uses similarly the *Red Crescent*. *Redhanded*, for earlier *redhand* (Sc law), was coined by Scott. *Red letter* refers to indication of saints' days and feasts in eccl calendars. With *redpole*, from *poll*, cf. *redstart*, from AS *steort*, tail, rump (cf *wheatear*). *Redskin* is 17 cent (cf F *peau-rouge*). *Red tape* in fig. sense is 19 cent.

She is nother fyshe nor fleshe, nor good red hearyng
(Heywood's *Proverbs*, 1546)

Send the papers to the Christchurch museum in New Zealand as an example of the red tape-worm of England (*Times*, Oct 26, 1917)

redaction F *rédaction*, L *redactio-n-*, from *redigere*, *redact-*, to reduce, from *re-* and *agere*

redan [fort] Outwork forming salient angle. F, earlier *redent*, "a double notching, or jaggling as in the teeth of a saw" (Cotg), from *dent*, tooth. Cf synon F *ouvrage à saie*

redd [dial] See *rid*

riddle Var of *raddle*, *ruddle*

rede [poet] Archaic spelling of *read* (q v), differentiated to express earlier sense of counsel, etc. Obs in 17-18 cents, but revived by Scott

redeem F *redimer*, L *redimere* (see *ransom*). For vowel cf *esteem*. *Redeeming feature* (quality), *past redemption*, are 19 cent. *Redeemer* has replaced earlier *redemptor*, F *redempteur*

redemptorist Member of Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Naples, 1732)

red-gum Rash on skin of children. Folk-etym for ME *radegound* (*Piers Plowm*), lit red pus (see *groundsel*)

redif Soldier of Turk reserve. Arab *redif*, one who follows, second. Cf *uzam*

redingote F, from E *riding-coat*

redintegrate From L *redintegrare*, to make whole, *integer*, again

redolent Now always with *of*. OF, from pres part of L *redolere*, from *re-* and *olere*, to smell

redoubt Artificial spelling of *redout*, F *redoute*, It *ridotto*, from L *reducere*, *reduct-*, cf F *réduit*, nook, refuge

redoute a blockhouse, or little fort (Cotg).

redoubtable ME *redoutable*, F, from *re-*

douter, to fear, from *douter*, to doubt, in OF to fear (see *doughty*). For restored *-b-* cf *doubt*

redound F *rédonder*, L *redundare*, "to overflow, reflow or return back, to redounde" (Coop), from *re-* and *undare*, from *unda*, wave. Formerly common in lit sense (cf *redundant*). For current fig. sense cf F *rejaillir*, to gush back

L'clat n'en rejaillit qu'à votre déshonneur
(Mol. *Don Juan*, iv. 6).

redowa Dance. F or Ger, from Bohem *reydovák*, from *reydovati*, to whirl round

redress Formerly current in various senses of F *redresser*, to put right again (see *dress*). Now usu in spec. connection with wrongs, grievances, etym. sense surviving with *balance*

I called the New World into existence to redress the balance of the Old (Canning, 1826).

redshort [metall]. Swed *rödskört*, red brittle. Cf *coldshort*

reduce L *reducere*, to lead back. Lit sense appears in to *reduce a dislocation*, to *reduce to the ranks*, cf *reduced circumstances* (19 cent)

reductio ad absurdum L, reduction to the absurd. Orig in geom.

redundant See *redound*. For sense cf. *superfluous*

reduplication [ling] Formation of past tense by doubling of root-syllable, e.g. L *tango*, *tetigi*, G *läua*, *lääuka*, also in Teut langs, e.g. *hold*, *held* (AS *hēold*, for **hehold*). Also a common phenomenon of baby speech (*papa*, *mama*), esp in imit words (*bow-wow*, *gee-gee*), and in popular words formed either by rime (*hurly-burly*, *poly-poly*) or by variation of orig vowel (*see-saw*, *zig-zag*). In the last class of formations the fuller vowel is usu the original. See *duplicate*

reebok SAfr antelope. Du, roebuck. Cf *springbok*, etc

reed AS *hrēod*. WGer, cf Du Ger *riet* (usual Ger word is *rohr*). *Reedy voice* is from mus sense of *reed*

Thou trustest in the staff of this broken reed [*Vulg baculum arundineum contractum*], on Egypt
(Is xxxvi 6, cf 2 Kings, xviii 21)

reef¹ In sail ME *riff*, ON *rif*, in same sense, prob ident with *reef*². F *ris* (Wace) is from pl (cf *lis*, *hly*) *Reefer*, midshipman (attending in tops during reefing of sail), is first in Marryat. Hence *reefer*, coat of naut cut (late 19 cent)

reef¹ Rock Earlier (16 cent.) *riff* Du *rif* ON *rif* reef rib of Ger *riff* from Du Prob ident with reef¹ In gold mining sense orig (c 1830) in Austral

reek AS *reokan* to smoke Com Teut cf Du *reken* to smell rooken to smoke Ger *riechen* to smell *rauchen* to smoke ON *ryka* to smoke Now usu replaced by *smoke* etc in picturesque and fig use Noun *reek* is still in gen Sc use cf *Auld Peckie* Edinbrough

reef¹ For thread AS *hrēol* cf ON *hrull* Fris *raai* Off the reef is 19 cent Hence verb to reef in early use but o.v. some thing of later senses to reef²

reef¹ Dance Perh from reef¹ with idea of spinning round but cf obs L *ray* dance MHG *raie* (reigen *reihen*)

reeve¹ [as t] Steward etc. AS *gerefa* whence also archaic *græfe* Cf *portreeve* *sheriff* In AS a high official used lat r in various senses The resemblance to Ger *graf* (Du *graaf* L *grate* *græce*) count earlier used of various officials is thought by the best authorities to be accidental but the correspondence in sense is remarkable e.g. archaic E *dike reeve* (L Angl) = LG *dik-græve* Ger *deichgräf*

reeve² (naut.) Verb From 17 cent It *refare* to thril (Torr) from *refe* any kinde of twisted sowing thred (Flor) ? Ger *reif* band rope ? cf dial *reese* rope (of onions) Not connected with reef¹ With past *rote* cf naut *stove* (from *stare*)

Ree-ing is drawing a rope thorow a blocke or cylet to runne up and down (Capt. J. de Smith)

reeve² B rd Tem of *ruff* (q.v.)

refectory MedL *refecturum* from L *reficere* *ref* cf *remake* *reput* For sense cf *restaurant*

refer F *référer* from L *referre* lit to carry back Cf *relate* *Referer* was orig used (early 17 cent) of parl official dealing with monopolies cf earlier *referendary* *Referendum* (late 19 cent) is a Swiss institution (cf *plébiscite*)

refine F *raffiner* from *affiner* from fin fine² cf It *raffinar* Sp *rafinar* Orig of metals

reflect L *reflectere* to bend back as still in ancient sense and in to reflect (credit due honour etc.) upon one whence *reflexion* *animadversion* *Reflex* L *reflexus* reflected is 19 cent in sense of involuntary reform F *reformer* to form again *réformer*

to improve L *reformare* from *forma* shape *Reformation* in Church sense was borrowed (16 cent) from Ger (Luther) *Reformat* *ry* i 19 cent

refract From L *refrāre* *ere* *refract* to break back from *frangere* *Refractory* is altered from earlier *refractori* F *refractor* L *refractorius*

refrain¹ Verb From tonic stem (OF *r frein*) of F *refrēner* L *refrenare* to restrain from *frein* n bridle ? cogn with *fr* *nd* *re* to gnash the teeth Current sense is for earlier reflex (Gen xlv 1)

refrain Noun F lit break back from OF *refraindre* VL *ref* *an* *ere* for *refrain* *ere* cf Prov *ref* *anh* Sp *refran* OF & MH also had *refrain* *refret* L *refract*

r *f* *a* *d* *abalade* th *ref* t burthen rd wno of a hall d (C 18)

refresh OF *refrescher* (replaced by *rafraichir*) from *frais* fresh Earliest (14 cent) in sense of physical restoration etc With *refresher* (leg) cf AF *refreschement* instalment of pay (14 cent)

H me 10ry h d received a v ry disagreeable refresher on the subject of Mrs Bardell's lion (P *kw* k xxxi)

refrigerate From L *refrigera* s from *frigus* cold F *refrigerator* is substituted for earlier *refrigeratory* (c 1600)

rest See *reave*

refuge F L *refugium* from *fuere* to flee *lupa* (port house) of *r* *f* *i* *e* are modelled on *city of refuge* (Vulg *urbs fugitivorum*) *Refugee* 17 cent al o *refu* is F *refugid* was first applied to F Huguenots who migrated after Revocation of Edict of Nantes (1685)

refund L *refundere* lit to pour back in Lat I to pay back cf F *verser* to pay in lit to pour Associated in sense with *fund* refuse Verb F *refuser* L *refusare* ? from *refundere* *refus* to cast back etc (v s) Noun is from F *refus* and perh 11 earlier adj sense (*refuse goods*) from pp *refusid* With -*d* lit as in *costid* si *nal* *trone* etc To have the *r* *f* *sal* (option of acquiring) is 16 cent. *The great refusal* is Dante's *gran rifiuto* (Inf 12 *60*) allu *lin* to Celestine's a renunciation of the papacy

refute L *refutari* s to repel Cf *fulid*

regal Archais F *régal* L *regalis* from *rex* re long

regale F *regale* It *regalare* to present or give gifts unto to bestow a largesse upon

(Flor), prob from *gala* (q v), but naturally associated with *regal* (v i)

se regaler to make as much account, and take as great a care, of himselfe, as if he were a king (Cotg.).

regalia L, neut pl of *regalis*, royal. Earlier used also of royal rights and privileges. In sense of cigar it is Sp, royal privilege.

regard First (14 cent) as noun. F., from *regarder*, to look at, consider, from *garder*, to heed, etc. See also *reward*. For sense-development of *respect*. It seems possible that *kind regards* (cf *best respects*), as epistolary formula (18 cent), may be partly due to Port *recados* (pl), "a greeting, commendation, salutation" (Veyria), used by several early E travellers and spelt *recarders* by Fryer (17 cent). This is from *recadar*, to send a message, VL. **recapulare*.

regatta Orig boat-race on Grand Canal of Venice. It (Venet), struggle, match; app related to archaic E *regrater* (q v). According to the *NED* the first E *regatta* was held on the Thames, June 23, 1775 (see *Annual Register*), but quot 3 relates to 1768.

regalla the ply that children cal at musse. Also a strife or contention for the maistrie, a coping or bief enng together (Flor).

regallare to wrangle, to shift for, to ply at musse. Also to sell by retaile as hucksters and brokers use to proule and shift for by prouling, to contend, to cope or fight for the maistrie (ib.).

He [the Earl of Lincoln] planned what was termed a Regatta, to which all the gentlemen of the neighbourhood who kept boats were invited.

(Hickey's *Memoirs*, i 96).

regenerate From L *regenerare*, from *genus*, *gener-*, race, breed.

regent F *régent*, from pres part of L, *regere*, to rule. Hence *regency*, esp in France (1715-23) and England (1810-20), in each case with suggestion of debauchery.

regicide Coined (16 cent) on *homicide*.

regie Department controlling tobacco. F, pp fem of *régir*, to rule, from L *regere*.

régime F, L *regimen*, "regiment, rule, governance" (Coop), from *regere*, to rule. Esp (hist) the old *régime*, in France before Revolution.

regiment F *régiment*, Late L *regimentum*, in various senses of *regimen* (v s), e g *monstrous regiment of women* (Knox). Mil sense from 16 cent. With *regimentals* cf *canonicals*.

region F *région*, L *regio-n-*, from *regere*, to rule. Cf *kingdom*.

register. F *registre*, OF. also *regestre*, MedL *registrum*, *regestrum*, altered from Late L *regesta*, neut. pl., from *regere*, *regist-*, to record, from *gerere*, to carry (out), execute, etc. Some senses (organ, stove) app influenced by association with *regere*, to rule, control. *Registry*, MedL *registarius*, is replaced by *register*, exc at Camb.

Every parson vicare or curate within this diocce shall for every church kept one boke or registre wherein ye shall write the day and yere of every wedding christenynng and buryeng
(F. Cromwell, 1538)

regius. L, royal. Title of five professors instituted by Hen VIII.

regnant From pres part. of L *regnare*, to reign, from *regnum*, kingdom, from *regere*, to rule. Usu after noun and esp in *queen regnant*. Cf hist *regnal year*, MedL *regnalis*.

regorge Cf *disgorge*.

regrater [hist] Retailer, with suggestion of forestalling and monopoly. Still in dial use for huckster. F *regatier*, from *regratter*, explained as from *gratter*, to scratch, scrape. But AF *regatour* and It *regattare*, Sp *regatear*, suggest that *regratter* may be folk-etym. Cf also It *recalare* (v i), ult ident. with F. *racletter*, to buy back (see *cater*). See *regalla*. For another doubtful -i- cf *broker*.

recalare to buie and sell againe by retaile, to regrate, to retaile. Also to forestall markets (Flor).

Some hundreds of years ago we had statutes in this country against forestalling and regrating
(*Daily Chron* July 17, 1919)

regress L *regressus*. Cf *egress*, *progress*, etc.

regret F *regretter* (11 cent), orig to bewail the dead. Of Teut origin, cf AS *grētan*, OSax *grātan*, MHG *grazen*, ON *grāta*, Goth *grētan*, to weep, rage, etc., also Sc *greet*², to weep.

regular OF. *reguler* (*régulier*), L *regulari-*, from *regula*, rule, from *regere*. Earliest E. sense (14 cent.), belonging to a religious order or rule, as opposed to *secular*. With a *regular fraud* cf a *genuine humbug*. Cf *regulate*, from Late L *regulare*, whence US *regulator*, vigilante, agent of lynch-law.

We daily hear of new irregularities committed by the people called regulators (*Boston Chron* 1768)

regulus [chem] L, dim of *rex*, *reg-*, king (cf *basilisk*). Orig applied to metallic form of antimony, from its ready combination with gold, the royal metal. Also applied to the basilisk and the crested wren.

regurgitate From MedL *regurgitare* from Late L. *gurgulare* from *gurgus* gurgit abyss gorge

rehabilitate See *habilitate*

rehearse OF *rehercier* to repeat lit to rake or harrow over again (see *hearse*) Very common in ME that sense from 16 cent only (*Dream* iii 1)

Whoso shal telle a tale aft a man,
H moote rehearse as ny s ever he kan
Everich a word (Cha c A 731)

reichstag [hist] Ger parliament From *reih* empire ult cogn with *vajah* and *tag* assembly lit day (see *diut*) Cf *landtag* and Austr *reichsrat* from *rat* counsel rede

He [Bismarck] wa a man of infinite humour who called h bo nd R ichstag (H Macfall)

reify To materialize Coined (c 1850) from L *res* thing after *nullify*

reign F *règne* L. *regnum* from *regere* to rule Cf It *regno* Sp *reino*

reim [SAfr] Thong strap Du *riem*

reimburse Coined from archaic *imburse* (Johns) after F *rembourser* from *bourse* purse (q v)

rein¹ Of horse F *reine* OF *resne* *reigne* etc cf It *redina* Sp *rienda* VL *retina* from *retinere* to hold back Cf *retinaculum* : anye thing that holdeth back (Coop)

rein Loun See *reins*

reindeer ON *hreinðyr* whence also Du *rendier* Ger *renn* later altered on *rennon* to run ON had also the simple *hrein* whence AS *h an* (King Alfred) F *renne* (via Ger)

renette Apple See *renet*

reinforce For earlier (16 cent) *renfoce* F *renforcer* from *re* and OF *enforcier* to strengthen from *force* (q v)

reins [archaic] Louns F L *renes* kidneys For Bibl use (*Ps* vii 2) as seat of feelings cf *heart liver stomach bowels*

reinstall From archaic *inslate* (cf *install*) See *slate*

reintegration For *redintegration* (q v) cf F *redintegration* MedL *reintegratio*

reis¹ Port money of account Port pl of *real* (q v) Cf *reals*

It takes on th sa d r s to make a dollar
(M k Twain)

reis² Arab skipper pilot Arab *reis* from *reis* lead

reitbuck S Afr antelope Du *rietbok* reid buck

reiter [hist] Ger rider trooper

reiterate From Late L *reiterare* from *iterare* to do a thing oftsoones or agayne (Coop) from *iterum* again

reive See *reave*

reject From L *reicere* *reject* to throw back from *ja ere* *Rejectionista* is ModL

rejoice OF *rejoir* (*réjoir*) *rejoiss* from *re* and *joir* See *enjoy joy* MF had also *rejoy* (Chauc)

rejoin See *join* Sense of replying orig leg esp of def ndant's answer to plaintiff is AF With *rejoinder* from infin *rejoindre* cf *remainder*

rejuvenate Coined (c 1800) after *renovate* from L *juvenis* young Cf *rejuvenescere* from MedL *rejuvenescere*

relapse From L *relabi* *relaps* to slip back backslide orig (16 cent) into heresy

relate F *relater* from L *rel* l p p stem of *referre* to refer bear back For senses cf *refer* report and F *rappor*ter With *relation* kinsman (c 1500) cf concrete use of acquaintance *Pelitte* (pronoun) is in Wye

relax L *relaxare* from *laxus* lax loose Cf F *relâcher*

relay Orig (c 1400) set of fresh hounds OF *relas* (*clais*) from *relayer* (13 cent)

from OF *laser* to let (see *deley*) ModF *relais* is due to a association with OF *re*

laisser to release *laisse* and *laser* though quite distinct in origin being used in differently in OF

release OF *relaissier* VL *relaxare* for *relaxare* (whence *reld h r*) Cf *lease* Current idotic use of the verb started with the film manufacturers

Only th morning a daily paper of some lands g r ma k d that th g emment b d n t lased any official m than l t week

(Gl Feb 1 1927)

relegate From L *releare* from *legare* to send

relent Ult from L *lentus* slow viscous cf F *valentir* to slacken from OF *alent* r (12 cent)

He tired th coles til relent g
Th wex g) the fir (Ch uc c 1278)

relevant From pres part of L *relevare* to raise up hence to be of help importance Cf It *relevante* of importance of worth of consequence (Flor)

reliable Chiefly current since 1850 and often criticized as a bad US formation It is howe er quite legitimate (cf *available*)

laughable, etc.) and is recorded in E. for 1569 Cf. *reliance*, first in Shaks. See *rely*.
relic F. *relique*, orig. (12 cent.) in pl., from L. *reliquiae*, from *relinquere*, *reliqu-*, to leave. Earliest in F. & E. in ref. to saints.
relict L. *relictus*, p.p. of *relinquere* (v.s.). In spec. sense of widow it represents MedL. *relicta* (= *mulier*) or OF *relicte*.
relief F., from tonic stem (OF *relieu-*) of *relater*, to raise up, L. *relevar*, from *levare*, light. Thus to *relieve* is the opposite of to *aggravate*. Etym. sense appears in plastic *relief*. It *relievo*, raised or embossed work, whence idea of variety, contrast, as in *unrelieved monotony*. To *relieve a man of his purse*, to *relieve one's mind*, go back to orig. sense of lightening. Quot. below, referring to change of sentinel, is commonly misused.

For this relief much thanks (Hamlet 1. 1)

religion F., L. *religio n-*, from *religens*, careful, opposite of *negligens*, and prob. cogn. with *diligens*. To *get religion* is US (c. 1850). *Religiosity* is in Wvc.

relinquish OF *relinquir*, *relinquiss-*, VL. **relinquere*, for *relinquere*.

reliquary F. *reliquaire*, MedL. *reliquarium*, receptacle for relics.

relish MF *reles* (early 14 cent.), archaic F. *relais*, from OF *relaissier*, to leave (behind). See *release*, which is also recorded in same sense. It is supposed that orig. meaning was after-taste, but this sense is not recorded in E. or F.

reluctant From pres. part of L. *reluctari*, to struggle against, from *luctari*, to struggle.

rely In ME in sense of rally. F. *relier*, L. *religare*, to bind together. From 16 cent. to *rely on* (also *to*), perh. with idea of rallying to, falling back on, one's supports. Now always with *on*, *upon*, perh. owing to association with *to depend on*, *upon*.

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remove appears to have originated at E.

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Is t[he] ful to geve t[he] Cessa re te

(*Wyc. Staff* xxi 2)

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Fa cest pais ave est t sez

Ea France ad Au lieu repaire d (Rol 34)

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repetition F *répétition* on L *e* *repetition* See *repat*

repine Coured (16 cent) from *pinere* *ad* *r* *repere* *reper* *ch* *reperire* etc

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replete F *replet* L *repletus* from *reple* *ere* to fill again cf *con* *reple* Now usu with *re* *4* for earlier of (Chauc.)

replevin [*l* *4*] Recovery of distrained chattels on security AF from OE *replevin* from *re* to p edge (14)

laughable, etc) and is recorded in E for 1569 Cf *rehance*, first in Shaks See *rely*
 relic F *relique*, orig (12 cent) in pl, from L *reliquiae*, from *relinquere*, *reliqu-*, to leave Earliest in F & E in ref to saints
 relict L *relictus*, p p of *relinquere* (v s) In spec sense of widow it represents MedL *relictia* (sc *mulier*) or OF *relicte*
 relief F, from tonic stem (OF *reliev-*) of *relève*, to raise up, L *relevare*, from *levis*, light Thus to *relieve* is the opposite of to aggravate Etym sense appears in plastic *relief*, It *relievo*, raised or embossed work, whence idea of variety, contrast, as in *unrelieved monotony* To *relieve a man of his purse*, to *relieve one's mind*, go back to orig sense of lightening Quot below, referring to change of sentinel, is commonly misused

For this relief much thanks (*Hamlet* 1 1)

religion. F, L *religio*-n-, from *religens*, careful, opposite of *negligens*, and prob cogn with *diligens* To *get religion* is US (c 1850) *Religiosity* is in Wyc

relinquish OF *relinquiss*, *relinquiss-*, VL **relinquere*, for *relinquere*

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 reply F *replier*, to fold back, in OF also to
 reply (cf ModF *répliquer*), L *replicare*,
 from *plicare*, to bend, fold For metaphor
 cf *retort* Spec leg sense survives in
plaintiff's counsel then replied, cf *replica-*
tion, formal reply of plaintiff to plea of
 defendant

report OF *reporter*, *raporter* (*rapporter*), I
reportare, to bring back (e.g. a message)
 Sense of noise springs from that of carrying
 back, re-echoing, a sound (v i) Current
 sense of *reporter* is 19 cent

And that he wolde been oure governour,
 And of our tales juge and reportour
 (Chaucer A. 813).

The ragged hills and rocky towers reporte,
 By echoes voyce, the quest of noble hounds
 (NLD. 1589)

repose F *reposer* See *pose* Intrans sense
 is for earlier reflex (cf F *se reposer*)
 In some senses, e.g. to *repose confidence* in
one, rather directly from L *reponere*, *re-*
posit- Cf *repository*, OF *repositoire*, L
repositorium

repoussé F, p p of *repousser*, to push back,
 repulse Cf *rechef*

reprehend L *reprehendere*, "to pluck back
 againe, to take holde again, to blame, to
 rebuke" (Coop), cf F *reprandre*, "to re-
 prend, blame, check, rebuke, reprove,
 carpe, controll" (Cotg) *Reprehensible* is
 in Wyc (Gal ii 11)

represent F *représenter*, orig to bring into
 presence, hence to make clear, demon-
 strate, symbolize (cf *representative*), stand
 in place of First NED quot in parl sense
 is from Oliver Cromwell

repress From L *reprimere*, *repress-*, to press
 back, from *primere*

reprieve Orig (c 1500) to remand (to prison)
 Altered, app by association with ME
prove, prove, from earlier *reproy*, F *repris*,
 p p of *reprendre*, to take back The fact
 that *reprove* (ME *reprieve*) was a regular
 rendering of F *reprendre*, to reprehend,
 may have helped the confusion

They were repropyed, and sent unto the Toure of
 London (NED 1494)

reprimand F *réprimande*, from *réprimer*, to
 repress (q v)

reprisal Orig (15 cent) in *letters of marque*
 (q v) and *reprisal* F *représaille*, It *ri-*
presaglia, "booties, prayes, prizes, prisals"
 (Flor), from *riprendere*, to take back Cf

to get a bit of one's own back. L. spelling
 has been affected by *reprise* (F), used in
 various senses, including that of *reprisal*
 reproach F *reprocher*, VL **repropiare*, from
prope, near, cf *approach* Orig sense, as
 still in F, e.g. *reprocher à quelqu'un sa fai-*
blesse, is to bring near, home Cf. Ger
vorwerfen, to reproach, lit to throw before
 It shall not be reproched to me that ye fighte me
 1 foot and 1 on horsbacke (Caxton).

reprobate L *reprobatus*, p p of *reprobare*, to
 reprove, reject, which in Late L had sense
 of to cast away from God Orig in Bibl
 lang, e.g. 2 Cor. xiii 5, where Tynd and
 Coverd. have *castaway* and Wyc *repret-*
able

reprove F *reprouver*, L *reprobare* (v s). Cf
approve

The stoon whom men bildinge reproveden
 (Wyc Luke, xx 17)

reptile F, Late L *reptile* (sc *animal*), neut.
 of Late L *reptilis*, from *repere*, *rept-*, to
 creep ? Cogn with *serpent*. The *reptile*
press renders Ger *reptilienpresse*, coined
 (1869) on Bismarck's use of *reptilien*

republic F *république*, L *res publica*, public
 thing, common weal In US politics *Re-*
publican is now opposed to Democrat, as
 Conservative to Liberal The *republic of*
letters is first in Addison

repudiate From L *repudiare*, from *repudium*,
 divorce, cogn with *pudor*, shame

repugn F *repugnare*, L *repugnare*, "to re-
 pugne, to resist, to say contrary" (Coop),
 from *pugnare*, to fight Now esp in *re-*
pugnant, *repugnance*

repulse From L *repellere*, *repuls-*, cf F
repousser

repute F *réputer*, L *reputare*, "to consider
 and weigh diligently" (Coop), from *putare*,
 to think

request First (14 cent) as noun OF *re-*
queste (*requête*), cf *quest*, *require* With *in*
request (16 cent) cf *in requisition* (early 19
 cent)

requiem L, acc of *requies*, rest, quiet, mit.
 word of Introit in the Mass for the Dead,
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine Cf.
dirge, *magnificat*, etc

requiescat L, may he begin to rest (*in pace*,
in peace)

require From tonic stem (*requir-*) of F
requérir, VL **requaerere* for *requirere*, from
quaerere, to seek, cf. *inquire* Now often
 peremptory, orig sense having been taken

over by request With requirement of requisite

One thing he desired of the Lord which I will require (Ps xxvii 4 PB)

requisite L *requisitus* pp of *requirere* (v.s.)

Requisition in mil sense is late 18 cent

requite Coured (16 cent) from obs *quite* early var of *quit* (q.v.)

revels AF *arcedos* *revelos* cf AL *re* *trador* *orion* Lat *retr* back (see *rear* and *dorsal*) ME had several other compds in *re* e now obs or replaced by *rear* *R edos* was also obs by 1550 exc in sense of back of open fire place but was revived by eccl antiquaries of 19 cent

Item to making of the revels in the kechyn

(*York Merch Accnt* 4ed 1433 4)

reremouse See *rearmouse*

rereward [archaic] For *rearguard* (1571 xxix 2)

rescind I *rescinder* L *rescindere* to cut or break in sunder to abolish or fordoe (Coop) from *scinde* e *sciss* to cut cf *rescision* annulment

rescript L *rescriptum* the letters of a prince making answers to other letters the emperours letters (Coop) from *re* *scribere* *rescript* to write back In E frst (16 cent) in Papal sense

rescue From stem of AF *rescure* OF *rescurre* (archaic *recourre*) from *re* and *escurre* L *excurre* to strike out cf *it rescuere* The noun was in ME *rescous* OF *rescouisse* (archaic *recouisse*) representing VL *re-er-cussa* *Rescue* home is late 19 cent

research Sense of original esp scient investigation is 19 cent Much overworked since c 1880 See *search*

reseda Colour I *reseda* mignonette L *reseda* a certain herbe dissolving in postumes (Coop) imper of *resedare* to allay in formula *reseda morbis* used as charm when applying the leaves as poultice (Pliny xxvii 131)

resemble F *ressembler* from *re* and *sembler* to seem L *simulare* *simula* e from *similis* like from *simul* together

resent F *ressentir* from *re* and *sentir* to feel Orig to feel strongly in any way current sense suggesting that our sense of injuries is much stronger and more lasting than our sense of benefits (Trench) Cf *retaliare*

I resented as I ought the news of my mother's law's death (Archbp Sancroft)

reserve F *réserve* v L *reservare* from *servare* to save Cf *pre* *re* Mil sense of noun from 17 cent With *reserved* (in manner) frst in Shaks (*All's Well* v 3) cf (r *arrückhalten* lit holding back *Mental reservation* is recorded from 16 cent usu with depreciatory sense of casuistry

reservoir F *réservoir* from *réservier* (v.s.)

reset [leg] To receive stolen good (Sc) earlier to harbour See *resene*

reside I *résider* L *residere* from *sedere* to sit *Residency* earlier used indifferently with *residence* is now obs exc in EInd

residue F *résidu* L *residuum* neut of *residuum* remaining from *residere* (v.s.) Cf *sediment*

resign F *résigner* L *resignare* to unsal cancel from *signum* sign seal

resilient From pres part of L *resilire* to jump back recoil from *salire* to jump

resin rosin F *résine* (OF also *raissinois* ne) L *resina* cf G *pin* *resin* is the older form in F and Wyc has both With quot below cf *treacle*

Wh th resvn s t in Galaad

(Wyc Jer in aa)

resipiscence L *resipiscencia* from *resipiscere* to return to a better frame of mind from *re* and incept of *sapere* to know

resist F *résister* L *resistere* to stand against withstand *Line of resistance* is late 19 cent from scient *line of resistance*

resolve L *resolvere* from *solvere* *solut* to loosen cf *dissohre* Orig sense of disintegrating passes via that of solving a problem to that of deciding a course of action Cf F *résoudre* with same senses Only the secondary sense now appears in *resolute* *Resolution* in parl sense is recorded c 1600 *Resolute* to pass resolutions occurs in 16 cent E but is now only US (cf *sculp*)

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Item, for making, of the rendwe in th kerbyn (York March 1400-1414 1433-4)

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III Majesty's desire to retaliate has objects true
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 The spelling (for *reach*) is accidental

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This is called the *retort* (C 18)

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 Orig (c 1400) of dogs used to restart the
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gradus from *gradus* step Cf *retrogression*
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retroussé F turned up (see *truss*)
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 (q v) Many (happy) returns of the day is
 in Ail n *Isabelle* (May 8 1716)
 Sense of report occurs orig. (15 cent) of
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 repetition

Reuter News agency founded (1850-60) by
 I J to *Reuter*

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 incorr as that of our own journalists to
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 by in revenge

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 (14 cent) in ref to divine agency of
apocrypha

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Non est personarum acceptor Deus

(Vulg Acts, x 34)

Thucydides was a great and respectable man

(Langhorne's *Plutarch*, 1770)

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ressaldar [Anglo-Ind] Native captain in Indian cavalry Urdu *risālādār*, from *risālah*, squadron, from Arab *ansala*, to send, with agent suffix as in *sirdar*, *chokidar*, etc

rest¹ Repose AS *ræst* Com Teut, cf Du *rust*, Ger *rast*, orig stage of journey; also ON *rost*, Goth *rasta*, stretch of road, mile, cogn with Goth *razn*, house (see *ransack*). App a word from the nomadic period, cf Pers *manzil*, home, orig place of dismounting *Rest-day* is in AS, rendering of *sabbath* *Rest cure* is late 19 cent In the verb there has been association with *rest*^{2,3}, e.g. *his eyes rested* (F *s'arrêterent*) on the object, he rested his elbow on the table, etc Shaks *rest you merry* (*happy, fair*) is ellipt. for trans use. Quot 2 is now often wrongly punctuated

God rest you merry, sir (As You Like It, v 1)

God rest you merry, gentlemen (A mas carol)

rest² Remainder F *reste*, from *rester*, to remain, L *restare*, lit to stand back Has affected sense of *rest*¹ The verb was formerly used in concluding letters for *I remain*, etc, cf *rest assured*

rest³ Of lance Aphet for *arrest*, but the simple *rest* is recorded earlier, and It *resta*, Sp *restre*, have same sense, cf. *rest-harrow*, a tough shrub which is a nuisance to farmers (MedL *resta bovis*, AF *reste-beof*) See *rest*²

arrest (*arrêt*) the rest whereon a man of armes set-leth his lance (Cotg)

arreste-bœuf the herbe rest-harrow, petty-whinne, graund furze, cammoche (ib)

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Like froward jades that for no striking sturre,
But wave more restife still the more we spurre

(Sylv. 1 2)

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The happy restoration of his Majesty to his people and kingdoms (*Journal of H of C*, May 30, 1660)

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restaurant F, pres part. of *restaurer*, to restore Current sense in Paris from c 1765, but found earlier (17 cent) in sense of strengthening diet

restitution F., L *restitutio-n-*, from *restituere*, to re-establish, restore, from *statuere*, to set up From 13 cent

restive OF *restif* (*rétif*), "restie, stubborn, drawing backward, that will not goe forward" (Cotg), from *rester*, to rest², cf Sc *reist*, to stand stock-still The sense has changed curiously See also *rusty*².

Like froward jades that for no striking sturre,
 But waxe more restive still the more we spurre
 (Sylv. 1 2)

restore OF *restorer* (*restaurer*), L *restaurare*, to repair, cogn with G *σταυρός*, stake For sense of giving back cf *restitution* *Restoration* was substituted (1660) for earlier *restoration*

The happy restoration of his Majesty to his people and kingdoms (*Journal of H of C*, May 30, 1660)

restrain F *restreindre*, *restrain-*, L *restringere*, *restrict-*, whence also later *restrict* See *strain*. *Restraint of princes* is still used for embargo in mercantile insurance

result L *resultare*, to leap back, from *sallare*, frequent of *salire*, *salt-*, to leap

resume F *résumer*, from L *resumere*, to take back For sense of recommencing cf F *repréndre* Cf *résumé*, F pp

resurge L *resurgere*, *resurrect-*, to rise again Cf *resurrection*, F *résurrection* (12 cent) *Resurrection* is used by Tynd where Wyc has *rysung* again and the AS *Gospels* have *æriste* *Resurrection-man*, *resurrectionist*, body-snatcher, are 18 cent

resuscitate From L *resuscitare*, from *suscitare*, to raise up, arouse, from *sub* and *citare*, to summon, cite (q v)

ret [techn] To steep flax Archaic Du *reten*, "to hickle or cleans flax" (Hexham), cogn with *rot*, cf Sw *röta*, Dan *röde*, Du *roten*,

Ger *r sten* (for *rdsten* MHG *retzen*) also
F rousir from Teut *roustir* retting pond
 Both Franc and Holland send their flax to be
 retted in it (the *r* Lys)
 (Daily Chron. Aug 2 1917)

retable [*et l*] Appendage to altar *F al*
 tered from OF *rie etable* rear table of
 Prov *re re aule* ModL *retrotabulum* also
 VL *refereant* app draping of retable
 Introduced (19 cent) by eccl antiquaries
 Cf *veredios*

retail OF *retail er* to cut up (*re tailer*) In
F sense ModF has *détail*

détailler to retail or *passer a av by parcel*
 (C 19)

retain *F retiens* VL *retinere* for *retinere*
 to hold back cf *contain deta in* etc With
r tainer kept fighting man cf *retinue*
d ns on that belongeth or vneth to an n l
 man also a cl nt rete lng al wyer (Coop)

retaliate From L *retalia e* from *talis* such
 like Oris of requiting in kind good or
 evil

His Majesty's desire to retaliate. *h s* bjects' tru
 affections (Speed, 1611)

retard *F retarder* or L *retardis* from
latus slow

retch AS *h rēcan* from *hrēca* spatul cf
 ON *hrēfja* to spit. Not recorded in ME
 The spelling (for *reach*) is accidental.

retary Spider L *retarius* gladiator armed
 with net *reus*

reticent From pre part of L *ret cēre* from
lac re to be silent

reticulate [*biol*] L *reticulatus* from *reticu*
lum dim of *rete* net

reticule *F réticule* L *reticulum* (vs)
 Earlier (c 1800) is corrupted *ridicule* (see
Oliver Twist ch xli)

retina [*anat*] ModL from *rete* net cf *F*
réline

et u the fifth thinne membrane of the eye (Cot.)

retinue ML *retinue* (Chanc) *F* pp fem
 of *retinere* to retain (11 v)

retire *F* to pull back from *ti er* to draw
 (see *tr*) Orig tran. current sense for
 earlier *refire*

retort From L *re arguē e* *retort* to twist
 back Cf *retort* glass vessel with bent
 neck ModL *retortis*

This *et* filled the retort courteous

(As You Like It v 4)

retract From L *retrahere* *retract* to draw
 back In spec. sense of revoking recant
 ing it represents the frequent *retra hē e*

to unsay that one hath said (Coop)
 Hence *retracta* in orig of St Augustine's
Petractores re handling.

retreat First as noun *F ret aste* from *re*
trahere to draw back L *trahere* Orig
 (14 cent) in mil sense esp in to *draw on the*
retreat Cf L *trahere* no v euph in mil
 ense

retrench *F retrahere* to cut off See *trahere*
 Cf to *cut down* (expenditure) *Retrenchment*
 was added at th nstivation of Joseph
 Hume to the *Peace and Reform* program
 of the Whigs

retribution *F tributum* L *retributio*
 from *tribuer* to pay back (see *tribue*)
 For degeneration (*retal a re*)

retrieve From Ol tonic stem (*retrahere*) or
F retrahere to find again (see *trahere*) Fo
 vowel cf *beef people* and see *contrive*
 Orig (c 1400) of dogs used to restart the
 game but *retriever* in mod ense is 19
 cent

retro- L backward (see *rear*) Earliest
 (15 cent) in *retro raue* (astron) L *retro*
gradus from *gradus* step Cf *abrogation*
Retro feet is coined on *prospect* Hence
retro feet no v usu substituted for
 earlier *re* *re* *re*

retroussé *F* turned up (*re* *truss*)

return *F retournere* from *turnere* to turn
 (q v) Many (*trahere*) *returns* of the day is
 in Addison *Fest* (May 28 1710)

Sense of report occurs orig (15 cent.) of
 sheriff's return of writ to court with report
 on its execution later extend'd to his
 announcement of election of MP The
 tobacco call'd *retrains* was orn. refuse
 With *retrains* profits of *revenue*

rete [*biol*] L *retus* from *retundere* to
 beat back Cf *obtus*

reunison *F réunion* which like many *F*
 words in *re* has partially lost sense of
 repetition

Reuter News agency founded (1850-60) by
 P J von Reuter

revanche From OF *revanche* L *revincula*
cire (see *re* *vincula*) Mod sense is that of
 return match or game and not revenge
 Hence Cer rendering of *in R can* he is a
 incorr as that of our own journalists no
 transl *en revanche* on the other hand
 by in revenge

reveal Verb *F* *reveler* L *revelare* to draw
 back the veil *revelum* With *revelation* orig
 (14 cent) in ref to divine agency cf
apocalypse

reveal² [*arch*] Vertical side of doorway.

For obs *reuale*, from OF *reualet*, to bring down See *vail*¹

réveille, *revelly* F *réveille*-(vous), imper of *se réveiller*, to wake up, from *veilles*, to watch, L *vigilare* But not used in mil F., which has *réveil* and *diane*

revel First (14 cent) as verb OF *reveles*, to make tumult, have a spree, L *rebellare*, to rebel. The current sense is the oldest (14 cent) in E., though that of riot also occurs occasionally (v 1), and it would appear that the word has been associated with F *réveillon*, a Christmas Eve supper, and with the gen idea of night jollifications (cf *wake*) See also *riot*, which runs parallel with *revel*, though with converse sense-development.

Men wene and the Dwke of Southfolk come ther schull be a schrewd revele (Paston Let ii 83)

veggie watches, sentinels, wakes, revels a nights (Flor)

revelly See *réveillé*

revendication F., as *revindication*

revenge First (14 cent) as verb F *revancher*, OF *revanchier*, *revengier*, L *revindicare*, from *vindicare* Cf *vengeance*, *vindicate*

revenue F *revenu*, p p of *revenir*, to come back, L *revenire* Cf *income*, *returns* Sense of public income (inland *revenue*, *revenue officer*, etc) is latest (17 cent)

reverberate From L *reverberare*, lit to beat back

revere F *révéler*, from L *revereri*, from *vereri*, to fear Much earlier are *reverence* (13 cent) and *reverend*, *reverent* With *reverence*, bow (*Piers Plowm*), cf *curtsy*, *obesance* *Reverend*, as title of clergy, dates from 15 cent, *reverent* being erroneously used earlier in same sense

reverie F *réverie*, from *réver*, to dream (see *rave*) Current in ME in sense of wild joy, etc, and app confused with *revelry* Re-adopted in mod sense in 17 cent

revers F, L *reversus* (v 1)

reverse F *reverser*, from L *versare*, frequent. of *vertere*, to turn With mil sense of defeat, disaster, cf euph *setback*

revert OF *revestir*, VL **revertire*, for *revertire* (v s)

revet [*mil* & *arch*] To face with masonry F *revêtu*, OF *revestir*, from L *vestire*, to clothe

She [H M S Cochran] grounded on a revetment (Daily Chron Feb 19, 1919).

review First as noun F *revue*, p p fem of *revoir*, to see again, revise, etc (see *view*)

In literary sense from 18 cent

revile OF *reviler*, from *vil*, vile

revindicate See *vindicate*

revise F *réviser*, L *revisere*, frequent of *revidere*, to review. The *Revised Version* was executed 1870-84

revive F *revivre*, Late L *revivere*, from *vivere*, to live Trans. sense originated through conjugation of intrans with verb to be, e g *she was* (mod *had*) *revived* *Revival* in rel sense is quoted by NED from Cotton Mather (1702)

revoke F *révoquer*, L *revocare*, to call back

revolt F *révolter*, It *rivoltare* (earlier *revoltare*), L *re-* and *voltare*, frequent of *volvere*, to roll, cf *revolution* For strong sense of *revolting* (from c 1800) cf *disgusting*, *repulsive*

revolution F *révolution*, Late L *revolutio-n*, from *revolvere* (v s) Orig (14 cent) astron Pol sense from c 1600

revolve L *revolvere* (v s). *Revolver* was coined (1835) by Colt

revue [*theat*] F, review (of recent and topical events)

revulsion L *revulsio-n*, from *revellere*, *revuls-*, to tear back

reward ONF form of *regard*, which is common in same sense in AF Cf *award* and see *guard* Orig of any form of requital, now limited in the opposite direction to *retaliate* Gen sense springs from that of looking favourably on, cf *for a consideration* Has almost supplanted *meed* (Wyc Matt v 12)

reynard, *renard* F *renard*, OF *regnard*, *renart*, orig *Renart le goupil*, Renard the Fox, in the famous beast-epic, *Roman de Renart* (13 cent), OHG. *Reginhart*, strong in counsel (cf *Reginald*), used as pers name of the fox The popularity of the poem was so great that *renard* has quite supplanted OF *goupil* Cf *chanticler*, *bruin*, *monkey* The form *Reynard* was used by Caxton after Du *Reynaert*, cf dim *Reineke* in LG version *Reineke de Vos*.

"Oh, Mus' Reynolds, Mus' Reynolds!" said Hobden, under his breath "If I knowed all was inside your head, I'd know something wuth knowin"

(Puck of Pook's Hill).

rhabdomanicy Use of divining-rod From G *ῥάβδος*, rod

Rhadamanthine inflexit! From *Phadamanthus* C. I say, with one of the judges of the lower world Cf *D a onie*

Rhaeto Romanic [ling.] Roman e dialects of S1 Switzerland esp R manish (Crissons) Lat in (Engadine) From *L. Phaetia* name of the region

rhapsody L. C. *paesia* from *paesios* esp reciter of Homeric songs from *paesios* to stitch song

rhazany Attringent shrub Altered from Sp Port. *rhazania* Levov *rhazania*

rhea Sumer ostrich Adopted (152) from myth (name P.L.)

rheum Var of *reum* (q.v.)

Rhemish Bible T. trans. published (1582) at A. Heims

Rhenish VI. *renisch* MHG *renisch* (rheinisch) altered from *L. Rhenus* Rhine

If it's money worth, replenish
Their cellar's larder with Rhenish

(F. J. P. per)

rheo From C. *re* stream

rhesus Hind monkey From *Phesus* myth king of Thrace Cf *entellus*

rhetoric I. *rhē* r g e L. C. *per* *per* (sc. *per*) from *per* up orator teacher of eloquence One of the three arts of the medieval trivium

rheum [i. r k i c] Restored from ML. *reume* OF *reume* (humid) L. C. *paesia* flow from *paesia* per- to flow *Pharmacia* *rhēum* was formerly supposed to be caused by a "diffusion of rheum"

rhine [dial.] Large open plain (Somerset etc.) Altered from earlier *rune* *reine* AS *ryne* cogn. with *ryn*

rhinegrave [hist.] Du *Rijn* *are* Ger *Rhein* g of Rhine count Cf *margrave* *palsgrave*

rhino [wang] Money from 17 cent App connected by some obscure joke with *rhinoceros* as *rhinoceros* al wealthy also occurs *Leady rhino* is in T. Brown's satirical line on the Treaty of Ryswick (1677)

rhinoceros Late L. C. *rhino* *rhino* lit nose horn from *rhino* *rhino* *rhino* horn Cf *rhinoplasty* c of nose modelling

rhizome [bot.] (*rhizoma* from *rhizo* to take root from *rhiza* root

Rhodes scholarships I still held at Oxf for colonial U.S. (and orig. also Ger.) students by will of Cecil Rhodes (1902)

rhodium¹ Rosewood ModL. (sc. *lignum*) from G. *rhodon* rose

rhodium¹ [ekem] Discovered and named (1804) by Wollaston from G. *rhodon* (v.s.)

rhododendron C. lit rose tree δ *rhodon* (v.s.)

rhodomontade Incorr for *rhodomontade* (q.v.)

rhomb rhombus I. C. *rhombos* anything that can be twirled from *rhombos* v. to revolve

rhondda [neol.] From *Lert Phondda* food controller (1917) who gave his life for his country

Capital Wright said th. Food Control Department had given a new word to the language. If a soldier lost anything he said it was *rhondda*!

(Daily L.A. Feb 15 1918)

rhotacism [ling.] Conversion of other sounds into r From G. *rhotos* *rhotos* from the letter *rho* *rho*

rhubarb F. *rhubarbe* MedL. *rhubarbarum* altered from *rhabarbarum* foreign *rhā* G. *rhā* said to be from the ancient name of the river Volga. Cf *rhapontic* lit Pontic

rhā, From the correct form comes *It rhā* *rhā* the drug *rewharbe* (Flor.) whence *Ger rhabarber* Orig. the drug imported into Europe through Russia later applied to cultivated plant of same genus

rhumb rumb [rhais naut] Sp. Port. *rhumb* L. *rhombus* cf F. *rhumb* a roombe or point of the compass a line drawn directly from wind to wind in a compass traverse board or s.a.-card (Cotg.) A word borrowed from the early Sp. & Port. navigators. But *Jal* regards OF *rhumb* room space a common naut. word (see *rhumb*) as the origin and supposes *rhumb* to be an artificial spelling due to a mistaken etym. This view is supported by chronology and by the double meaning of OF *rhumb* to rummage (q.v.) stow and also to delineate or set out in a sea card all the runs of windles (Cotg.)

rhyme rime The older spelling is *rime* F. (12 cent.) L. C. *rhymos* metrical motion rhythm cogn. with *rhymos* to flow Cf *It Sp rima* The persistence of this form was partly due to association with AS *rim* number and its restoration by mod. writers is due to a mistaken notion of its origin. Cf *Ger rym* from F. but also associated with OHG *rim* number sequence. The half-restored spelling *rhyme* was introduced c. 1600. In MedL. *rhymus* was used of accentual a. opposed to quantitative verse and as accentual verse was usually

rhymed, the word acquired the meaning which it has in all the Rom & Teut langs

I or oother tile certes kan I noon,
But of a rym I lerned longe agoon

(Chauc. B 1898)

absurdus ag unst all ryme and reison (Coop.).

rhynch- From G ῥύγχος, snout

rhythm From 16 cent., orig. as etymologizing var of *rhyme* (q v)

And what were crime

In prove, would be no injury in rhythm

(NED. 1677).

ria [geog.] Estuary, such as those on the Sp coast south of the Bay of Biscay Sp, fem form of *rio* river, L *rivus*

riant F, pres part of *rire*, to laugh, VL. **rideic*, for *ridere*

rialto Exchange, mart From the *riauo* of Venice (*Merch of Ven* 13), from the canal, *rius altus*, deep stream, which it crosses

riata See *reata*

rib AS *ribb* Com Teut, cf Du *rib*, Ger *rippe*, ON *rif* In joc sense of wife with allusion to Gen 11 21 Bibl *fifth rib* (2 Sam 11 23) is an error of the AV translators for *belly*, which is restored in the RV

ribald OF *ribauld* (*ribard*), "a rogue, ruffian, rascall, scoundrell, varlet, filthy fellow, also, a ribauld, fornicator, whore-munger, bawdyhouse hunter" (Cotg), cf It Sp *ribaldo* Prob a spec application of the common personal name *Ribaud*, OHG *Ric-bald*, mighty-bold, cf AS *Ric-beald* This occurs as a surname in the *Pipe Rolls* (12 cent), 1c a century older than the dict records of the common noun The choice of the name would be due to OF *riber*, to wanton, ? from OHG *hiipa*, prostitute Cf *maraud*

riband Archaic form of *ribbon* (q v)

ribband [naut.] Prob from *rib bard*, which suits the sense

ribbon From 16 cent for earlier *riband*, OF *riban*, var of *riban* The -d of *riband* is excrescent, though the second element of the F word is prob Ger *band*, ribbon *Ribbonman* (hist) is from the *Ribbon society*, an Ir secret association of northern Catholics (early 19 cent) *Ribbons*, reins, is early 19 cent slang

ribes Gooseberries and currants MedL, Arab *ribās*, sorrel

ribston Pippin from *Ribston Park*, Yorks

Ricardian Of *David Ricardo*, economist (†1823) Cf *Marxian*

rice OF. *ris* (*riz*), It *riso*, VL **oryzium*, for *oryza*, G. ῥυζα, prob. of Oriental origin. In most Europ langs, e.g. Rum *oriz*. *Rice-paper* is not made from rice, but from the pith of a reed found in Formosa

rich AS *rice*, powerful, noble, rich Com Teut, cf. Du. *rych*, Ger. *reich*, ON *rikr*, Goth *reiks*; cogn with L *rex*, Celt *-rix*, in names, and ult with *rajah* Traces of orig. sense still survive in application to sound, colour, odour, etc *Riches*, now taken as pl., is F. *richesse* (cf *laches*), and *rich* is sometimes via F *riche* (from Teut)

Richard F, OHG *Ric-hart*, mighty-strong (see *ribald*) As one of the commonest names it is applied, in pet-form *Dicky* (q v), to various animals and objects For *Richard Roe* see *John Doe* For *Richard's himself again* see *perish*

Throw us out John Doe and Richard Roe,
And sweetly we'll tickle their tobies! (Ingoldsby).

ricinus L, castor-oil plant

rick¹ Stack AS *hrīac*, cf Du *rook*, ON. *hraukr* The form *reck* was literary up to 1700 For shortened vowel cf. dial *ship* for *sheep* See also *rick¹*

rick² To sprain Var. of obs *wrick*, ME *wricchen*, cogn with *wring*, *wriggle*

rickets Softening of the bones Orig (17 cent) a Dorset word, perh. corrupt of *rachitis* (q v) Hence *rickety*

This nation was falling into the rickets, the head bigger than the body

(Burton, *Parl Diary*, Jan 12, 1657).

rickshaw See *jinricksha* Written 'rickshaw by Kipling

ricochet F, orig of flat stone slapping over water, making "a duck and a drake" (Cotg), earlier (15 cent) in *chanson (fable)* du *ricochet*, with recurring refrain ? From L *recalcare*, to retread

rictus L, from *ringi*, to open the mouth In current sense it is rather from F

rid ON *rythja*, to clear (land), cogn with Ger *reiten*, *roden*, as in *Baureut*, *Wernigerode*, *Rüth*, cf E *-royd*, clearing, common in northern place-names In some senses it falls together with unrelated Sc *redd*, to clear, tidy, Du *redde*, cogn with AS *hreddean*, to rescue, Ger *retten* In to be (get) *rid* of we have the p p *Good riddance* was earlier *fair*, *gentle*, *riddance* (*Merch of Ven* 11 7)

Ich sende min engel biforen thine nebbe, the shal ruden thine weie to fore the (NED c 1200)

riddle¹ Enigma AS *rædels* from *ræðm* to read (q v) cf Du *raetsel* Ger *ratsel* For loss of s cf burial Wyc has *redels* (Jud es xiv 16)

riddle² Sieve Late AS *kriddel* for earlier *hider* cogn with Ger *rester* a riddle range sieve bolter or scarer (Lud 4) and ult. with L *cribrum* whence F *crible* Now dial in lit sen e but still common in riddled with wounds (holes) cf F *crible de blessures* (de petite vérole)

riddlemeree Rigmarole Fanciful variation on *ridle mæ ridl*

ride AS *ridm* Com Teut cf Du *rijen* Ger *reiten* ON *riða* Naut sens to *ride* (at anchor) is also AS Archaic *riðe* and the ref's to practice of two people using one horse one riding on ahead and tying up the horse for his companion to find and ride in his turn To *ride for a fall* so as to have an excuse for retiring is from the hunting field In to *ride to death* hobby (q v) is understood. With *rider* corollary etc for earlier *rider* roll cf *rider* strengthening timber added to ship Little *Ped Ridm* *Hool* was used (1729) in transl of Perrault's *Petit Chapeiron Rouge*

ridge AS *hryc* pine back Com Teut cf Du *rug* Ger *rucken* ON *hryg* r Northern form is *rig* as in *rigs o barley* (Burns) cf northern *rig and fur* i.e. ridge and furrow for ribbed stockings

ridiculous From L *ridiculus* from *ridere* to laugh

riding [cog] ON *thrishjunga* third part from *thrishi* third unit consonant having been absorbed by final of *north ea l west* with which it is always compounded into one word in early r cords

Omnēs centū tu. hunder d w p ntaki et threth g (Vlaq a Ch r l)

ridotto [archaic] Entertainment It a company a knot a crew or assemble of good fellows Also a gaming or tabling house or other place where good company doth meete (Flor) As *redan bt* (q v)

rifacimento It remaking

rife Late AS *rife* cf archaic Du *rif* LC *rife* ON *rifs* copious abundant

riffraff From phrase *riff and raff* (14 cent) every scrap etc OF *rif et raf* for which Cotg has also *rife et rife* app connected with *rife* and *raffe* but perh a redupl on one of the two syllables only Sense of scum refuse of society 15 cent

rifle F *rifler* to rifle ransacke spoyle

make havock or clean work sweep all away before him (Cotg) in OF also to scratch cogn with *raffe* (q v) Of Test origin cf Ger *riefe* groove (from LG) ON *rifa* cleft AS *gerfian* to wrinkle With sense of making grooves in bore of fire arm (17 cent) cf archaic sense of F *rifler* to score the back (by flogging)

rift ON *rif* breath (of contract) whence Norw Dan *rift* cleft cogn with *rute* and *rifle* Now chiefly fig

rig Verb From 15 cent with Sc *ar reek* from c 1600 Origin doubtful Prob not orig naut ? Cf Norw dial *iggr* to bind wrap 1 p To *ri the narhet th mble* *rig* may belong here or to *ri*

He fast ryggy se hym (equipping hi H) th floze (sc Let 1478)

rig² Fun trick etc From 18 cent It p in to *run a rig* I from obs verb *rig* to romp be wanton of unknown origin Perh ident with *rig* (cf senses of trick)

H little dr mt al 3 h set :
Of unning b rig (J hn G 1 p)

rig³ See *ridge*

rigadoon [a cha c] Dan e F *rigadoun* said to be named from *Rigaud* a dancing master who according to Mtral lived at Marseille (17 cent) But the F word is recorded earlier (1611) than the E (1696)

right AS *riht* straight e c j ut Com Teut cf Du Ger *recht* ON *riht* *rahts* cogn with L *rectu* and *egere* The double sense (straight just) appears in all the Teut langs that f opposite to left bein of somewhat later development. Cf F *droit* L *d rectus* in the three main senses of the E word For noun sense cf E *droit* (e.g. *droit le homme*) Orig sense of straight survives in math also in *right away* *right in the s d d l* etc (cf also US *come right in*) For pol sense see *ent e Righteous* is altered after adjs in *con* from MF *ri htuse* AS *rihtus* cf OHG *rehtlessi*, knowing the right (co wist wot wist) *Right hand* a was orig mil and about equivalent to *glorian* Pepys (Dec 4 166) speaks of hi brother in law Bal thasar Saint Michel being made a right hand man in the Duke of Albemarle's guards

rigid F g dus from *rigere* to be stiff

rigmarole Altered from *ra man-ro* used in sense of lit catal gue in 16 cent also earlier a toll used in a medieval game

called *ragman*. The earliest trace of *ragman* is its use (*rageman*) as title of a statute of Edward I (1276) appointing justices to hear complaints as to wrongs suffered in the previous twenty-five years, but allusions to the game are almost of same date. Origin doubtful. Perh *ragmar* = devil (see *ragamuffin*).

rigour OF (*rigueur*), L *rigor-em* E-sp, since 15 cent, in *rigour of the law*. Cf *rigid*.

rigsdag Dan, cogn with *reichstag* (q v)

rig-veda Chief sacred book of the Hindus. Sanskrit, praise- & knowledge

riksdag Sw, cogn with *reichstag* (q v)

rile Earlier *roil*, to disturb, make muddy (still in dial & US). From OF *rouil*, mud, lit rust, from *rouiller*, VL **rubicare*, from *rubigo*, rust

rill From 16 cent, cf Du *ril*, Ger *rille*, from LG, perh cogn with MHG. *rinnelein*, from *rinne*, to trickle, run. Cf *runnel*

rim AS *rima*, in *dægrima*, dawn, *særima*, coast, cf ON *rim*, strip of land; ult cogn with Ger *rand*, edge, rim

rhyme¹ See *rhyme*

rhyme² Frost AS *hrīm*, cf Du *rym*, ON *hrīm*, ? ult cogn with Ger *reif*. Chiefly Sc till 18 cent

rind AS. *rind*, bark, cf Du *run* (earlier *rinde*, *rende*), Ger *rinde*

rinderpest Ger, from *rinder*, pl of *rind*, ox, cogn with obs E *rother*, AS *lyðther*, ? and with *run*

ring¹ Noun AS *hring*, in the chief mod senses. Com Teut, cf Du Ger *ring*, ON *hringr*. See also *harangue*, *rank*², *ranch*. It is interesting to note that a word meaning circle has given the longitudinal *rank* and the square (prize-) *ring*. With *ring-leader* (c 1500) cf ME to *lead the ring* (14 cent). Ger *rädeführer*, ringleader, - from dum of *rad*, wheel, is 16 cent. Both are app from dancing. The commercial *ring* is 19 cent. *Ringstraked* (Gen xxx 35) is for *-streaked*. With *ringdove*, from neck-mark, cf It *colombo torquato*, lit collared dove

Should'st thou be the ringleader in dancing this while? (*Misogonus*, ii 5, c 1550)

If we had not been there to keep the ring, to see a certain measure of fair play

(D Lloyd George, Aug 4, 1917)

ring² Verb AS *hringan*, cf ON *hringja*. Prob of imit origin. Orig intrans, as in to *ring true* (*false*)

rink. Orig Sc. Earlier *rent*¹, course for tilting (Harbour), racing, etc., OF. *rent*, *rank*². For later vowel cf. *ink*. In ice sense first of curling (Burns), *skating-rink* being 19 cent. For early Sc sense cf cogn It *arringo*, tilting-ground

rinse F *rincer*, OF. *reincier*, *reincier*; cf. MedL *reincicare*, *resincicare*, as though from L *sincerus*, pure, but these are etymologizing forms. Prob *reincier* is VL **requinquare*, from Late L *quingare*, to purify, with allusion to the five-year periods between lustrations. Another suggestion is VL **reccicare*, by assim. from **reccicare*, from *reccus*, fresh

riot F *riote*, also OF *riote*, *ri(h)ot*, cf. Prov. *riota*, It *riotta*. Origin unknown. Earliest E sense (13 cent.) is debauchery, *riotous living* (Vulg *vivendo luxuriose*). To *run riot* was in ME used of hounds running on wrong scent. The *Riot Act*, part of which must be read to mob before active measures are taken, was passed in 1714. See *revel*, which has followed the opposite sense-development

rip¹. Verb Late ME, of LG or Scand origin; cf. Fris. *rippe*, to tear, Flem. *rippen*, to strip off roughly, Dan. *rippe op*, of a wound. Usu with preps *up*, *out*, etc. Hence perh *rip*, broken water, esp in *tide-rip*. With *let her rip* (US) cf. *tear*² used of motion. With current sense of *ripping* cf. *stunning*, *rattling*, *thundering*, etc.

rip². Rake, wastrel. From 18 cent and app first used of inferior animal, jade. Perh fig use of one of the mech senses of *rip* (cf *screw*). Later associated with *rep*¹

riparian. From L *riparius*, from *ripa*, bank of river.

ripe AS *ripe* WGer; cf Du *riyp*, Ger *reif*, cogn with *reap*. For fig senses cf *matute*

riposte F. It *risposta*, answer, from *rispondere*, *rispost*, to answer, L *respondere*. Cf *repartee*

ripple¹ [*techn*] To comb flax. Cf. Du *re-pelen*, Ger *riffeln*, "to hatchel flax" (Ludw), Sw *repa*

ripple² Of water. App from *rip*¹ (q v). Not recorded till 17 cent., and then of stormy or dangerous agitation of water, in which sense it is very common in Hakk and Purch

Riparian [*hist*] From MedL *Riparius*, name of a tribe of Rhine Franks. Connection with L *ripa*, bank, is doubtful

rise AS *rīsan* Com Teut. cf Du *rijzen* Ger *reisen* to travel orig to rise for a start (to arise and go) ON *rīsa* Goth *ris* *risan* The simple verb is very rare in AS so that *rise* may often be aphef for the commoner *arise* For fig senses cf those of *rise* later (*releter souleter dleter*) To *get a rise out of one* to *rise to it* are an'ling metaphors

risible F L *risibilis* from *ridere* ris to laugh

risk F *risque* It *risco* *risico* earlier also *risi* o cf Sp *riesgo* Of doubtful origin A second meaning of the word in the I om langs is cliff rock An ingenious suggested etym is G *piçux* from *ç* *ç* root used of a submarine hill cliff and in ModG in sense of fate chance

risorgimento [hist] It uprising (of Italy against Austria c 1850-60) from *risor gere* L *resurgere* Cf *resistentist*

Th *rise* gum nt a dit wh le equi are t stake
[Ob Nov 14 97]

risotto [cook] From It. *riso* rice

risqué F risky

rissole I OF *roissole* *roussole* perh from *roux* red russet It occurs as *russole* *risshew* in MI

rite L *ritus* prob cogn with C *drp̄p̄* s number *Ritualist* *ritualism* acquired cur rent sense c 1850 (cf *Oxford movement*)

ritornello [mus] It dim of *ritorno* return Cf F *rituelle*

ritmeister [hist] Ger cavalry captain lit *ride master*

ritual See *rite*

rival F L *realis* ? ong of those living on opposite banks of river *rius* ult cogn with AS *rih* stream. This picturesque etym is not now gen accepted

rive ON *rifa* ? cogn with Cer *re ben* to rub Now chiefly in poet pp *ripen* Cf *rift*

rivelled [archaic] Wrinkled AS *rif lede* (see *rifte*)

river F *rivière* orig land lying along river from *riu* bank L *ripa* or L *riparia* (sc *terra*) cf It *riusiera* shore river Sp *ribera* River horse tran lates *hippopotami* s riverian Rapanian F from *river* (vs) cf *riverine* of L formation

river F from *river* to clench from *rive* bank from idea of fixing bound laries turn ing up ends This etym though rather fan tastic is supported by F *border un li*

from *bord* bank used in the exact sense in which Cotg bank has *r* *ier* (v 1)

t n et oc l n l to f ten or turn back th po t of a naal &c so to thru t th l the of a bed in at th s d r (Cotg)

rivière Neckla e of gems F *ri* *r* (v 1)

rivulet Substituted after It. *ri* *leto* dim of *riolo* dim of *rio* L *ri* stream for earlier *riveret* OF *ri* *rete* dim of *ree* The two words are not really unected (cc *river*) The river Leen (N *tin ham*) is *Line* F *erect* in Leland (1538)

rix dollar [hist] Du *ijh daniel* Ger *ih* *taler* from *eich* empire See *h tag* *dollar thaler*

roach Ol *roch* Of Teut *ri* in f Du *r* earlier *roche* LG *che* whence (*r* *ocher* also perh AS *reohhe* name of a fish cryn withrough Withs *un* *as a roach* f f *s* *commu* *un ga* *don* It *fres* *o come u a la* *a* *gard* a certain fresh ter fish that resembles th *che* i Some hold it t be the fresh w ter small t others th *roel* or a k d thereof *ri* *sai* *ga* *g* *do* *m* h vely and b alth l th n *g* *dom* (then which ther is ot an f h more healthful, nor m re l l y) (Cotg.) *luca* *fi* *h* *wb* *h* *com* t ke for th *och* (Flor)

road AS *ra* *rid* ing hostile incursion enses found up to 17 cent (cf *ra* *id* *m* *road*) cogn with *ide* Sense 1 sheltered stretch of water where ships *le at an* *hor* as in *roads* *cad* *h* *arn* *outh* *ra* *i* *i* *commo* *i* in MI but current ense partially re plac ng *way* *st* *ect* *1* *years* *fir* *n* *Slaks* Cf *roadway* with orig sense of n ling *ra* *road* *ho* unconsi lerate motorist

A *rod* *m* *de* *ppon* the *Se* *ites* *at* *th* *d* *i* *tha* *la* *t* *sum* *r* *within* the *r* *gro* *nde* *by* *re* *br* *ott* *f* *Glouce* *tre* (Edwa d IV 431)

here *he* *a* *ri* *h* *tra* *ell* *g* *por* *ray* *g* *a* *ro* *d* *oe* *c* *urne* (Cotg)

roam Trad from *Pome* as place f ful grimace cf Ol *om* *e* f *l* *om* *i* *Rome* Sp *romero* It *romero* a roamer a wanderer a pilgrim (Flor) The *VED* altogether rejects this and suggests *ri* *ri* *en* ? cogn with OHC *r* *nen* to aim at strive after It is quite cl ar that *room* was early associated with *Pome* the earliest occurrence of *ram* *n* (Lavation) being c nected in the same line with *Rom* *laden* people of *Pome* f obs *r* *mercy* pilgrims e The word is also older than dict record as *roamer* quoted by *VED* from *Pier Pome*

a surname in 173 (*Hun* *red* *E* *ing* as *h* *m* For a 10th r word tl at influenced *room* see *taunt*

roan¹ Colour of horse F *rouan*; cf It *roano*, *ioano*, Sp *roano*, earlier *iuano* ? Ult from L *sauius*, "a dull or sadde colour mixt with black and yealow" (Coop)

roan² Leather ? From *Rouen*, regularly spelt *Roan* in ME Cf obs *roan*, Rouen linen

roan³ See *rowan*

roar AS *rārian*, cf archaic Du *reeren*, OHG *rāren*, of imit origin A roar of laughter is partly an echo of Shaks, whose roar (in quots below) is the unrelated ME *rore*, tumult (Chauc), of Du origin (v.1.), cogn with Ger *ruhr* (esp in *aufruhr*, uproar), cf Ger *rühren*, to stir See *uproar* Here belong also partially *roaring blade*, *roaring trade*, and perh even *roaring forties*

roere motus, commotio *Al ir roere stellen* perturbare, inturbare omnia (Kil)

If by your art, my dearest father, you have
Put the wild waters in this roar, allay them
(*Temp.* 1.2)

Your flashes of merriment that were wont to set
the table in a roar (*Hamlet* v.1.)

roast OF *rostar* (*rōstar*), OHG *rōsten*, from *rōst*, *rōste*, gridiron For quot below see also *roost*¹

What so ever ye brage ore hōste,
My mayster yet shall reule the roste
(*Debate of the Carpenter's Tools*, early 15 cent)

rob OF *rober* (whence *dérobber*), Ger. *rauben*, from *raub*, booty (see also *robe*); cf It *rubare*, Sp *robar* The E cognate of *rauben* is *seave*

robard, robbin [*naut*] Earlier also *raband* (Gavin Douglas), ? from obs *ra*, sailyard, ON *rā*, and *barrā*¹, cf Du *raband*, which is perh source of E word Sometimes perverted to *rope-band* This is the accepted etym, but *robbyn* is the earliest E form (*Nav Accs* 1495-97), which suggests that the word may be only a naut application of the name *Robert*, cf *wylkin*, ram of iron (*ib*)

robbin [*naut*] See *robard*

robe F, cf It *roba*, Sp *ropa* From same root as *rob*, orig sense, still in OF, being booty, "spolia" In E usu associated with somewhat rich dress and often with allusion to station, profession, etc

Robert [*slang*] Policeman See *bobby*

robin Personal name *Robin*, OF dim. of *Robert*, ident with *Rupert*, OHG *Hrodeberht*, glory bright Like other common

font-names has been widely applied The bird *robin* is short for *Robin redbreast* (cf *Dicky bird*, *Jack daw*, etc) With *Robin Goodfellow*, Puck, cf *Hob goblin* Also in many plant-names *Round robin*, in current sense, is naut. (18 cent), but the adoption of the name seems to have been suggested by some earlier use (v.1.) *Robin Hood* is mentioned in *Piers Plowm*

Certainly forde talkers applye to this mooste holye sacramente names of despitte and reproche to call it jave in the boxe, and round roben, and such other not onely fonde but blasphemous names (Cov. ord. 1546)

The Hectoures boate brought a pelicion to Sir Henrie Middleton, signed by most of them, in the manner of a circle, because itt should not be knowne howe was the principall of the mutiny (Jourdains Journ 1612)

robust F *robuste*, or L *robustus*, from *robur*, strength. Hence *robustious*, common in 17 cent, but now usu an echo of *Hamlet* 11.2 This word may have influenced later senses of *boisterous*

roc From *Arabian Nights*, but known in several Europ langs previously Arab *rokh*, whence OF. *ruc*, used by Marco Polo (1323)

rochet¹ Eccl vestment F., dim of OF. *roc*, mantle, Ger *rock*, coat, cf It *rochetto*, "a bishops or cardinals rochet" (Flor), Sp *roquela*, cogn with AS *rocc*, upper garment

rochet² Red gurnard F *rouget*, from *rouge*, red

rock¹ Stone ONF *roque* (*roche*), cf It *rocca*, Sp *roca* ? Ult from G *ῥῶξ*, *ῥωγ*, cleft, from *ῥηγνίω*, to break, cf *ῥωγὰς* *τέτρα*, cloven rock, and relation of *cliff* to *cleave*¹. The *Rock* is Gibraltar.

rock² [*archaic*] Distaff Not recorded in AS, but prob Com Teut; cf Du *rok*, Ger *rochen*, ON *hrokkr*, also It *rocca*, Sp *rucca*, from Teut

rock³ Verb Late AS *roccian*, cogn with Ger *rüclen*, to move jerkily, ON. *ryðkja*

rocket¹ Plant F. *roquette*, It *ruchetta*, dim of *ruca*, L *eruca*, "the herb brockat" (Coop)

rocket² Firework It *rochetta*, dim. of *rocca*, distaff, in allusion to shape Cf relationship of F *fusée*, rocket, to *fuseau*, spindle See *rock*²

rococo F, playful alteration of *rocaille*, rock-work, ornamentation of pebbles and shells, popular in 18 cent. F arch.

rod AS *rodd*, cogn with *ōd*, rood (q.v.). For use as measure cf *synon pole*, *perch*.

also *yar!* The senses of *rod* are those of the continent cognates of *rood*
rodent From pres part of *L. rodere* to gnaw cogn with *rat* *re* to scrape
rodomontade *F* It *rod* *n* *ulata* from *Polomonte* brigant Saracen in Ariosto's *Orlando Furioso* cf *gasc* *monte* The name means roll mountain and is of a type often given to the fire-eater of early comic drama Cf *Shake* *peer*
roe! Deer *AS* *rd* *rdh*! Com Teut cf *Dj* *tee* *C* *r* *reh* *ON* *rd*
roe! Of fish Cf *ON* *hrc* *n* *Cer* *rogen* (*OH* *C* *ro*) and *L* *dial* *roa* *ron* *n* With prevailing form cf *Flem* *r*
roer [*S* *fr*] Long bare *ll* *l* *l* *r* *n* *fe* *Du* *reed* tube *Cer* *oh* as in *feuerrohr* lit fire tube
Roffen Signature of *L* *l* *top* of *Roch* *ster* *AS* *Hofes* *easter*
rogation *I* *r* *gallo* *n* supplication from *r* *are* *t* *a* *k* *Rogation* *days* three days preceding *As* *ension*
Roger jolly Pirate flag (18 cent.) Reason unknown Cf *blue* *Ieter* *Davy* *Jones* *round* *robin* etc Earliest name (1723) was *Old* *I* *eger* An early slang sense of the name was penis while from 1915 it was used at the front for gas-cylinder
Roger de Coverly *R* *ger* of *Coverly* the name of a tune and dance (19 cent.) was later adopted by Addison for character in *Spectator* Fryer associates the name with *Lancs* *Thorsley* with *Calverley* (*Yorks*)
rogue Cant word for vagabond (16 cent.) Distinct from *I* *rog* *e* arrogant but perhaps connected with *rogation* petition Cf *I* *ros* *Pelaud* king of the beggars which sense connects with *L* *peters* to ask Hence *ro* *ue* *s* *n* *ach* played in drumming out all *o* *rogue* *elephant* (*horse* *cabbage* etc)
 And so they fewer in *i* *be* *roguey* *s*
 Se *en* *o* *ight* *yes* *es* *w* *kyng* *th* *yr* *st* *ci* *u* *s*
 A *d* *d* *but* *gull* *and* *follow* *begg* *ry* (*NED* *C* *154*)
roll See *ris*
rouster Verb is from archaic *rouster* *no* *sy* *ully* etc for *obs* *reister* German trooper *OF* *reistre* (*rell* *e*) German trooper serving in France (16 cent.) *Cer* *r* *ile* *nder* For intrusive *s* cf *fil* *buster* for change of *vo* *el* *cf* *bois* *rouster* *k* was used in same sense also *ruller* and *rullerkin* synon with *reister* though of separate origin The etym usu given from *I* *rust* rustic is based on *Coigraves* *rustre* a ruffin *rouster* *hackester* *swaggerer* which *cer*

tainly has nothing to do with his *ru* *lai* *le* a clowne boore churle *hob* *hind* *sayne* *lubbock* It may be a dial *ar* of *reistre* *r* *reister* or swart rutter a German *hor* *man* or a eprate word from *Du* *ruste* whence (*be* *L* *itter* (*v*) *un* *r* *ik*)

rokelay, *dial* *I* *Se* *var* of *oy* *la* *ice* (*v*)
roker *I* *h* *Norw* *rokk* or *Sw* *orka* *ru* *k* *co* *n* with *r* *i* *k* *f* *rmerly* *used* *n* *same* *sense* (*I* *ro* *h*)
R *k* *wh* *trolled* *f* *t* *h* *d* *bo* *s* *ak* *t*
 (*Du* *I* *Ch* *m* *Mar* *l* *s* *o*)

Roland for an Oliver *Roland* *n* *phev* of *Charlemagne* and *Oliver* *nephew* *f* *Gira* *d* of *Poussillon* fought for three days without being able to decide which was the better man They then became brothers in arms and fell with the other paladins at *Ron* *e* *vaux* References to the two are common in *VI*

role *F* *only* the roll (*v*) on which *n* actor's part was written

roll First (early 13 cent.) as noun parchment scroll etc hence *Ma* *ter* of the *Rolls* keeper of various records (cf *custos rotulorum*) *F* *rd* *e* *L* *rotuli* *s* *dum* from *rola* wheel formerly much used in the sense of list e.g. *oli* *all* *to* *st* *ike* *off* the *roll*(s) of solicitors Later of many objects suggesting shape of parchment roll and *n* *s* *uses* for which *F* *uses* rather the dim *roul* *et* Adopted by most European languages The verb is *F* *rou* *e* *VL* *r* *t* *lure* from *rotula* little wheel *A* *roll* *er* *pin* was orig the pole round which a banner was rolled *rollock* Early 19 cent Origin unknown
 > Mixture of *romp* and *frol* *e*

rollock See *oulo* *k*

rolly poly Redupl on *roll* App used in 18 cent of a game like roulette

rom Male mopsy *Roman* *o* *man*

Romaic Of mod *Gre* *ce* *G* *Iupa* *s* *Roman* used esp of the Eastern Empire Cf *Romaika* national dance

Roman Restored after *L* from *ME* *F* *Ro* *nam* *L* *Roma* *ius* *Poman* *t* *pe* *um* *ates* that of *Rome* as opposed to *goth* (*black* *letter*) and *ith* *f* *roman* *um* *num* as opposed to *arabic* The *Holy* *Poman* *Empire* is adapted from *Ge* *Römis* *he* *Reich* claiming to represent (800-1806) the empire of Charlemagne

romance *OF* *r* *o* *ai* orig adv in phrase *romans* *escrire* *L* *Romanice* *scribe* *e* to write in the vernacular as distinguished

rope AS *rap* Com Teut cf Du *reep* Ger *reif* usu hoop ON *resp* Goth *raip* (in *skunda raip* shoe thorn) To give rope 1 prob from training colts (1 end of one's tether) but now often contains a ply on the hangman's rope To *hrow* the ropes is naut With cow boy to *rope* m cf to round up On the h h ropes may be from rope dancing
roquefort Cheese from F village of Roquefort (Aveyron)
roquelaure [hist] Mantle from Duc de Roquelaure (†1738) Cf *spencer* etc
roquet At croquet of which it is an arbitrary alteration. Cf *ruff*
rorqual F (Cuvier) Norw *rörqril* 1 from ON *reithr* in same sense and *hvalr* whal First element orig meant red
rotty [slang] ? Rimed on naughty

rosace F rose window
rosaceous From L *rosaceus* from *ro* a rose
Rosalie [hist] French bayonet Cf *Josephine* field gun also Ir hie Pupert etc
rosary Rose garden L *rosarium* Later used as fanciful title of book of devotion hence series of prayers string of beads for counting them cf F *rosaire* a rosary or Our Ladies psalter (Cotg) Sp *rosario* Quot below appears to be considerably earlier than NED records

I s and them a pa per [p per] of th rosary l r Lady of Coleyn [Col g]

(Pl mpt Corr 1485-6)

Roscian Of Roscius Roman actor (†62 BC)

rose AS & F L *ro* 1 from G *podor* which is prob of Eastern origin As emblem of secrecy in *sub ro a* under the ro e a phrase wh ch prob originat'd in Germany With bed of roses cf *crumpled rose leaf* supposed to cau e d discomfort to sybarite Rose of a garden can may h e been sug ested partly by F *arrosier* to water arrosier watering pot from L *ros* dew *Rosewood* is named from its fragrance With rose colour d spectacles cf F *ro r lout coue* 1 de ro e For Wars of the Roses see 1 Hen VI 114 but the earliest authority for the story is 16 cent

rosemary Altered after *rose* and *Mary* from earlier *rosmarine* OF *ros marin* (roma in) L *ros marinu* lit sea-dew cf It *ro mari* 10 Also in ti e Teut langs

roseola German meal 1 ModL F *roséole* prob coined (from *rose*) on *ro* 1 role meal 1es

Rosetta stone With inscription giving clue

to Egypt hieroglyphics Discovered (1798) at Rosetta Egypt In British Museum

rosette F dim of *rose*

Rosicrucian Member of supposed mystic order trad founded (1484) in Germany by Christian Rosenkreuz and known in 1 cent L as the Ros3 Cf ss 1 I ro e c oir Sp r saurus

rosin See resin

rosinante Sprr jade Name of Don Quixote's charger Sp *Ro nante* from *rocin* jade ante before With *ocin* cf F *roussin* and ML *roun* 1 of unknown origin

Al fin i via lla ar lo cna te pabr á s i pa r alto, sor ro y gní at d lo q e h bi sado e and to rock tes d i q ah a era e e a tes y prim ro d todos los roc es del mund (Do Q joke cap)

rosolio Liqueur It earlier *ro h i ros solis* because orig made from the plant sundew latinized as *rosa solis*

roster [isl] Du *rooster* list table lit grid ron (roaster) with allusion to parallel lines on the paper

rostrum L beak (cogn with *rodere* to gna) the platform for speakers in the Forum being adorned with beaks of sh ps taken from the Antiates (338 BC)

rot AS *rotian* Com Teut cf Du *rotten* OHG *ro ðn* ON *rola* The pp is *rotted* rotten being ON *olinn* app an old strong pp of cogn origin See also *ret Rot* rotter in slang senses at 19 cent app first at Camb

rotal L whe l First used (1650) as titl of pol lub founded by J Harrington to advocate rotation in holding of state offices Harrington also first (1656) used *rotal* on (v 1) in this sense

1 i f d i set d a in th ff m æton a mo (f) Wloc brai Common alth d th so codie, Th t it has mad R labon h nodule (R mp Song 1659)

rotation L e (tho n from *rotire* to revolve from *rota* wheel ult cogn ith Ger *rad* 1 ael Ir *roth* Welsh *rhod* Rotat o of crops is 18 cent See *rota*

rotch rotgee [ornith] Little auk From Fris *rotgies* pl of *r 1* ons braut goose

rote 1 [hist] Fiddle of med e al minstrel Of of Celt. origin cf Welsh *trêd* Ir *cruid* Also found early in Ger & Du Revived by Scott See *cruid*

rote 2 Orig habit practice Now esp in ðv rose App var of *route* in sense of travelled way Cf *route* ne for which Cotg

gives *par rote*, "by rote" But the vowel suggests rather *L rota*, wheel, used in MedL for a regular course

rotgee See rotch

Rotten Row Occurs as street-name in many towns, in the north usu *rallon raw* Origin obscure. Perhaps orig street of ruinous houses inhabited by *rallens*, i.e. rats

rotund? Altered on L from earlier *rotunda*, esp the Pantheon, fem of It *rotundo*, round, L. *rotundus*, from *rota*, wheel. *Rotund* style (oratory) is after Horace's ore *rotundo* (drs Part 323)

roturier F., plebeian, from *roture*, L. *ruptura*
(= *terre*), earth-breaking, agriculture

ture. yeomanrie, the estate, condition, or calling of such as are not of gentle blood, also, usage, or such an ignoble tenure (Cote.)

rouble Earlier (16 cent) *robell*, *rubble*, etc
Russ *ruble* Current spelling is *F*

roucou Tree and dye F, Tupi (Brazil) *arucu*
roué F, p p of *rouer*, to break on the wheel,
roue, L *rota* Nickname given (c 1720) to
dissolute friends of the Regent, Duke of
Orléans

rouge¹ Colour F, red, L. *rubeus*, ult cogn
with red

rouge? Football scrimmage An I-ten word
of unknown origin

rough AS *rūh* WGer; cf Du *rug*, Ger *rauh* Orig of surface, later senses developing as those of *smooth* With *rough-shod*, orig of horse shod with nails projecting from shoe cf to *rough* (a horse) *Rough*, dangerous character, is prob for *ru'-an*, as we do not use *adjs* in this way in *smo*, e.g. we speak of *the rich and the poor*, but not of a *rich*, a *poor* *Rough-and-tumble* is from the prize ring To *rough* it is to *rough* (18 cent) *hant*

roulade 'müt] F., from *rouler*, to roll

rouleau *f*, dim of r^{le}, roll

complete I find of nearly, dim of some,
which I have

Rochester New and Remains (q.v.)

Roundish [fr. 1] S. - Pen 4-5

[illegible]

up with a round turn (naut.) is done by throwing a rope round a belaying-pin. As adv. & prep. round is aphet. for around. *F. en rond* With to get round one of circumvent. With to round up (cattle), orig. U.S., cf. to rope in. *Roundhead* (hist.) is of the same date as *cowher* in spec. sense. *Roundhouse*, orig. (16 cent.) in sense of lock-up, is after *Du rondhuis*, guard-house, its naut. sense appears in Capt. John Smith. *The Round Table* is in Wace's *Brut* (1155); in connection with pol. conference it is late 19 cent. For some fig. senses of round cf. *square*.

What creature's this with his short hairs,
His little band and huge long ears.

That this new faith hath founded^d

The Puritans were never such,

The Sants themselves had ne'er so much—

Oh, such a knave's a Roundhead

(Krupp Song, 1641)

round² [*archaic*] To whisper, ME *roun*, AS *rūnjar*, to whisper, conspire (see *turn*); cf Ger *raunen*, "to round, or whisper, something in one's ear" (Ludw.) For excrecent -d cf *round¹*, *bound¹*. Very common up to 17 cent, usu with *in one's ear*.

roundel. OF *rondel*, *rondeau* (q v) *Roundelay* is OF *rondelet*, with ending assimilated to *lay**, or perh. suggested by *relay* (q v).

roup [Se] To sell by auction, lit to cry, shout Du *rofen*, cf. AS. *hræfan*, Go. *rufen*, Goth *hræfjan* Cf. obs. *subroct*, auction, Du. *subroep*, "publick crying out of goods to be sold" (Hexham)

either a bidding, or outbidding, at a any party
sale, outcrop, or bargaining, whereby he that bids
most for a thing is to carry it (100)

rouse [*tachur*] Catapult. Aphel for *rouse*, phrase to make (*tal-*) a rouse being understood is to make (*tal-*) a rouse. Prob. also cited also with Sw. Dan *rou*, Du *rou* (see much, lit of *rou* in *Sw. Dan*). First in *Shk*.

It is a cloth of the same color as the one in the first picture.

road. Very One, the first, and the
 have riding it better than the first
 (and) of the first, and the first
 last, the first, and the first
 and the first, and the first

1. The first part of the document is a letter from the author to the editor, dated 1954. The letter discusses the author's interest in the subject of the book and the author's intention to write a book on the subject. The letter is signed by the author, and the date is 1954.

less person (18 cent) from *rouse*² be coming *rout* in US by association with *rout*² *root*²

rout¹ Noun *F route* in archaic sense of band company esp of predatory soldiers *L rufus* (sc *para* etc) from *rumpere* *rump* to break cf *It rotta* *Sp rota* *Ger rotte* (from *It*). For sense cf *detachment*. In 17 cent of fashionable assembly whence *rout* *scut* (cake). In sen e of complete defeat from c 1600 after *OF route* now replaced by *dérouté*

An it the p leys rout ther many a r te

Of to des up n steedes and palfreys

(Chaucer A 1494)

rout² Verb *Esp* in to *rout out* Var of *root*²

route 1 *L rufus* (sc *via*) broke n way cf origin of *crusade*. Now with restored *F* pronounce and spelling but in mil use made to rhyme with *short* as *rout*² and formerly also spelt *rois*

routine *F* from *route* Cf *role*

rove *Orig* term in archery to shoot at random. In current sen e app from *OF roer* *rouer* to wander *provi* (r placed by *röder*) *L rotare* perh influenced by obs *rave* to wander *ON rafa*. It has naturally been assoiated with *rover*. For unoriginal v cf *rove* burr of a rivet *ON rō*. But it may represent an orig *OF th* from *L t* (cf *savory flavour*)

* d p is at random, so mung t rovers at larg (Cotgr)

rover *Orig* *prate* *Du roover* cogn with *L reater* (see *reave*). Hence obs verb to *rove* practise piracy which has influenced *rove* to wander e g in *roving commission*

row¹ Series *AS rāw* rare and doubtful var of *rāw* whence obs *row* in same s nse cogn with *Du rij* *Ger reihe*

And leet romande anon to hakke and heu

The ekes old and l y hem o a r we

(Chaucer A 2664)

row² Verb *AS rōwan* cogn with *rudder* (qv) *Forlock* (rollock rulloch) is altered on *row* from earl *oarlock* *AS ā loc* lit oar fastening the oar beam orig secured to the gunwale by a thong or withe cf *synon AS drustlike* lit oar withe

row³ Disturbance A very low expression. (Todt) App back formation from *rouse*² (qv) cf *cherry per* etc *Row-de-row* partly suggested by *rowdy*

rowan *roan* For *rowan tree* *orig Sc & north* spelt *ountrie* by James I Of Scand

origin of *Norw rogn* *Dan rōn* *Sw rōnn* *Ult cogn* with *red* from *bernes*

rowdy *Orig* *US lawless backwoodsman* (early 19 cent) *Origin* unknown

rowel *OF rouelle* dim of *roie* wheel *L rota*. But in the spur sen e *F* uses *molte* whence *mullet*²

rowlock *rollock* See *row*²

roxburghe Book binding From third *Duke of Roxburghe* bibliophil (†1804) The *Roxburghe lab wa* inaugurat'd at the sal of his books (1812)

royal *F L royal* from *rex reg* king The *Royal Society* was incorporated (1662) by Charles II the nam for earlier *Philosophic Society* being app suggested by *Lvelyn Royal road* only fig in *L i F chemin royal* the kings high way (Cotgr) *Royalty* on minerals later on books is extended from the sense of right granted to individual by the crown With *royal* of extra size etc cf *apical* and see *battle*

King Edw rd m d a sig royal

And wanne the t wa [of Cal]

(L 81 f f r h Police 1432)

A a t p per i l l j re m d i j quies i m l p re (A d d 148-50)

Royston crow From *Royston* (Camb & Hert) Cf *Cornish choi* h

rub *Orig* (14 cent) intrans and containing id a of friction with *rou* h surface Hence noun *rub* inequality on bowling green v ry common in fig sense in 16-17 cents (see quot s v bias) as in *there s the rub* (*Harl* iii 1) Of ob cure origin app cogn with *Norw rubba* to scrub *EI* is *rubben*

rub a dub Imut of drum

rubber Canatchioic For earlier *ind a rubber* named from its use in erasing Hence *US rubberneck* inquisitive person who cranes his neck as though it were made of rubber

rubber² At wht etc *orig* (c 1600) the dec lung game at bowls Earliest form a *rubbers* (v 1) suggests perversion from *F d rebours* backwards altered by association with *rub* *At rebours rebours* occur in ME thour h not with b wls

Since h h th blt th mist est so often i the foreg me w l l en play out a r bors (Dekker 60)

rubbish In 15 cent also *robous* *robys* *rullies* etc Earliest form is *AI rubbous* cf *MedL rubbosu* In early use *synon* with *rubb* e both being applied to waste building-

material App pejorative formation from OF *robe*, goods, plunder (see *rob*, *robe*), cf It *roba*, goods, *robaccia*, rubbish

rubble ME *robeyll*, *rubel*, etc Evidently cogn with *rubbish*

rubescence From pres part of L *rubescere*, to become red, *ruber*

Rubicon Small stream flowing into Adriatic and marking southern boundary of Cisalpine Gaul Crossed by Caesar when he left his province to attack Pompey

rubicund F *rubicund*, L *rubicundus*, from *ruber*, red

rubidium [chem]. Named by Bunsen from L *rubidus*, red

rubric F *rubrique*, L *rubrica* (sc *terra*), red ochre, from *ruber*, red ME. had also *rubrish*, OF *rubriche* Earliest E sense is connected with red-printed directions in liturgical books

ruby OF *rubī*, back-formation from *rubis* (used as sing in ModF), pl of OF *rubin*, VL **rubinus* (*lapis*), from *ruber*, red, cf It *rubino*, Sp *rubín*, Du *robijn*, Ger *rubin*, obs E *rubine*

ruce Frull F, lit bee-hive (of plaited straw), OF *rusche*, ?ident with OF *rusche*, *rousche*, rush¹ (cf *frail*?)

ruck¹ Crew, band Esp. in the common *ruck* Orig stack, heap Of Scand origin and cogn with *rick*¹, cf Norw dial *ruka*, ON. *hrūga*, heap

Pitt cole the rooke costes at pittes mys vjd A rooke of colles ought to bee ij yeardes high and a yead and quarter square (Rulland MSS. 1610).

ruck² Crease Norw *rukka*, ON *hrukka*, wrinkle Of late appearance (Grose), but prob old in dial Cf dial *runkle*, wrinkle, Ger *runzel*, and L *ruga*, furrow, wrinkle

ruckle [archaic] To gurgle, sound the death-rattle Cf Norw dial *rukla*, in same sense, Ger *rocheln*, "the rattling in the throat of a sleeping or dying person" (Ludw), ? ult cogn with L *rugire*, to roar

rucksack Swiss Ger (16 cent), from *rucken*, back, with Upper Ger *u* for *u* A tourist word (cf *alpenstock*)

ruction "A memory of the Insurrection of 1798, which was commonly called 'the Ruction'" (Joyce)

It was after the rising 'rection i' th' north, I remember well (*Misogonus*, iv 1, c 1550)

It was in the time of the 'ruction
(*Lover, Legends of Ireland*)

rudd Fish Cogn with obs *rud*, red, AS *rudu*, cogn with *red* Cf *ruddock*

rudder AS *īōthor*, steering-oar Com Teut, cf Du *roer* (earlier *roder*), Ger. *rudder*, oar; also ON *rōthr*, act of rowing, ult. cogn with L *remus*, G. *ῥεμὸν*, OIr *ráme* See *row*²

ruddle Red ochre for marking sheep From AS *rudu*, red Also *raddle*, *reddle*

ruddock [dial]. Robin. AS *rudduc* (see *rudd*)

ruddy AS *rudig*, from *rudu*, red In earliest use esp of complexion

It schal be clere, for hevene is rodi
(*Wyc Matt* xvi 2)

rude F, L *rudis*, rough, raw, cf *erudite* Perh slightly influenced by obs *roide*, turbulent, OF. *roide* (*saide*), "rough, fierce, rude, uncivil, violent" (Cotg.), L *rigidus*

Rudesheimer Wine Ger *Rudesheimer* (sc *wein*), from *Rudesheim*, on Rhine

rudiment L *rudimentum*, "the first teaching, or instruction" (Coop), from *rudis*, rough

rue¹ Plant F, L *ruta*, G *ῥύτῃ*, cf It *ruta*, Sp *ruda*, also AS *rūde*, Ger *raute*, all from L Often used with punning allusion to *rue*²

I'll set a bank of rue, sour herb of grace,
Rue, even for ruth, shortly shall be seen
In the remembrance of a weeping queen
(*Rich II*, iii 4).

rue². To repent AS *hrēowan*, cf Du *rouwen*, Ger *reuen*, also ON *hryggih*, sorrow, ruth Archaic noun *rue*, AS *hrēow*, survives in *rueful* The verb was orig impers, cf Ger *es reut mich*

If I made you son in a pistle, now it rewith me not
[*Vulg* non me paenitet] (*Wyc 2 Cor.* vii 8)

ruelle F, morning reception held by lady while still in bed, from *ruelle*, passage between bed and wall, lit alley, dum. of *rue*, street, L *ruga*, furrow Often in ref to F literary circles of 17-18 cents, and formerly used in E in bedroom sense

Wo in winter-tyne, with wakyng a nightes,
To ryse to the ruel to rocke the cradel
(*Piers Plowm* C x. 79).

ruff¹ Fish Prob for *rough*, hence ModL. *aspredo* (16 cent), scient name, from *asper*, rough

aspredo a fish called a ruffe or a goldfish (Flor)

ruff² Neckwear of 16 cent Orig used in sense of *ruffle* for wrist See *ruffie*¹

ruff³. At whist Orig a card-game F *ronfle*, "hand-ruffe at cards" (Cotg), cf It *ronfa*, "a game at cardes called ruffe or trumpe"

(Flor) These are perh arbitrary perversions of *trionphe* It *t ionfo* (see *trionp*)

The nasal is also lost in *Du troef*

ruff Bird Perh named from the *ruff* of feathers developed by male bird in breeding season But the existence of the fern *reue*² is against this and points to Teut origin with vowel change as in for *riren*

ruffian From 16 cent Cf *I ruffian* It *ruffano* Sp *rufán* MedL *rufianus* all esp in sense of pander ? cogn with *ruffe*² ? or with second element of *d ndruff* Sense of word in *r* has been affected by association with *rou* &

ruffle¹ For wrist Appears later than *ri ff*² but app belongs to *ri ffe*² in sense of creasing wrinkling

ruffle² Verb as in to *ri ffe the surface* Much older (13 cent) than *ruff*² *ruffle*¹ Cf LG *rijselen* to crumple curl Oñ *kruffa* to scratch and second element of *d ndriff*

I ruffi lake or ruffed [i read s then] *I br gth m out of th playne foldi ge j plonne* (Pal)

ruffle To swa ger Onb to contend App co,n with Ger *raufen* to pluck tear out whence *sich raufen* to fight Cf Ger *ru²fen* to pluck (a fowl) *raufbold* rufflar ruffian Became obs in 17 cent but was revived by Scott

ruffly or *debatyn d wardo* (P ompt Paro)

rufous From L *rufus* red cogn with *ruber* **rug** From 16 cent OF *Scaud on* in Cf Norw dial *rog* a coarse coverlet *skinn ru ga* skin rug Sw *rugg* coarse hair cogn with *ra²* (q v)

rugby Football From *Rug²y School* where in 1823 W W I liss first took the ball in his arms and ran with it (*Inscript non Doctor s uall*)

rugged App related to *ru* as *ragged* with which it was earlier synon to *ri* It is much ofler than *ru* ME had al o *ru*) Cf Sw *ri* 10

Th cam this wof d Theban Palamoun With fl tery berd and rugged [w rugg d] a shy berres (Ch A 8^a)

Bourben l Archamba t freu whose antient d ragged ca tl s deriv d th name of th present roe l fam ly f Fra (E elyn)

rugger For *r* by (q v) Cf soccer **rugose** L *rigosus* from *ruga* furrow wrinkle

ruin *r* ruins L *ru na* from *ruere* to ru h down

rule OF *reule* (replaced by *règle*) L *re ula*

from *rehere* to govern direct Main senses appear in L including that of carpenter's rule Cf *by rule and li s* To rule out is to cancel by a rul d line

The ubing p sion conquers re so still (Pope)

rum Spirit Short for earlier *rumbl ion* app a jocular formation (? or F *bourdon* hot drink) from *rum*² Cf *rum louse* wine lit good liquor (16 cent)

rum² Adj App spec use of obs *rum* good a very c mmon cant word (16 cent) which was prefixed with varying sen to a great number of nouns and is s pposed to be ident with *rom* (q v) The *D ct Cant Crew* gives fifty to ch compds including *rum core* Th ong meant a great ro ue

Rumanian [In l Lan² of Rumania a Romance lang but owing to geo position now largely of alien vocabulary

Rumansh See *Pomansh*

rumble See *rh m b*

rumble Imst Cf Du *rommelen* Ger *rum meln* Hence archaic *rum ble* of a carriage prob from its noisy character also called (c 1800) *rumble* and *ri ble tumble*

rumbo [archaic] From *rum*

rumbustious Joc alt riation of *robustious*

ruminate From L *ruminar* to chew the cud from *rumen ru² in* throat used of first stomach of a ruminant

rummage First (15 6) as noun OF *arrimage* (*arrim*) from *arrimer* (*arrime*) to arrange the cargo in the hold Cf *ap arruma* in same sense An older F f *rum* i a *ri ser* from OF *rin* hold of a hp (see *run*) from AS *rum* room (q v) or one of its cognates for formation of *arra gr* Quot 1 shows that *r me age* must have been preceded in *r* by an unrecorded *runage* the MedL form occurs *rin²* e eral times in the same text and always in connection with win -casks The word first used of casks prob came to En land with the wine-trade Later senses arise from the general dra²u² about and confusion incident on the stowing of cargo (see quot. 5) *Pumna age* sile was orig used of sale at docks of unclaime d goods With Furetière's definition I quot 3

Ad d centum di ta d i que em t pro ru gio d torum dolorum (E f of Derby & ped to l 12 and 17 by La 1390-93)

Arrum urs so t de pet ts off re établi les ports, i surt i en G yenn qu o t sou de pla er et d ranger les marchandises dan un

vaisseau, et surtout celles qui sont en tonneaux, et qui sont en danger de coulage (Furetière).

The romeger whiche they appoynted to romege caske wares in the said shippe (NED 1544)

And that the masters of the ships do looke wel to the romaging, for they might bring away a great deale more than they doe, if they would take paine in the romaging (Hakl 1560)

to rummage the hold changer l'arrimage (Lesc)

rummer Du *roemer*, whence also Ger *romer*, "a rummer, brimmer, or primmer, a wide-footed drinking-glass" (Ludw), trad associated with *Romer*, Roman, but from Du *roem*, glory, boast, etc., cf *bumper* Quot below is in transl from Du Current spelling is associated with *run*¹

They will drinke up whole romers full of aquavite at a draught (Purch)

rumour F *rumour*, L *rumor-em*

rump ME *rumpe*, from Scand, cf Dan *rumpe*, Sw *rumpa*, cogn with Du *romp*, Ger *rumpf*, trunk (of body)

This fagge end, this rump of a Parliamt with corrupt maggots in it (NED 1649).

Boys do now cry, "Kiss my Parliament!"

(Pepys, Feb 1660)

Now if you ask who nam'd it "Rump," know 'twas so stil'd in an honest sheet of paper (call'd "The Bloody Rump") written before the tryal of our late Sovereign of glorious memory but the word obtain'd not universal notice till it flew from the mouth of Major General Brown at a publick assembly in the daies of Richard Cromwell

(Pref to Rump Songs, 1662)

The situation in Rump Austria is utterly desperate (Obs Jan 18, 1920)

rumple Also earlier *rimple*, cf Ger *rumpfen*, Du *rimpelen*, also AS *hrimpan*, only in p p *gehrumpen*

rumpus Swiss Ger (Basel), ? orig students' slang use of G *ρόμπος*, spinning-top, also commotion, disturbance

rum-tum Light sculling boat, first built and named at Putney (c 1888) Fanciful formation on *rum*², suggested by *funny* (q v) Said to have been named by a music-hall gent of sporting proclivities

run¹ Verb AS *rinnan* (usu in form *ynan*), strong intrans, *eanian*, *ænian* (metath of * *rennan*), weak trans Com Teut, cf Du *rinnen* (obs), *rennen*, Ger *rinne*, *rennen*, ON *rinna*, *renna*, Goth *rinnan*, *ianjan* The rarity of *rinnan* and absence of * *rennan* in AS point to the words having been rather borrowed from ON Fig senses, e g to *run to earth*, to *run down*, to *make the hunting*, are characteristic of E love of hunting and racing In the long run was

orig *at long run*, perh after F *à la longue* To have a *run for one's money* (even if you lose your bet) is racing slang Cf *out of the running* The *runner up* was orig in coursing To *feel run down* likens the body to a clock

Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it (Hab 11. 2).

run² [naut] "The aftmost or hindmost part of a ship's bottom, where it grows extremely narrow, as the floor approaches the stern-post" (Falc) OF *run*, ship's hold, lit room (q v) See also *rummage* Falc still has *run*, *reun*, as synonyms of *cale*, hold, and also *donner run à une roche*, to give room (a wide berth) to a rock. It is even likely that the *run of* belongs here (see quot 3)

run the hole, or hold of a ship (Cotg)

Le soubz-tillac ou la marchandise se met, le run, c'est encore plus bas, ou on jette les plus grosses besongnes (Godef 1622)

Pour son entree, et aussi pour avoir le run de la riviere, il paiera quarante solz parisis (Godef 1415)

runagate [archaic] Folk-etym for ME *renegat*, later replaced by *renegade* (q v) *Agate* is a ME adv, on the way, road (see *gate*), and *run-agate* was no doubt suggested by *run-away*

runcinate [bot] Saw-toothed From L *runcina*, plane, formerly understood as meaning saw

rundale Joint occupation of land in small strips, esp in Ireland From *run*¹ and *dale* (dead), division, share. Cf synon Sc *runrig*

rune Dan, ON. *rûn*, mystery, dark secret, cf AS *rûn* (see *round*²) Spec sense of letter of earliest Teut alphabet was adopted (17 cent) from Dan writers on Norse antiquities Cf Ger *rune*, similarly borrowed by 17 cent antiquaries Evelyn speaks of *runic characters*

rung AS *hrung*, cf Du *iong*, Ger *runge*, Goth *hrugga* In E now only of ladder, but in Sc still used for a cudgel, staff

runlet¹ [archaic] Cask OF *rondelet*, double dim of *rond*, round

runlet² From *runnel* (q v), after *streamlet*, etc

runnel For earlier *rimel*, *rindle*, AS *rinnelle*, brook, from stem of *run*¹, cf Ger *rinne*, channel, gutter

runt Small cattle Du *rund*, ox, cf Ger *rind* (as in *rinderpest*), obs E *rother* Also applied to uncouth or undersized person,

Ger., suggests rather connection with Ger *raden*, corn-cockle, OHG *rāto*.

swroye darnell, rā, iveray (Cotg)

ryot Ind peasant Urdu *rāyat*, ult Arab (see *rayah*)

s- This is by far the largest init in E. and occupies about one-seventh of the dict. It includes a large number of words of imit and echoic origin (*slam, squeal, sizzle*, etc) and many others which have been altered or influenced by such associations. There are also many long-standing words in *s-* of which the origin has not been actually cleared up, though in many cases it is easy to point to related words in Scand. and other Teut langs. Initial *s-* also differs from other sounds in its detachable character, and also in the fact that it is often prefixed as an intensive, esp in *sci-, spl-, squ-*. The classical example of the first phenomenon is the infantile *tummy*, while *s-mash, s-quash, s-catch, s-crunch*, etc. illustrate the second. So also *Nottingham* was orig *Snottingham, queasy, squeasy, quinsy, squinsy*, occur indifferently in early texts. Machyn in his *Diary* (1550-63) writes *stoich* for *toich* and *hong* for *strong*, and both Palsgrave and Addison use *scuttle-fish*. We find the same tendency in proper names, e.g. in ME. Rolls the same individual will be entered as *Stacey* (from Eustace) or *Tacey, Spink* (chaffinch) or *Pink, Turgis* (AS *Thurgisl*, Thor hostage) or *Sturgess*. The same peculiarity is noticed in F. (see *Excalibur, scaffold*) and far back in the Aryan langs, e.g. *foam* is cogn. with L *s-puma, s-nov* with L *mv, mv-*. As I write (1917) there is a slang tendency to say *snice* for *nice*, etc. It will thus be seen that the *s-* words form a thorny district of etymology. It should be noted also that a large number of words in *sc-, sp-, st-*, correspond to OF. words which were normally spelt *esc-, esp-, est-*, e.g. *scarlet, spice, state*. This phenomenon is due to the VL tendency to prefix a vowel sound in order to facilitate the pronunc. of L *sc-, sp-, st-*. ModF has now usually lost the *-s-* (*écarlate, épice, état*).

The freight and all hoder [other] scostys therof
(*Cely Papers*, 15 cent.)

Sabaoth L (*Vulg.*), G (LXX), Heb *šebā'ōth*, pl of *šābā*, host, army. By early writers often confused with *sabbath*.

sabbath L, G, Heb *shabbāth*, from *shābath*, to rest. Orig Saturday, which is still the meaning of It. *sabbato*, Sp *sábado*, while L *sabbatum* is also the first element of F. *samedi*, Ger *samstag*. Mod. sense dates from Reformation, the old *Lord's Day* being still preferred by some sects. F. *sabbat* is applied only to the Jewish sabbath, or to a sorcerers' revel, "witches' sabbath," a relic of medieval superstition as to the Jews. *Sabbatarian*, in various senses, is 17 cent. *Sabbatical year*, one off in seven for hard-worked professors, is US.

Sabine [*ing*] Ancient Italic dial., traces of which are found in L.

sable OF (replaced by cogn. *zibelline*, It. *zibellino*); cf. MedL *sabelum*, Du *sabel*, Ger *zobel*, all from Russ *sobol'*, name of the animal. Her sense of black is perh. due to the fur being artificially darkened in order to make a stronger contrast with the ermine which commonly accompanied it.

sabot F, cogn. with *savate* (q.v.), both with orig *sa-*. *Sabotage*, malicious damage (done by strikers), is from slang *saboter*, to work badly, from contemptuous slang sense of *sabot*, rubbish, etc.

No longer will the [Russian] army be handicapped by the sabotage of the central authorities
(*Daily Chron* Mar 16, 1917).

sabre F, Ger *säbel*, "a sable, sabre, falchion, hanger, cutlass, scimitar" (Ludw.), introduced (c. 1500) from the East (cf. *hussar*), and applied to the Turk curved sword, cf. Russ *sablja*, Pol *szabla*. Origin unknown. The archaic *shabble* (Scott) is It. *sciabla*, prob. from Hungar. *szablya*. *Sabretache* is F., Ger *säbeltasche*, from *tasche*, pocket.

sabulous L *sabulosus*, from *sabulum*, sand.

sac F, sack. In sense of dress in Pepys (Mar 2, 1669).

saccate [*bot*] Dilated. MedL *saccatus*, from *saccus*, sack, bag.

saccharine Adj. From MedL *saccharum*, G *σάκχαρον*, sugar (q.v.). As noun for *saccharin*, F, discovered and named (1880) by Péligot.

sacerdotal F, L *sacerdotalis*, from *sacerdos*, *sacerdot-*, priest, lit. offerer of sacrifices, from *sacer*, sacred, *dare*, to give.

sachem From early 17 cent. N Amer. Ind. (Narragansett), cogn. with *sagamore*.

sachet F, dim. of *sac*, sack, bag.

sack¹ Bag. AS *sacc* or F. *sac*, L *saccus*, G *σάκος*, Heb *saq*, cf. Assyrian *saqu*. In most

Europ langs including Celt & Slav

This remarkable word has travelled everywhere together (as I suppose) with the story of Joseph (Skeat) The penitential *sackcloth* of the Bible was of goats or camels hair *Sack* plunder *I sac* It *sacco* orig in to put to *sack* is the same word cf sporting use of *bag* Also *sack* garment sometimes *sacque* a word belonging to the same kind of *Γ* as *éques trienne*

on i y a do nē so sac [et s q w] &c. he h th his passport given him he is turned o t to grazing (said of a servant whom his master hath put awa) (Cotg)

d s e d sac th word whereb a comm nd authori eth his so ld ers to sa k a place or peopl (ib)

sack¹ [archaic] Sp wine Orig (16 cent.) *wyne sek* *Γ* tin *sec* dry wine cf Ger *sekt* orig used of Sp wine Du *sek* *sack* (a sort of wine) (Sewel) mod Ger *sens* champagne being due perh to a blunder of the actor Devrient when playing Falstaff The altered form *sack* is from a mistaken idea that the wine was strained through a sack or bag

sackbut Kind of trombone *Γ* *saguebute* from OF *saguer* to drag *bouter* to shove the same word (*sagueboute*) being used in OF for a hooked lance with which a horse man could be brought down cf Sp *sica buche* sackbut pump-tube prob from *Γ* In *Din* in it is a mistransl due to superficial resemblance of form of L *san bica* C *σάμβικη* a strun ed instrument of Aram origin Wyc has *sambuke* Covered *sham ne* See *hackbut*

sackless [archaic & dial] Innocent 15 *sac as* from *sa u* dispute at law crime (see *sake*)

sacque See *sack¹*

sacrament *Γ* *sacrament* L *sacramentum* an oath pldge etc from *sacra e* from *sa r* holy ult cogn with *saint* cf *Γ* *serment* oath, OF *sa rement* Adopted in early Church L as rendering of C *μυστήριον* mystery

sacrarium L sanctuary from *sacer* holy **sacré** F sacred euph for *sacré nom de Dieu* etc

sacred Orig p p of MF *sa re* to bless *Γ* *sacer* L *sacrare* (v s) The verb also survives in *sac ing bell*

sacrifice *Γ* L *sacrificium* from *sacer* holy *facere* to make

sacrilege F *sacrilè e* L *sacrilegium* from *sacrile* us stealer of sacred things from *lege* e to gather

sacristan MDI *sacristanus* for Late L *sacrista* keeper of holy things whence also archaic *sacrist* See *q t n* and cf *ac* of which the pop form was *sextra*

sacrosanct L *sa rosanct* from *a er* holy *san t s* holy cf *Γ* *ac saint*

sacrum [anal] L *os ac um* lit sacred bone sad AS *sad* sated Com Teut cf Du *sit*

Ger *satt* ON *sattr* Goth *saths* all in ense of satiated com ith L *sat sa s* Current en e of l word was reached sa that of settled order sober (as in *sad colore d dress*) esp in *sad int my e* In dial still freely used of physical objects in sense of dense heavy etc e g *sad pastry* Mod *fed up* is a parallel to the curious hist of this word Shaks plays on old and current senses (Rom & Jul 1. 1) —

The gr t God send sad ese and l stance of lyfild to cure ewe fraterniti

(York Brevet, Advent 1501)

I wys sh y o thyng so sad as I old be wer (Pastor's Let 164)

saddle AS *sadel* Com Teut cf Du *sadel* *nal* (er *sadel* ON *s* hull ult cogn with *sit* and L *se ra* cf I *ells* saddle for *sedli* Fig to *sad e* (e g with blame) is evolved from old r to lay the saddle on the right horse With *sitt chawel* I a con from arc bow when e *de ar* owner to unsaddle unhorse *Saddles* (incorr *saddlesback*) upholstery imitates the carpet material used for saddle-bags carried on camels in the East

Sadducee Late I Late G *Sadduce* a or Late Heb *Ṣadduṣṣ* from pers name *Ṣadduq* Zadok (Sam viii. 17) from whom the priesthood of the captivity claimed descent Orig one of the three Jewish sects (cf Essene Pharise)

sadism [med] Sexual pervers on with love of cruelty F *sadisme* from *Comte* (commonly called Marquis) de *Sade* who died (1814) in a lunatic asylum author of in famous books

safari Procession caravan Arab from *safa a* to travel

Long saans of surrende ed kais and porters (Daily Chron Nov 30, 1901)

safe F *sauv* L *salvus* cogn with G *salvos* whole cf It Sp *salvo* and see *sal er* With *rife and sound* (13 cent) cf *Γ* *sain et sauf* With *safe conduct* altered from

ME *sauf conduit*, *sauf coundyte* (13 cent), F. *sauf-conduit*, cf *safeguard*, F *sauegarde* Noun *safe*, orig for meat (*Prompt Parv*), is for earlier *save*, from verb

saffron F *safran*, ult Arab *za'faiān* In most Europ langs

sag From 15 cent, also *sack* Cf Du *zakhen*, Sw *sacka*, to subside, also in spec naut sense, cogn with Norw dial *sakka*, ON. *sokkva*, to sink "It seems possible that the word is orig WScand, and has passed (? as a naut term) into Sw Du LG, and (perh through LG) into E" (*NED*) Ger has *sachen* (naut) from LG All cogn with *sink*

The sagge of the sea to leewards (Hakl iii 259)

saga ON, medieval prose narrative (Iceland and Norway) Introduced by 18 cent antiquaries (cf *rune*, *bersekh*, etc) See *saw*²

sagacious From L *sagax*, *sagac-*, from *sagire*, to discern acutely, ult cogn with *seek* Orig of animals

sagamore From c 1600 NAMEs Ind (Penobscot) *sagamo*, sachem

sage¹ Plant F *sauge*, L *salvia*, from *salvus*, in allusion to preserving properties, cf It Sp *salvia*, Ger. *salbei*, etc For vowel cf *safe*, *chafe*

sage² Wise F, VL **sapius*, for *sapiens*, from *sapere*, to know, cf It *saggio*, Sp *sabio* As noun orig applied to the *Seven Sages*

saggar, seggar [*techn*] Fireproof clay enclosing fine porcelain in oven Corrupt of *safeguard*

sagittary L *sagittarius*, archer, from *sagitta*, arrow

sago Malay *sāgū*, cf F. *sagou*, Ger *sago*, etc. From 16 cent

Sahara Arab *ṣaḥrā*, desert

Lybia he calleth Sarra, for so the Arabians call a desert (Purch)

sahib. Urdu, Arab *ṣāhib*, friend, used as respectful address to Europeans and also in some native titles (*Tippoo Sahib*, *Nana Sahib*) Now common in the services for "white man"

If ever I do meet one performing such a feat, I shall say, "There goes a sahib—and a soldier" (Ian Hay, *First Hundred Thousand*).

sail AS *segl* Com Teut, cf Du *zeil* (earlier *seghel*), Ger *segel*, ON *segl* Sense of ship (*forty sail*, *sail ho*) may go back to the period of the single sail With the verb,

AS *seglian*, cf F *cingler*, OF *singler*, nasalized from ON *sigla* *Sailor*, earlier (15 cent) *sailer*, is much later than *seaman*, *mariner*, which explains its absence from the surname list (*Saylor* means leaper, dancer; see my *Surnames*, p 118).

sainfoin F, lit wholesome hay, L *sanum* and *foenum*, but often understood as *saint foyn* and rendered in E by *holy hay*

saint F, L *sanctus*, from *sancire*, to consecrate (cf *sanction*), cogn with *sacer* In most Europ langs In ME it regularly coalesces with following name (see *lawdry* and cf educated pronunc of name *St John*) Quot below shows origin of *Tooley St*.

In saynt Towlles [Saint Olave's] in the Olf Jury (Machyn's *Diary*, 1550-63)

Saint Bernard From Hospice of the Great *St Bernard*, pass between Italy and Switzerland Cf Ger *bernardiner* (dog)

Saint-Leger Race established (1776) by *Colonel St Leger*

Saint Lubbock Bank holiday (q v), cf *Saint Monday*, F *fête saint Lundi*

Saint Michael Orange One of the Azores Saint-Simonian Of *Saint-Simon*, F socialist (†1825) Cf *Fourierism*

sais See *syce*

sake AS *sacu*, dispute at law, accusation, crime Com Teut, cf Du *zaak*, Ger *sache*, ON *sök*, Goth *sakjō*, quarrel, ult cogn with *seek* See *forsake*, *namesake* Sense has become much limited and the word is now only used with *for*, earlier meanings being replaced by *case*, *cause* Ger *sache*, thing, affair, still preserves sense of quarrel, cause, etc., for sense of thing cf F *chose*, L *causa* For consciences *sake* is in *Piers Plowm*

sake Fermented drink from rice Jap *sake*.

saker [*hist*] Cannon Earlier, kind of hawk, F *sacre*, "a saker, the hawk, and the artillery, so called" (Cotg), It *sacro*, Arab *ṣagr* Cf *musket*, *falconet*, *culverin*, etc

saki Saker monkey F (Buffon) for Tupi (Brazil) *ṣaky*

sal, saul EInd tree Hind *sāl*, Sanskrit *sāla*

salaam Arab *salām*, peace, as greeting, cf Heb *shālōm* (*Judges*, vi 23-4) Du *soebatten*, to address cringingly, from Malay *sobat*, friend, may be regarded as a parallel

salacious From L *salax*, *salac-*, lustful, from *salire*, to leap

salad F *salade* L *salata* (sc *herba*) from *salare* from *sal* salt

My *sal* d d ea,
Wh n I was gr n m judgm t ld in blood

salade [hist] See *sallet* (A t & Cl p i s)

salamander F *salamandre* I G *σαλαμνδρα* I zard supposed to be able to endure fire prob of Eastern origin

sal ammoniac See *ammonia*

salary F *saiaire* L *salarium* soldiers pay orig allowance for salt Cf *batla*

sale Late AS *sala* from ON See *sell*

Salem Nonconformist chapel from *Jeru salem* (see *Ileb vii i*) ? c gn with *salaam* cf *Beth i*

salep Meal from dried tuber cf F Sp *silep* Turk *salep* Arab *thalab* for *hhasu ti* *thalab* orchid lit f v testicles

saleratus [US] ModL *sal aeratus* aerated salt

safet [hist] See *sallet*

Salian From L *Salus* priests of Mars ? lit leapers from *sal re*

Salian? As *Salic*

Salic [hist] F *salique* MedL *Salicis* Salian Frank tribe near Zuyder Zee wh nce prang the Merovingians. Perh from the river *Sala* (now *Yssel*) which runs into the Zuyder Zee. Esp in *Salic law* error supposed to refer to exclusion of females from succession invoked (1316) by Philip V of France

salicional Organ stop Ger *salicional* from L *salix* willow because suggesting tone of willow p p e

salicyl [chem] F *salicyle* from L *salix salic* willow

salient From pres part of L *salire* to leap whence F *sailir* to put out wh h has given the E sense. Now very familiar as noun (mdl)

saliferous From L *sal* salt after F *salif* & *saline* VL *salinis* from *sal* salt cf *salinar* salt pans. So also F *ahn* It Sp *sal no*

saliva L spittle

salleeman sallyman Sailor's name for marine hydrozoan for *Sallee man* i e pirate from *Sallee* (Morocco) Cf *Porti guese man-of-war*

sallender Dn case in hock of horse (16 cent) Cf F *solandre* App in some way associated with obs *mananler* (qv) wh h occurs much earlier (Prompt *Paris*)

sallender are hock o many sorres in the bending of horse sh gh as th mallenders & e in the ees (Gen Dict 1705)

sallet *salade* [hist] Gen name for helmet between the *bascinet* and the *morion* orig a plain steel cap F *salade* It *cel ta* a scull a helmet a morion a *sallet* a head piece (Flor) from *celare* to hide (or Sp *celada* from *celar*) perh because orig worn under a hood or like the *bascinet* under the ornamental tilting helm Cf It *scureta* a thinn steel cap or lo e skull worn under a hat (Flor) and obs F *secrete segrette* an iron scull or cap of fence (Ct g) *Jacks and sallets jacked and salleted* is the regular 15 cent description of warlike array (passim in *Paston Let*) correspondin to F *jacque et secrete* of the same period

sallow sally Willow AS *sealh* I OHG *salah* (surviving in *salute* sally w thy) ON *selja* cogn with L *salix* C h l Gael *seile ch* Ir *a leach* Welsh *heli* F *saulte* a willow or withy tree (Cotg) is from Teut

sallow Adj AS *salo salt* cf ar hai Du *sa i u* OHG *sal* ON *sr* F *ile dirty* is from Teut For form of *sallow* ? (one for ME use) Cf *fall w fa rou suai ou* etc

sally F *saille* p p fern of *sailir* to rush L *salire* to leap Cf *sortie* Fig outbreak (of wit etc) from 15 cent In early use both noun and v rb a e usu follo ved by *out* Hence also *sally* (bell ringing) first movement later applied to the woolly grips on the rope

Sally Lunn Saud (by H ne 1827) to be named from a young cman who first cried them at Bath c 1780-90

salmagundi F *salmigondis* earlier *salm goudin* a hachee (Cotg) app connected with It *salami* salted meat from *sal* salt Cf also F *salm* (s) explained as shortened from *salm ord s* but perh the original of that word. As the latter is app first recorded in *Kabelais* it may be one of his fantastic coinages. For fig sense cf *g l maufey*

salms See *salmagu di*

salmiac Ger *salmiak* for *sal ammoniak*

salmon ME also *sanon* *saumon* F I *salmo n* cf L *sala* trout both prob from Celt For Teut name see *lax*

saloon F *salon* from *salle hall* Of *safe* Ger *sal* cogn with AS *sal* ON *sal* cf Goth *saljan* to dwell *Salon* was naturalized in 18 cent I but is now used only of France esp in ref to art and literature. Later spec sen es of *saloon* are mostly US

saloop Var of *salep*

Salopian Of Shropshire, esp of Shrewsbury School AF *Sloppesberie*, for AS *Scrobbesbyrig*, by confusion of -r-, -l-, was further corrupted to *Salop*- For inserted vowel cf F *canif*, knife, *semaque*, (fishing) smack, etc

salpiglossis Plant Irreg from G *σάλπιγξ*, trumpet, *γλῶσσα*, tongue

salsify Vegetable F *salsifis*, earlier *sassefrique*, *sassefrique*, etc, It *sassefrica*, from L *fricare*, to rub, prob in allusion to some med property Cf *savifrage* (q v)

sassifraga as *sassifraga* (Flor).

salt AS *sealt* Wryan, cf Du *zout*, Ger. *salz*, ON *Goth salt*, L *sal*, G *als*, Ir *salann*, Welsh *halen*, Russ *sol* Earliest E sense is the current one of sodium chloride, but many other chem senses date from ME Earliest allusive sense is *salt of the earth* (Matt v 13) With *true to one's salt* cf *salary* *Worth one's salt* is app mod and naut With *a grain of salt*, sometimes latinized as *cum grano salis*, is 17 cent *Above (below) the salt* refers to the large salt-cellar halfway down a medieval table With *salt*, sailor, cf *tar* To *salt* (a mine) is perh allusive to the *salt-hick* which attracts deer and cattle With *salted*, of horses immune to disease, cf fig use of *seasoned*

It is, a foolish bird that stoeth the laying salt on his taile (*Euphues*)

manger à un grain de sel to eat a man at a mouthfull (the crackle of a braggadochio,) also to eate his meate hastily, or greedily, without staying for any sawce, or seasoning, other than a corne of salt will yeild him (Cotg)

saltarello [mus] It, from *saltare*, to dance

saltation L *saltatio-n*-, from *saltare*, frequent of *salire*, to leap

salt-cellar Altered (16 cent), on *cellar*, from *salt-seller*, pleon for ME *saler*, *seler*, F *salière*, "a salt-seller" (Cotg), from L *sal*, salt For pleon cf *pea-jacket*.

saltern Salt-works AS *scallern*, second element, *ærn*, dwelling, cogn with ON *rann*, house (see *ransack*)

saltgrade [biol] Going by jumps, L *per saltum*, cf *plantigrade*

saltire [her] F *sautoir*, St Andrew's Cross (x), orig sturup-rope, Late L *sallatorium*, from *sallare*, frequent of *salire*, to leap Also in F. a sash worn cross-wise

saltpetre Altered, on *salt*, from earlier *sal-petre* (Chauc), F *salpêtre*, MedL. *sal petrae*,

salt of stone, because found 'as incrustation on rocks

salubrious From L *salubris*, from *salus*, health, cogn with *salvus*, safe

salutary F *salutare*, L. *salutaris*, from *salus* (v s)

salute L *salutare*, to hail, wish health, *salus*

salvage OF, from *salver* (*sauver*), Late L *salvare*, from *salvus*, safe Immediate source is prob MedL *salvagium*.

salvation Restored from ME *sauvacion*, OF *sauvacion*, *salvatum*, etc, L *salvatio-n*-, from *salvare* (v s), used in Church L to render G *σωτηρία* The Salvation Army (1878) is now translated into most Europ langs, e g F *armée de salut*, Ger *heils-armee*

salve¹ Ointment AS *sealf*, cf Du. *zalf*, Ger *salbe*, ult cogn with Sanskrit *sarpis*, clarified butter Replaced by *ointment*, exc in compds With verb, now also usu fig, cf Goth *salbōn*, to heal In some uses, e g to *salve one's conscience*, evidently associated with *salve*² (cf *salvo*²)

salve² To rescue Back-formation from *salvage*

salver Altered, on *platter*, *trencher*, from F *salve*, Sp *salva*, "a taste, a salutation" (Percyvall), from *salvar*, to save, orig applied to the "pre-gustation" of food and drink, partly as precaution against poison. See *credence* and cf Ger. *credenzen*, to pour out, from It

salvia Plant L, sage¹

salvo¹ Of artillery It *salva*, "a volée or tire of ordnance" (Flor), orig salute, cf L *salve*¹ hail! For incorr -o in words from Sp & It cf *bastinado*, *ambuscado*, etc

salvo² [leg] Saving clause L, abl of *salvus*, safe, in such phrases as *salvo jure*, without prejudice to the right Cf *save*².

A salvo to conscience (NED 1874)

sal volatile ModL (17 cent), volatile salt Sam, Uncle. First came into use, as nickname for US government and contrast with *John Bull*, during war with Britain (1813) No doubt suggested by initials US Hence *Sammy*, Amer soldier, used in first US offic message from front (Oct 17, 1917).

Sam, upon my [slang] App for earlier *salmon* (in 16 cent cant), explained by contemporary writers as for *Salomon*, i.e. Solomon To stand *Sam(my)*, 19 cent slang, may be of different origin

salhor the beggars sacrament or oath

(*Dict. Cant Crew*).

Samaritan Usu allusive to *Luke* x 33
 Late L. G. from *Sapapa* a Samaritan
sambo Of part negro blood Sp *sambo*
 As nickname for negro perh Foulah
simbo uncle But a W Afr tribe called the
Samboses is mentioned repeatedly in the
 narrative of the Hawkins voyage of 1534
 and *Sambo* would be a natural back for
 mation from this (cf *Chinse*)
Sam Browne Mil belt From Sir *Samuel*
Browne Indian general (19 cent)
sambur In han elk Hind *sabir sāmbar*
 same ON *samr* Com Teut. cf AS *sud*
sū & likewise OHG *sama* Goth. *sai* a
 cogn with L *similis* G *upo* Ir *som* al o
 with some *sonie*
Samaritan Of *Samos* C 1 land
samite [poet] OF *samit* whence also Ger
sa nit velvet cf It *scianito* Sp *gamete*
 ModL *examitum* MedG *Samro* app
 six thread & and *ros* cf *dimity twill*
*dril** Obs from c 1600 till revived by
 Tennyson
samlet Young salmon (Walton) cf earlier
silmonet
Sammy [neol] US soldier See *San uncle*
Samnite [li 15] Ancient Italic dial
samovar Russ lit self boiler (v.1) with
 first element ult cogn with *sanie*
Samoyede [li 15] Turanian lang of Mongol
 race in Siberia Russ lit self-eater (v.1)
 cannibal a meaning given by Purch (1613)
sampan Chin boat Chin *san-pan* three
 board
samphire Altered perh after archaic *cam*
phair camphor from 16 cent *samfere*
sampier etc. I (*herbe de*) *sa nit* Pierre
sampire (Cot) a name perh due to
 association of *Peter* with *rock*
sample Aphet for ME *essample* illustra-
 tion parable etc (see *example*) current
 sense being later (15 cent) Cf *sampler*
 OF *esse flaine* exemplar
mpia a pattern *sampi* *ecampi* (Cotg)
Samurai Jap orig mil retainer of the
dumlio
sanatorium ModL (19 cent) from *sansere*
 to cure Also in Ger
sanbenito [hist] Worn under Inquisition
 by impenitent heretic at auto-da-fé From
 resemblance to scapular introdiced by *St*
Benedict
 My description of crown
 All the flames and the d. is wer. turn d. up to be-
 down
 O this habit fa. t. dy term d. San Benito
 (f. & Liby)

sanctify Restored from ME *sa r fy* OI
santifier (*sanct* *fy*) L *sancti* are from
sa ctus holy *facere* to make
sanctimonious From *sancti* & L *sanc*
monia holiness Not always di paragin
 though first occurrence (1457) has current sense
sanction F L *sanctio* n law decree from
san re and to ratify make a cred
 Current sense of authoritative permission
 is latest.
sanctity Restored from ML *sanctus* F
sa nctē L *sanctitas* lit
sanctuary Restored from ML *sanctus* &
sanctus etc (see *sanctus*) OF *sa n* *sa*
(sanctuaire) L *sanctuarium* irreg from
sanctus holy cf It Sp *santa* *san* Orig
 in rel sense esp of the Jew h h h of
ho ies F *gh* of *sanctuary* in crim l cal ca es
 was abolished 165 in civil cases 18
 and 1722 but the abbey of H lyrod is
 still theoretically a sanctuary for debt rs
sanctum L holy (place) Fig sense is 19
 cent. Prob for earlier *sanctum* & *sanctum*
 rendering G to ay on *sanctum* Heb
gōdesh haggōdōshim
sanctus L unit word of angelic hymn
 (Is vi 3) concluding preface of euchar. t.
sand AS *sand* *sa n* Com Teut. cf Du
sand Ger *sand* ON *sand* US sense of
 pluck is a mod variation on *sa n* *sa*
sa boy is explained (1823) in a *SL*
Dict with ref to the cheerful ragan uflins
 who drive the sand laden nedds through
 our streets With US *sand* *sa n* personi-
 fication of sleepiness Ger *sandmann* cf
 Norv *Old Ludo* & the dustman Olaf St ut
 eye and see *Hee Hee Hee Hee* To *sand*
 bt is chiefly US See also *a track*
 Host men hoc agum te q el p d re ucos
 Duclimus, et latus si ril e rnamu
 1) vi 49)
 With sweating bro es I long h pl wd the and
 (Covene 1596)
 What the [Germ] re of t os was being sud
 tracked in Farham nt, it was being sand tagged
 in the proletian t (f. by New Mar 1 1 19)
sandal F *santal* L *sandalia* pl of *sam*
daliu C or *salu* *dim* of *salu* *salu*
 perh of Pers origin
sandalwood For earl. r *sandal* cf ModL
sandalum OF *sand* *sa n* whence MF
sand & also It *sandalo* Sp *sa la* C es
sandal from OF and Arab *sandal* (It
Sanskrit *kandam*)
sandarac Resin earlier red arsenic sulphide

- L *sandaraca*, G *σανδαράκη*, prob a foreign word In all Rom langs
- sandblind [archaic] Purbblind First element is AS *sam-*, half, common in such compds, cf dial *samsodden*, imbecile, lit half cooked, cogn with L *semi*
- sandwich Recorded 1762 "Said to be named from John Montagu, 4th Earl of Sandwich (1718-92) who once spent twenty-four hours at the gaming-table without other refreshment than some slices of cold beef placed between slices of toast" (NED). This explanation has the merit of being contemporary (Grosley's *Londres*, 1770)
- Sandy Nickname for Scotsman For Alexander, whence also *Sanders*, *Saunders* Cf Paddy and see also *Saamey* A Borderer named Sandy Armstrong is mentioned in *Privy Council Acts* 1557-8
- You'll please to remember the Fifth of November, Sebastopol powder and shot,
When General Liprandi met [at Inkerhmann] John, Pat and Sandy,
And a jolly good licking he got (*Top song*, 1854)
- sane L *sanus*, healthy, ult cogn with *sacer* (cf relation of *whole* to *holy*), cf F *sain* Spec sense of E word is due to influence of earlier *insane* (q v)
- sangar [mi] Breastwork of stone A Push-too word
- sangaree Sp *sangria*, drink composed of red wine and lemon, lit bleeding
- sang-de-bœuf In ref to porcelain F, lit bullock's blood Cf *pigeon's blood ruby*
- sang-froid F, cold blood
- Sangrado Ignorant doctor, Character in Lesage's *Gil Blas* (c 1700), from Sp *sangrador*, bleeder
- sangrail [poet] OF *saint graal* (see *grail*, *holy*) The form *sangreal* (Scott, Meredith) is due to the spurious etym, royal blood, OF *sang-reial*
- sanguinary F *sanguinaire*, L *sanguinarius*, from *sanguis*, *sanguin-*, blood
- sanguine F *sanguin*, from L *sanguineus* (v s), applied to one of the four "humours" of medieval physiology
- Of his complexion he was sangwÿn (Chauc. A 333)
- sanhedrim Supreme council of Jews with 71 members Late Heb *sanhedrîn*, G *συνέδριον*, council, from *σύν*, together, *ἔδρα*, seat Incorr -m of E form is due to *cherubim*, etc
- A war cannot be carried on by a Sanhedrim (D Lloyd George)
- sanicle Plant F, MedL *sanicula*, from *sanus*, whole, from healing properties
- sanitary F *santaire*, from L *santus*, health, from *sanus*, healthy This word, after its great 19 cent vogue, is being cut out by the more fashionable *hygienic*
- sanity L *santus*, -lat-, whence also F *santé*, health See *sane*
- sanjak. Division of vilayet Turk *sanyâq*, lit. banner
- sans F, without, OF *sens*, VL **sene*, for *sine* (si ne, if not), with adv. -s Fully naturalized, as *saun*, *sauce*, etc, from 11 to 16 cent, but now usu only as echo of *As You Like It*, n 7 *Sans peur et sans reproche* was orig applied to Bayard *Sans phrase* is from *la mort sans phrase*, attributed to Sieyès voting death of Louis XVI The writer often passes a house call *Sans-gêne* (for F *gêne*, constraint, see *henna*) which before the War was c of *Sans-souci* (solicitude), the name given to Frederick the Great to his palace at Potsdam
- sansculotte [hist] F. revolutionary in sal-lit without breeches (*culotte* fr posterior), usu explained as wearers instead of the knee-breeches "upper classes But in caricature, orig apt-time the "nether garments" of food and spicuous by their absence against poison
- Sanskrit [ling] Sanskrit *sam-*, *zen*, to pour together, perfected, from *sa-* cogn with *same*, *kr*, to perfect
- create Cf *Prakrit* *salva*, "a volhe or (till 18 cent) secret, (r)", orig salute, cf oldest member of Ary, -o in words from by Purch (1617) *ambuscado*, etc
- Santa Claus Orig *Yause* L, abl of *salvus*, Du *Sint Klas*, *es* as *salvo* *juice*, without *Niklaus*, patron saint Cf *save*².
- santon Europ *n* (NED 1874)
- santon, hypocrite, cent), volatile salt also F *santon*
- sap¹ Of plants AS *sap* WGer, cf. Du *sap*, Ger *saft*, juice (OHG *saf*), cogn with ON *safi*, and perh with L *sapere*, to taste (get to know), *sapa*, must boiled thick, whence, by association with Teut word, F *seve*, *sap* Some authorities regard the Teut words as borrowed directly from L *sapa* with other wine-words *Sapgreen*, after Du *sapgroen*, was orig prepared from juice of buckthorn-berries
- sap² To undermine Earlier (16 cent) *zappe*, It *zappare*, from *zappa*, spade,

whence also *F saper* cf *Sp opa* spade
 Lat. *L sappha* (6 cent.) of unknown origin
 With *sap* to swot cf *synon F piocker*
 from *pioche* pick mattock The Royal
 Engineers were till 1850 *Sappers* and
 Miners In fig sense to exhaust under
 mine prob coloured by *sap*
sap [slan_o] Simpleton Short for *ial*
sapski II from *sap^h* in sense of soft wood
sanseri [typh] Without *seris* *ceriph* (q v)
 Is recorded earl r than the word from
 which it is app derived
sapajou SAM r monkey *F* from (Cayenne
sapan wood Adapted (16 cent.) from Du
sapa i hout Malay from some SInd lang
 cf Tamil *shappan am*
sapid *L sapidi* s savoury See *savient*
sapient From pres part of *L sapere* to
 know orig to taste (ee *sap*)
spling From *sah*
nodilla Tree *Sp zapotillo* lim of *sap le*
d lex zapoll
 Te-naceous From *L sapon* soap
saml *L* savour from *sape* t to taste
salm^a See *sapodilla*
Sammyment Ger oath di guised for *sakra*
Sammit^t
samovar *F saphique* *L G* *Σαφ^s* s from
 first cf poetess of Lesbos (c 600 B C)
Samoyede *F saphir* *L G* *σαφ^s pos* Heb
 race in Si Sanskrit *an priya* lit dear to the
 cannibal *ed* Septic poisoning From
sampan *Chl* putrid Cf *anaem a*
 board *see F sarabanda* *Sp xira*
samphire Altereo *s carba* id lit head band
phire camphor *c L* *Saracenus* Late *L*
samper etc *F* *Sarrasin* It *Saraceno*
sampire (Cotg) *roux* *MF* vars chiefly
 association of *Peter* w empt at association
sample *Alph* et for *MF* *aham* (cf *Ha arene*)
 tion parable etc (see certain peth from
 sense being later (15) cf Oriental *ina*
OF *assemblage* *extem* *rol*; *ris* ng *east*)
Fu *to* *no* *to* *to*
Saratoga trunk [US] From *Saratoga* *Sp rin* s
 summer resort in New York State
sarawak [nonce *uvr*] From *Sarawak* Borneo
 where Rajah Brooke established a kind of
 kingdom (1841)
 There is only o e pl ce now n th world that two
 strong men can *Sar a wh k*
 (hlpl e *MAN* wh would be *king*)
sarbacane [hist] Blo v pipe ex trumpet
F altered (on *car ne*) from earlier *sarba*
lenne a long trunk to hoot in (Cotg)

Sp cerbatino Arab *zabatana* ? Cf *im^o*
lan
sarcasm Farlier (16 cent) *arcasmu* Late
L Late *G* *σαρκασμος* from *σαρκας* t
 speak bitterly lit to tear flesh *σ* *cf*
σαρκ
sarcenet See *sa senet*
sarcoma Fleshy tumour *L* *ap* *na* from
σ *cf* *σαρ* flesh
sarcophagus *L* *σ* *σαρκοφάγος* lit flesh
 eating (*σ*) *coff* n *ma* ! of a stone reputed
 to consume the body Hen e Ger *sa z* t
 dim *cc ene* l coffin
sard Gem *F* *de* *L* *sa da* *svn* n with
sa diu *sardine*^t
Sard Sardin an It *Sardo*
Sardanapalian Of *Σαρδαναπας* (name
 for *A* i *-ban* *p* l last king of Ninev h
 () cent B C) famous *luptuar*
sardelle It *A* *lla* dim of *arda* ardin
sardine Gem (Pet iv 3) *σ* *σ* *ρ* *δ* *ιν* *ε* *ar*
 reading of *σ* *ρ* *δ* *ιν* *ε* *ardius* (q)
sardine^t Fish *F* It *ard* *ni* *L* cf *σ*
σαρδ *η* from *σ* *ρ* *δ* *ιν* *ε* *ardius* a
σ *Σ* *ρ* *δ* *ιν*
Pro *C* *p* *c* *m* *salsorum* *voc* *torum* *s* *d* *nas*
 (E t f Derby E *nd* 170-93)
sardius Gem *sard* ne^t *L* (I *q* *Ez* h
 xxviii 13) *σ* *σαρδ* *ος* from *Σαρδ* *c* Sardin
 in Lydia Cf *ch* *ad* *my* *agale* i f
sardonie *F* *str* *ou* *je* from *L* *ardonius*
 lit Sardinian *Sar* i to be due to a poisonous
 plant *herba* *Sa donia* death from which
 was preceded by convulsive cringing
sardonix *L G* *rupare*^t *compd* of *σ* *ρ* *ε* *κ*
 and *σ* *ε*
saree *sari* Bright-coloured wrap Hun i
sl *k*
sargasso Gulf weed Port *sa* *gr* *o* ? from
s *ga* kind of grape
sarissa [hist] Macedonian pike *G* *σαρ* *σα*
sark *Sc* i Shirt ON *k* cogn with AS
scr cf *br* *t*
Sarmatian From I *G* *Σ* *ρ* *μα* *ai* ong
 Sythian inhabitant of Poland wh *nce*
 poet *u* *cf* *r* Polish
sarmentose [bot] *L* *sarment* *us* from *sa*
re *t* *m* twig from *sa* *pere* to prune
sarong Malay garb nt Malay cf Sanskrit
s *an* a variegated
sarracenia Plant Named (1700) by Tourne
 fort from *Dr Sarrasin* of Quebec wh sent
 him the pla t Cf *fuck* *ia* etc
sarsaparilla *Sp* *str* *par* *us* from *sa* *sa*
 bramble (? *Basq* *e* *sa* *ma*) *parra* *vive*
 trellis So explained in 16 cent.

sarsen [*loc*] Sandstone boulder (Wilts) For Saracen

The inhabitants calling them "Saracens' stones" (NED 1644)

sarsenet, sarcenet [*archaic*] Fabric AF *sarsinett*, from ME *sarsin*, Saracen (v s), perh after OF *drap sarrasinois* Cf *taitan*

sartorial From L *sartor*, tailor, from *sarcire*, *sart-*, to patch

Sarum Signature of bishop of Salisbury Also in *Sarum missal* (use) MedL, from first element of *Sarisburie*, now, by dissim of *r-r*, *Salisbury*

sash¹ Attire, orig part of turban Earlier *shash*, Arab *shāsh*, muslin, turban-sash. For loss of *-h-* by dissim cf *sash*²

tiara a turban, a shash (Litt)

sash² Of window Earlier (17 cent) *shash*, back-formation from *shashes*, F *châssis*, "a frame of wood for a window" (Cotg), taken as pl Cf *cursh*, and, for loss of *-h-*, *sash*¹ See *chassis*

sasin Ind antelope Nepalese

saskatoon Canadian berry NAmer Ind (Cree) *misākwatominn*

sassaby SAfr antelope Sechwana *tsessēbe*

sassafras Sp *sasafras*, a NAmer tree which "hath power to comfort the liver" (Gerarde, 1597) Usu thought to be corrupted, perh by influence of some native name, from Sp *sassifraga*, obs for *saxifraga*, saxifrage (q v) Capt John Smith (i 207) even calls the tree *saxeifrage*

Sassenach Gael *Sasunnach*, English, from *Sasunn*, Saxon, cf Welsh *Seisnig* and Welsh names *Sayce*, *Seyes*, etc Popularized by Scott (cf *Southron*), but much used in invective by fervent Irishmen

All loved their McClan, save a Sassenach brute
Who came to the Highlands to fish and to shoot
(*Bab Ballads*)

sassy [WAfr.] Wood, bark, used as ordeal poison Said to be WAfr adaptation of E *saucy*¹

Satan L (*Vulg* in OT only), G *Σατάν* (once in LXX, once in NT), Heb *śāṭān*, adversary (in general), from *śātan*, to plot against, but also spec (e g in *Job*) the enemy of mankind Usu rendered διάβολος by LXX Wyc has *Satanas*, G *Σαταῖας* (NT), replaced, from Tynd onward, by *Satan* His *Satanic Majesty* is jocular after His *Catholic Majesty*, etc With *Satanic School*, applied by Southey to Byron, Shelley, etc, cf *Satanism*, F

satanism, worship of Satan, esp in ref to alleged 19 cent perversion.

satchel OF *sachel*, L *sacculus*, dim of *saccus*, sack. In Wyc (*Luke*, x 4)

sate Altered (17 cent) after *sahate* or L *sat*, *satis*, from earlier *sade*, lit to make sad (q v) First in Shaks (*Hamlet* 1 5)

assouvir to fill, content, satiate, satisfy, also, to cloy, glut, *sade* (Cotg)

sateen Mod, after *velveteen*

satellite F, L *satelles*, *satellit-*, attendant, member of bodyguard Or rather, being gen used in L form till c 1800, back-formation from L pl *satellites* (cf *stalactite*) As astron. term adopted (1611) by Kepler

Or ask of yonder argent fields above,
Why Jove's satellites are less than Jove?
(*Essay on Man*, 1 42)

satiate From L *satiare*, from *satis*, enough Has influenced *sate* (q v) Cf *satiety*, F. *satiété*, L *satietas*

satin F, archaic It *setino* (sc *panno*, cloth), from *seta*, silk, L *sacta*, lit bristle, hair, whence F *soie*, silk, Ger *seide*, etc Hence *satinet*, F

satire F, L *satira*, for *saturna*, (poetic) medley, fem of *saturn*, full, as in *saturna lanx*, full dish, hotch-potch, from *sat*, enough Often wrongly associated with *satyr* (q v) and the G satyric drama For sense-development cf *faice*

satisfy OF *satisfier*, irreg from *satisfacere* (whence F *satisfaire*), lit to make enough Oldest sense of *satisfaction* (13 cent) is performance of penance

satrap L, G *σαρπάρης*, from OPers *kshathra-pāvan-*, country protector In Wyc (*Dan* iii 3), where the orig author has committed an anachronism by connecting a Pers title with the Babylonian empire Sense of domineering official appears in MedL and all Rom langs

Satsuma ware From name of province in island of Kiusu, Japan

saturate From L *saturare*, to satiate, its orig E sense (16 cent), from *saturn*, full, from *sat*, enough

Saturday AS *Sætern(es)dag*, half-transl of L *Saturni dies*, day of (the planet) Saturn (v1), cf Du *zaterdag*, LG. *saterdag* (for Ger *samstag* see *sabbath*), also Gael Ir *dia Sathairn*, Welsh *dydd Sadwrn* *Week-end* has now supplanted *Saturday-to-Monday*.

Saturn *L. Saturnus* Italic god of agriculture perh the sower (*severe sat*) later identified with G Cronos deposed by his son Zeus Also planet whence AS *Saturnes steorra* and medieval alchem name for lead (cf *mercury*) Hence *Saturnalia* *L.* neut pl of *Saturnalis* feast of unrestrained merry making in December *Saturnian* early *L.* metre or in ref to the golden age of Saturn *sa u nine* MedL *Saturnus* born under the planet Saturn (cf *jovial mercurial*)

Mars *item* *Merc* n quyk-silver w clepe
Saturnus leed, a d Juppiter is tyn (Chauc G 827)

satyr *F. satyre* *L. G. satyr* pos silvan god Often confused with *satire* (vi) With *satyriasis* priapism of nymphomania

The sav ge Satyre h mself whose cy call c usur
is more s ere than need (Gree e 1593)

sauce *F. L. salsa* f m of *salsus* salted cf It Sp *salsa* With fig *saucy* *sat cebox* cf *piquant spicy* etc *Saucer* (14 cent) *F. saucière* vessel for sauce acquired current sense in 18 cent when tea-drinking became gen

sa ry to pest or komi e malap rt (Ialsg)

sauerkraut From 17 cent Ger sour herb Hence *F. choucroute* made to conform with *chou* cabbage cole

saumur Wine From *Saumur* (Maine et Loire)

saunter From c 1660 to roam loiter an earlier and rare *saunter* to muse hesitate being perh a different word Etymologists of 17 cent agree in deriving it from *F. sainte terre* Holy Land (vi) Although this etym is now denied it may be partly true I suggest as origin Sp *sank o* sometimes an hermit sometimes one that lives with the hermit, and goes about questing for him and his chapel (Stevens) This word was also used of a shrine crawler in gen We may compare It *romigare* to roam to roave or goe up and do ne sol tyme and alone as an hermite (Flor) from *romito* a hermit (ib) whence *romito del sacco* a begging hermite (b) Thus *romito* is from *L. eren ita* (see *hermit*)

On late 151 aries and all santerers to a pre tended new Jeru lem (VED 1688)

saurian From G *sa pos* lizard
sausage ML *sausage* ONF *saussiche* (F *saucisce*) Late *L. salsicia* from *salsus* salted cf It *salsiccia* Sp *sal hicha*

Another vie is that the It word is the original and represents a compd of *sal* salt and It *ciccia* dried meat VL 11 *cium* for *insicium* 1 from *ins* care to cut *saut* [cook] F pp of *sauter* to leap *L. sallare*

sauterne Wine From *Sauterne* (Cironde)
saue qui peut F *saue* (himself) who can
savage F *sauvage* (OF *thage*) *L. sil vaticus* from *silva* word of It *silva* 15
Sp *sahaje* In C at first parallel v th *wild* from which it is now differentiated in stronger senses

Sa age t ee ksa hesta t evpres
(VED 48)

savannah [geon] Obs Sl *ata a* (*sibana*) *sai* (16 cent) to be Carib

savant F pres part (obs) of *savoir* to know VL *sapere* for *sapere*

savate Kick in F form of boxing ong old shoe cf It *ciabatta* Sp *zapata* MedL *sabbatum* 7 from Turk *shabata* galosh cf *sabat* Hence F *auteur* Prov *sal tier* hoemaker

save Verb F *saucer* *L. salva e* from *salvus* safe cogn with *salus* health Earliest in rel sense *Saviour* replacing AS *hæwid* healer cf It *saiatore* Sp *sal vador* *L. salvator* used in Church L to render G *savop* To save a *face* (late 19 cent) was orig Angl Ch n after *Chua ti chen* to lose face and similar metaphors Current ense of *save* *appearances* is quite altered it was orig used after G *σάω τὰ φυοί* n of an hypothesis adequately explaining observed facts *God save the king* after OF

De s t fait l ler At
(Trusts 1 ent)

Wh th y come t model H n
A d al ol t th stars l w they will w ld
Th mghty fram h w b lid, u b ill entri
l sa ppear es (P L vii 80)

Th p ly in, l proposal t ommissi ners
should be appo ntal (Elsim G F b 7 19 8)

save Quasi prep For earlier *safe* *sa f* used like F *sauf* *saive* in constructions like the *L. abl* absolute e g *sauf l honneur* = *sal o honore* But it also represents the pp as in AF *sauvé et excepté* with ending lost as in *costume froce* etc. In ML it is followed both by nom e g *save l* (Chauc.) and acc the latter construction being partly due to its being f l as imper of verb For *saving* as prep cf *excepting*

providing *Saving clause*, from the verb, contains the same idea

saveloy Mod corrupt (first in *Pickwick*) of obs *cervelas*, *cervelat*, F *cervelas*, It *cervellata*, from *cervello*, brain, L *cerebellum* Said to have been made orig of pigs' brains *cervellato* a kind of dry sausage (Flor)

savey, savvy To know, gumption Orig negro or pidgin after Sp *sabe usted*, you know Cf *compre*

savin-e Shrub OF *savine* (replaced by *sabine*), L *Sabina* (sc *herba*), Sabine herb, Cf It *savina*, Sp *sabina*, Ger *sabenbaum*, Du *zevenboom*, also AS *safene*

savoir faire F, to know (how) to do, cf *savon vivre*, to know (how) to live

savory ME *saverey*, Late AS *sætherie*, from very early OF, L *satureia* For *-th-* altered to *-v-* cf *gyve* and numerous examples in dial and childish speech, e.g. *wiv*, with But OF also had *savoreie*, perh influenced by *saveur*, savour, the correct OF form being *sarrie*, whence ModF dim *sarriette*

savour F *saveur*, L *sapor-em*, from *sapere*, to taste, know

savoy Cabbage from *Savoy* (16 cent) Cf *Brussels sprouts*, etc Also *Savoy cake* (*biscuit*) Cf *Madeira cake*

savvy See *savey*

saw¹ Tool AS *saga* Com Teut, cf Du *zaag*, Ger *säge*, ON *sög*, cogn with L *secare*, to cut

I thought everybody know'd as a sawbones was a surgeon (*Pickwick*, ch xxx)

saw² [*archaic*] Saying AS *sagu*, cogn with *say¹*, cf obs Du *zage*, Ger *sage*, ON *saga* (q v) Now chiefly after *As You Like It*, II 7

sawder [*slang*] Chiefly in *soft sawder* (*Sam Slick*), app from obs form of *solder* Being first recorded in *Lover*, the metaphor may be orig Ir (cf *blarney*)

Sawney Archaic nickname for Scotsman, cf *Sandy* Current sense of simpleton must be due to antiphrasis, ? or confused with *zany* "Sawney the Scot, or the Taming of a Shrew," was an adaptation of Shaks seen by Pepys (Apr 9, 1667) Couplet below may have suggested the famous definition of oats in *Johns*

Therefore, since Sawny does like Dobbin feed,
Why should we wonder at their equal speed?

(T Brown)

saxe Porcelain, etc F, Saxony

saxhorn Invented by C J Sav (1865), a Belgian

saxifrage F, L *saxifraga* (sc *herba*), stone-breaker, from *saxum*, rock, *frangere*, to break, explained by Pliny as named from its med use against stone in the bladder, for formation cf *feverfew* But, as the *NED* remarks, *saxum* is not *calculus*, and the plant may rather have been named from its action on rocks Cf Ger *steinbrech*, "the herb stone-break, saxifrage, or parsley pert" (Ludw)

Saxon F, L *Saxo-n-* (cf G *Sachsen*), from WGer name of tribe, AS *Seaxan*, OHG *Sahsin*, trad connected with AS *seax*, axē, knife (cf *Frank*, *Lombard*) See also *Anglo-Saxon*, for which it was used by early etymologists In mod philology *Old Saxon*, the language of the *Heland* (*Saviour*), a Biblical poem composed in 9 cent, is equivalent to Old Low German, and is of great value for comparative purposes as containing some words not recorded in AS or Du See also *Sassenach* *Saxon*, Englishman, as opposed to Celt, is mod (first in *Burns*), sense of base oppressor (chiefly Ir) being due to its repeated use in contrast with *Gael* in the *Lady of the Lake*

The filthy compound of burglary and murder, and sodomy, bigamy and infidelity, child-murder, divorce and sexual promiscuity that covers the standing pool of Saxon life

(Irish Bishop, Dec 1919).

saxophone, saxtuba Inventions of son of C J Sax (see *saxhorn*)

say¹ Verb AS *secgan* Com Teut, cf Du *zeggen*, Ger *sagen*, ON *segja* With to have a say cf to be in the know For an early example of parenthetic I say see Ps cxxx 6

say² [*archaic*] Fabric F *sate*, L *saga*, pl of *sagum*, mil cloak, G *saagos*; cf It *saya*, Sp *saya* In E prob confused with OF *serie* (*soie*), silk, for which see *satin* Colchester was once famous for "bays and says" (see *baize*)

sayyid, seyd Title of Mohammedan claiming descent from elder grandson of Prophet Cf *Cid*

sbirro It, police-officer Earlier also *birro*, "a serjeant, a catchpoale, a paritor" (Flor), from his red cloak (see *biretta*)

sc Abbrev of *schilret* (q v)

sc- AS. *sc-* becomes regularly *sh-*, so that mod words in *sc-* are almost all of foreign (often Scand) origin

scab Orig. disease, itch ON **slabbr* (cf.

Sw *skabb* earlier *skabber*) cogn with AS *scabb* (whence *shabby*) Or perh from AS with pronunc influenced by cogn L *scabies* (see *scabious*) which it rendered in Bibl lang Sense of blackle non unionist is US

scabbard MF al o *scabi* e *c s aberge* etc AF *escabert* OF *escallere* *exalle* ge by dissim for *escarbere* from OHG *scabi* blade sharp *ber an* to hide Cf *haube* h the final of which is similarly changed in ModF *haubert* (o also *chafas d scabbard*) For dissim of *r* in other words derived from *berga* cf *belfry* *hurler* and F *hélberger* (OF *herberger*) *auberger* (cf also archaic F *échar* the sentry box OF *e calga* *escargate* OHG *scara* ill company watch The VED is mistaken in thinking that the word is not recorded in OF (see *Roma* 11 1909 p 391) Also *esca ber* e is found in a secondary sense N t the courage th t throws away th scabbard m lles th t wh ch burns its sh ps (M han)

scabious F *scab euse* ModI *scabiosa* (= *herb*) supposed to be effective against skin disease *scabies* from *scabere* to scratch

scabrous F *scabreux* Late L *scabrosus* is from *scaber* *scabr* rough cogn with above Mod sense of *risqué* is after F

scad Horse-mackerel D al (Corn) for *shad* scaffold ONF *es afaut* (F *é hafai d*) earliest OF *escadufaut* (cf Prov *escadufale*) with *es* prefixed to OF *chastult* *cadefaut* (cf Prov *cadifale*) corresponding to It *catafalko* catafalque VL *ca falcum* whence also various forms in Rom langs and also Du *chriot* Ger *schafot* Lit source ob scire perh G *ari* and L *fala* *phala* wooden to ver gallery Orig v ed in F & L of any raised platform esp f drama execution associations dating from 16 cent

Somtyrn to shewe his li binesse d may try
He play d Herodes a scallid hye
(Chau 4 3 24)

Tu n aprend d may comment poer li fault
Les moes des Ro s desou un eschal lit
(Joachim du Bell)

scagliola Plaster work It *sc gli la dum* of *scagl* a scale* chip of marble
scalade (hist) See *escalade*

scald¹ With hot water ONF *e calter* (cf *hand* r) Lat L *scallio* e to wash in hot water from *calidus* hot whence F *chaud*

scald² Scabby chiefly in *scald head* For *scalled* See *scall* and cf *band*

scald³ Poet See *skald*

scale¹ Of balance ON *skal* bowl cf AS *sca* cup shell (see *skale*) Du *schal* Ger *schal* (OHG *scala*) also OF *e cal* (cf *ale*) cup hu k (s) of Teut origin and one source of the L *orl* (cogn with *scale* *Rafire* likewise goes back to a dish bowl *lan* a dish a p tenger a balance (Coop) See also *hel* To throw the saw d int the *scal* is from the story of Brennus the Gaulish chief when the Romans were weighing the ransom of the Capitol (4 cent B C)

scale² Of fish etc OF *scale* (cf *a e*) husk chip OHG *cala* (v s) ModF ha ingen s use of scale² *e a le* OF *es aille* In some med uses confused with *scal* Hence also *scal* *boa d* for bonnet boxes

And anon ther felde from his yge. *scal*
[I g sq ama G Ver d] (W) 4d 8)

scale³ Measure graduation It or L *scala* ladder cogn with *cantre* to climb Cf F *é hille* ladder scale (OF *eschelle*) Sp *e cala* With *erb* to *scale* OF *escalier* It *scala* or Sp *escalor* cf *es al* *de*

Next the forse le cerel f th A b *er* th
cross lyn is marked U ka n manner f sq pres
lies in manere of ladders (L C 4 *ladder*)

scalene {math} Late L G *σ* *almon* un even etc

scall {dial} Skin-disease (L *scall* *scall* ? ON *skalle* (naturally) bald head whence Sw *kale* skull cogn with *scal* *skell* See *scald*²

scallawag See *scallywag*

scallion {a ch ic} ONF *e cal* ne OF *eschale* *longe* VL *e a o s* f r *Ascalonia* (= *cusa* onion) from *ask* *lon* Palestine cf It *scala* *ano* Sp *escalo* a *bee* *sh* *ol*

scallop scallop OF *sc lop* shell (in M (F only in cook sense) cogn with *scale*² but with unexplained utn Cf Du *s help* shell Esp cock shell worn by pilgrim a sign that he had been to the shrine of St James of Compostella Ornamental sense from resemblance to undulating edge of shell

J obs *schelp* a J mes h: h ll (H *ham*)

scallywag Orig LS *trifer* also applied to undersired cattle prob the orig *trifer* ? From *~2*

scalp Orig skull cran um (Ps *vn* 17 *in* *Fa ly* *Fa* *Ps* *te* 13 c nt) Later *sculp*

has developed from Bibl *hany scalp* (Coverd) in Ps. lxxviii 21 Contr of *scallop*, which, in 14 cent, was used of shell-shaped vessel. Cf Ger *hirsnschale*, brain pan, from *schale*, shell, scale To *scalp* is 17 cent For fig use cf to be on the *u-u-path*, *lappy hunting-grounds*, to *bury the hatchet*, etc

scalpel L *scalpellum*, dim of *scalprum*, from *scalpare*, to cut

scammony Drug L, G *μαρμαμύριον*

*scamp*¹ Noun Orig cant for rogue, highwayman (Grose) From obs *scampf*, to run wild, go on the highway, OF *eschamper*, *eschamper*, to decamp See *scamper*. For formation of noun from verb cf *tramp*.

*scamp*² Verb Of recent adoption from dial ? From ON *skenna*, to shorten, whence also *skimp*, *scart*

scamper Frequent of obs *scamp* (see *scamp*¹) The latter is recorded for 16 cent in *scamphant*, used in imit of *rampant* in a rogue's burlesque coat of arms Cf also obs Du *schampfen*, "to escape or flee, to be gone" (He: ham), from OF

scan Larlier also *scand*, L *scandere*, to climb, also to analyse verse, the oldest sense in E (14 cent) Current sense, reached via that of examining, criticizing, is late (18 cent)

scandal ME *scandle*, in rel sense only, ONF *escandle* (*esclandre*), Church L *scandalum*, G *σκανδαλον*, cause of stumbling, supposed to have meant orig the spring of a trap and to be cogn with L *scandere*, to climb Mod form is due to L *scandalum* and learned F *scandale*, readopted in 16 cent, whence also Ger *skandal*, uproar, Du *schandaal* See also *slander* In Gal v 11, where AV has *offence*, RV *stumbling-block*, Rhemish V has *scandal* *Scandalum magnatum* (leg), slander of magnates, is described by NED as obs exc list, but I remember its use in the trial of an excited taxpayer who audibly cursed in church during the prayer for the Queen and the Royal Family

scanderoon Carrier pigeon From *Scanderoon*, *Iskanderun*, seaport in Syria, one of the many places named from *Alexander* Due to news of vessels being transmitted to Aleppo by pigeon-post

"What news from Scanderoon and Aleppo?" says the Turkey merchant (T. Brown, c 1700)

This [Aleppo] is the native country of the carrier-pigeon, formerly used by the Europeans for con-

veying expeditiously the news of a ship's arrival at Scanderoon. The pigeon thus employed was one that had left young ones at Aleppo

(Russel, *Travels to Aleppo*)

Scandinavian From Late L *Scandinavia*, for *Scadinavia*, from a Teut compd represented by AS *Scodning*, ON *Skány*, southern extremity of Sweden Second element means island (cf *ait*, *Jersey*, etc) and is ult cogn with L *agrus* In linguistics used to include ON., Norw., Dan., Sw., Faroese

scamag [slang] *Scandalum magnatum* See *scandal*

scansorial [ornith] From L *scansorius*, from *scandere*, *scans*-, to climb

scant ON. *skamt*, neut. of *shammr*, short, cogn with OHG *scam*. See *scamp*², *skimp*, and cf *thwart*¹ As naut verb very common in ref to wind "shortening" (Hall).

scantling Perversion of obs *scantillon*, ONF *escantillon* (*échantillon*), pattern, sample, dim, with prefixed *es-*, from OF *chant*, *chantel* (*chanteau*), cantle (q v) In some senses coloured by mistaken association with *scant*

*scape*¹. Aphet for *escape*, esp in *hairbreadth scape* (Oth 1 3) Hence *scapegoat*, coined by Tynd (Lev xvi) to render Vulg *caper emissarius* (cf F *bouc émissaire*), which is supposed to be a mistransl of Heb *Azazel* (RV), perh a proper name *Scapegrace*, one who escapes Divine grace, appears to have been coined after earlier *scapethrift* and *wantgrace* It is first recorded c 1800, but is prob older in dial

*scape*² Shaft of column, stall: L *scapus*, G *σκάπος*, cogn with *shaft*.

*scape*³ Back-formation from *landscape*, used for forming new compds (*seascape*, *cloudscape*) and nonce-words (see *earth*)

scaphoid Shape of boat, G *σκάφη*

scapular Orig short cloak worn by monks (of St Benedict) when at work. MedL *scapulare*, from *scapula*, shoulder, only in pl. in L Cf *scapulary*, F *scapulaire*

*scar*¹ Of wound Obs *scar*, cleft, incision, for *scarth*, dial for cleft, ON *skarth*, cleft, cogn with *score* Influenced by obs *escar*, *eschar*, OF *escare* (archaic F *eschare*), scab resulting from burn, L, G *εσχαρά*, hearth

escara vel *eschara* ignis, focus, also a crust that is made on a wound by a searing iron, an *escar* (Litt.)

*scar*², *scaur* Rock ON. *sker*, *skerry*, cogn. with *shear*

scarab From *Γ* *scarabée* *L* *scarabæus*
cogn with *G* *καρβος* beetle crab Obs
exc in ref to Egypt gems

scaramouch *F* *Scaramouche* It *Scara*
muccia lit. skirmish (q.v.) one of the stock
characters of the 17th pantomime (cf *har*
legum partison) He was represented as
a cowardly braggart dressed in black in
demonstration of the Spanish don The name be-
came popular in its It form after visit of
It players to London (1673) and *Scara*
mouch also appears in the orig. dialogue of
the Punch and Judy show

Scarborough warning [archaic] Short notice
Cf *fealdstunt* and *Lyfshord* *Isa*

scarce *ONF* *e car* (archaic *F* *echer*) *VL*
**excarpus* from *excarpere* to pluck out
select Cf It *scarso* scarce hard cove-
tous sparing miserable scant (Flor)
also Medl *scarpsus scarus* To make one
self scarce is US

scare Noun *ME* *skerre* *ON* *skirra* from
skirr shy timid hence *be* adj *cour*
(Burns) From the noun very common in
late 19th cent. journalism is formed *scare*
n 12 freely applied up to July 1914 to
the late Lord Roberts

scarf Article of dress *ONF* *escafe*
(*charpe*) var of *OF* *escrife* orig. purse
hanging from neck of Teut origin and
cogn with *crip* This is the received
etym. but cf *AN* *seco p* dress ornament
For final consonant cf *scarf* var of *seap*
Ger *schärpe* *LG* *cheife* are from *Γ*

ne scha fe *cha f* *oder scherf* *tupp t* (Ludw)

scarf Joint of two timbers orig. naut. Cf
synon *F* *éart* corrupt of *dearf* from
dearver to scarf *OF* *e carier* also *Du*
scharf *Sp* *escrife* *Sw* *skarfa* *Norw* *Dan*
skorre (verb) have a more gen. sense

scarf skin. Cf *Du* *scharf* shred shawl *ca* *n*
with *AS* *scarfan* to scrape scarify

scarify *F* *scher* *L* *scrifare* for *scars*
fure *C* *σκαφύρεαι* from *σκαφός* pencil
stylus

scarious [biol.] Of irritable appearance *ModL*
scarius of unknown origin

scarlatina It. *scarlattina* item of *scarlat* no
dim. of *caratto* scarlet

scarlet Orig. rich fabric not necessarily red
OF *escarlite* (de late) cf It *scarlath* *Sp*
escarlata also *Du* *scharlaken* (er *schor*
lach (MHG *scharlat*) *ON* *skarlát* All ult.
from *Iers* *saqila* signal whence a so
obs. *cislakoun* The Pers. word is Arab

siglat and this is prob. from *G* *κύκλος*
circle (cf *clauk*) whence also the *Cyclades* *Scs let and gre*
very common in MS descriptions of
gorgeous apparel is prob. for *scarlet* *n*
grain For *Scar* cf *Roman* see *Rev* xvii 15

H robe w *f* *kl* *un* (Ch. m. B. 924)

scarp [*f* *rt*] It *scafa* when also *F* *es*
carpe escarp (q.v.) Often *scarf* in 16th c.
scart [*Sc*] Cormorant shag Altered from
scarf *ON* *scarf*

scarus Fish *L* *σκαρος* from *σκαρ*
I leap

scat [*hist*] Tribute *ON* *skatt* Com Teut
cf *AS* *scatt* *Du* *sch* *Ger* *sch* *tre*
sure Goth *skatts* piece of money

scathe *ON* *skatha* (impers.) (*om* Teut
cf *AS* *scathan* *Du* (er *schaten* Goth
skathjan cogn with *C* *σκαθ* *on*
scathed Replaced by *karn hurt* in gen.
use sense of blating originating from
Milton's *scathet abs* (*Pur* *L* 613)

scatology Obscene literature Neol. from
G *σκατολογία*

scatter From *sc* cent. Supposed to be id.
with *shar* and perh. ult. with *G* *σκα*
scat *Archae* *scat* *spendthrift*
quoted by *NED* 1815 was already in
established surname in 13th cent.

scaur See *s*

scavenger For *ME* *scara* (cf *me eng*)
from *scara* *e* London toll levied on for
merchants *AF* *carus* from *ONF*
escavuer to inspect of *Du* *scaven* and
ca *n* with *Γ* *λεωσθε* Orig. a kind of
customs inspector who was also entrusted
with the care of the streets Current sense
appears in *AF* much earlier than in records
of the 17th c. eg. in the *Seigneurs*
scavengers *Li* *er* *18th* The *scavenger*
dux *aler* in trunent of torture is prob. for
for *Shakespeare* *give* *mons* its in *18th*
has been Lieutenant of the Tower temp.
Hen VIII

scaron [*metr*] Modified iambic trimeter
Part of *G* *σκα* to lamp

scenario It. from *scena* scene (q.v.) Cf.
scenery formerly *scenery* (Johns)

scene *F* *scène* *L* *scena* *C* *σκηνη* box, th.
stage All senses are orig. theat. eg. to
make a scene *Γ* *scena* *scène* *d* *quintess.*

scent Artificial spelling of *ML* *sent* *on*
[*unt* *t* *on* from *Γ* *sen* to *sent*]
whence many fig. uses. Sense of (fragrant)
perfume is developed late (18th cent.) *B* *t*

the noun is not found in OF and there has evidently been strong contact with archaic F *sente*, path, track, L *semita*, as may be seen by a comparison of passages below.

Ayant recouvré la sente
Par ou le hèvre s'absente

(Gauchet, *Plaisir des Champs*, 1583).

When they have well beaten and founde the tracke
or sent of the harte (NLD 1576)

sceptic F, L *scepticus*, from G *σκέπτεσθαι*, to investigate, cogn with *σκοπεῖν*, to look.

Applied to disciples of Pyrrho (4 cent BC)

sceptre F, L, G *σκήπτρον*, staff, sceptre, cogn with *σκήπτεσθαι*, to lean upon

schako See *shako*

schanse [hist] Current during SAfr war.
Du, see *sconce*

schedule Altered, on MedL *schedula*, from ME *sedule*, F *cédule*, L *scedula*, dim of *sceda*, *scheda*, "a leaf of paper, a scrowe, a shedule" (Coop) In all Rom langs., also Du *cedel*, *ceel*, Ger *zettel*, "a note, cedule, schedule" (Ludw) Current sense springs from that of explanatory label attached to large document (cf *syllabus*)

scheme MedL *schema*, diagram, arrangement, G *σχῆμα*, form, figure Orig rhet & scient, current sense of (nefarious) design being early 18 cent

schenectady [golf] Putter, now barred From *Schenectady*, New York State.

scherzando [mus] It, from Ger. *scherz*, sport, jest

schiedam Gin From *Schiedam*, Holland

schipperke Small dog Du dial, lit little skipper Said to be bred esp by Du boatmen

schism F *schisme*, L, G *σχίσμα*, cleft, rent, from *σχιζαν*, to split, used in Church L of separation of any body of Christians from the Church

I recollected that in most schism shops the sermon is looked upon as the main thing (Southey)

schist [geol] F *schiste*, L, G *σχιστός* (sc *λίθος*), split stone (vs)

schloss Ger, castle, orig lock. See *slot*

schnaps Ger, LG *snaps*, from *snappen*, to snap, swallow Cf *nip*

schnorrer Jewish beggar. Yiddish, from Ger *schnurren*, to beg, orig with the *schnurpfefe*, instrument played by vagrant musician, of imit origin

scholar, scholiast See *school* Scholarship in sense of free education is 16 cent

school¹ Place of learning ME *scole*, OF

escole (*école*), L *schola*, G *σχολή*, leisure, a sense passing into that of otiose discussion, place for holding such. In most Europ langs, with the range of senses which appears in *final honours school*, *ragged school*, cf double sense of *scholar*
Replaced AS *lārhus*, loie-house

The schoolmaster is abrid (Brougham, 1828)

school² Of whales Du *school*, crowd, etc. See *shoal*

Bristlings of water, which, if it were faire weather, would seeme a skull of fish (Hakl)

schooner Earlier *scooner*, *skooner*, type of vessel first built (c 1713) at Gloucester (Massachusetts), and named there prob. from verb to *scon*, send over the water, still in Sc use For the idea cf *sloop*, perh cogn with *slip*, F *goëlette*, schooner, orig. kind of sea-gull (skimming the water), and contemporary (Apr 1918) *scooter* The "anecdote" usu. given dates from 1790 and is prob apocryphal (cf *chouse*)

schorl [min] Tourmaline Ger. *schörl*, earlier *schürl*, *schull*, etc., of obscure origin

schottische Ger, Scotch (sc dance) Perh. introduced in Paris, which would account for pronunc

schuyt [naut] Du *schuit*, flat bottomed river-boat Also found in E as *scount*, *scoot*, *shout*, cf ON *skúta*

sciachachy G *σκιαμαχία*, fight with shadows, G *σκιά* Cf *sciagraphy* (also *skia*)

Skiagrams of the elbow-joints and knee joints were produced (*Daily Chron* June 27, 1919)

sciatica MedL (sc *passio*), fem of MedL *sciaticus*, corrupt of L, G *ισχιαδικός*, ischiatic (q.v)

He hath hadde a cyclica that hath letted hym a gret while to ride (*Paston Let* i. 50)

science F, L *scientia*, from *scire*, to know, ult cogn with *scindere*, to cut, divide Distinction from *art* is in Trevisa (1387) The *dismal science*, economics, is from Carlyle

scilicet L, to wit, for *scire licet*, it is permitted to know Cf *videlicet*

scilla Plant L, G *σκόλλα*

scimitar Cf F *cimeterre*, It *scimitarra*, Sp *cimitarra*, all with many early vars Described in 15 cent. as Turkish sword, but no Oriental etymon has been found, unless we accept Pers *shamshir* My own conjecture is that it is no more Oriental than *assagai* is Zulu, but simply E *smiter*, which was used for *scimitar* in 16-17 cents

(also *smeeler* in Cotg) and may easily have been a sailors word much earlier. If borrowed by the Rom langs it would normally become *semler* *smiler* cf *Γ semeque* (fishing) *smack* *sonas* snow. Cf Ger *hauer haudegen* lit hewer a falchion *sumitar* sable or sabre (Ludw.) Adrian Junius equates *OF semlative* with *Du halfhouwer* evidently misled by the *seml*

In an instant whipt of all the heads with their
shamsheers or scimitars

(II) $\text{Re } T \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{D})$

scintillate From L. *scintillare* from *scin-*
tilla spark

scio See *scia nachy*

sciolist Smatterer From Late L sciol s
dim of scire from scire to know

scion F shoot esp for grafting OI *scion*
chion dim of some lost word of Teut
 origin ult cogn with *synon* AS *clih*
 For fig sense cf *imp* *offspring* Ger
sprossling and fig use of *stock* with which
scion is often associated

scire facias [*leg.*] L. make (him) to know
characteristic words of writ. Cf. *cease*
facias

scirrhous [*med*] F scirrheux from C

scission F L scissio n from *scindere*
sciss to cut cogn with C σχιζ (er
schelen

scissors ME *cison* s s; *ovres* archaic
cissoires large shears (for F *ciseau*
scissors see *chisel*) from Lat L *cisumum*
from *cidere* -*ciss* to cut form taken in
compds by L *caedere* Since 16 cent con-
fused with L *scissor* cutter tailor from
scindere *sciss* to cut See quot s v
tinclers

sciurine [biol] Of the squirrel (n v)

scuff [gɒlf] *Sc* to strike with flat surface
Imit. cf. *slap*

Slavonic See *Slav*

sclerosis [*meɪ*] *↳* from *σ* *lypos* hard

scoff Derision First (c 1300) as no in Cf
synon ON *skop* *skarp* OHG *scoph*
OIris *schof* AFD suggests also con
nection with AB *sc* *h* port (f *scold*)

scoff [*sof*] To it grub S Afr Du for
Du *schoff* cogn with *schunten* tish ye in
ref to spell of work Sc *Scaff* was used earlier
in same sense in Sc Cf also *naut* Norw
skaffe from Du

Soft external evening tan for Labourers & w k
men four to six in a day (H h m)

When a w gun tips it's done be the Box
con lules of ourse that the j senx is wait to
soff (to e t) (Lad B mard) 54/ Joun 12

skold First (13 cent) as noun *skald* poet *skall* The sense-develop-
ment postulated is strange but the proba-
bility of the sense lampooner as an
intermediate stage seems to be indicated
by the fact that the derivative *skald* *skall*
fit skald hip poetry has in the local law
books the specific sense of libel in verse
(VID) (cf *Proverbia* in old early *Sc.
Nyth* Synon Du *sche den Ger s ket n*
are thus unrelated

scolopendra Centipede milliped I
σ λυπεύω

sconce¹ Canilestick bracket or screened lantern OF *consc* m nastic L s m a
f r *absc* m a from a *seem* l e to hide away

Earlier scans scan (Cal State Pu r
1985) Du chans or Ger schon e a
source a troig holl a tort a fen
(Lu tw) Orig ene of Ger w r) wa
bundle of brush w l r w h ba k e t r
holding arth or stines (cf jasc ne g l on)
The word is esp comm n in connection
with the Thirty Years War and the al ve
etym is already in Min h (1613)

score¹ [a sha Heng /] Jocular use:
con + Hence according to Min?
(earliest authority for the word is
for (Oxf) to set up something like
butter, looks upon his land

score soon Orig. S. Shortened fr m to
Du schoub of fine bread expn with 1 cr
sch a fine Schonggg fine rye a sumi
lari used in Lf of a three-corned cak
of fine rye flour

scoop App two s parate word are per
c mixed S exp for water; r n n t
is of L c ripm gn with Du schob
baler tucker ant (Ger schä) t d w
water s n s ovel (also orig na t i v
Du schop el al e gn with d e ar t
with lil Ger s k ppe aac paw le
shovel (Lunda) To the first as u b
kings awo (H es ope id pe) sur j he
liquid w ch may be partly r j m e
for the I word Th j urralic c s w, id
LS

shoot Current from 15 ft to 10 ft
used in 19 cent naut L to 10 cent
4 in by 1/2 to shoot (intrins) W

scooter, motor-boat, a coinage of the War, cf *schooner* Also *shoot* (q v)

Our scooters were busily employed [at Zeebrugge] (*Lv News*, Apr 24, 1918)

scope Orig mark to shoot at, but current sense is earliest (16 cent) in E It *scopo*, "a mark or but to shoot at, a scope, purpose, intent or room" (Flor), G *σκοπός*, cogn with *σκοπεῖν*, to look For extended senses cf *range*

-scope From G *σκοπεῖν*, to look Extended from *microscope*, *telescope* to many mod inventions, e g *laryngoscope*, *periscope*, etc

scorbutic Cf F *scorbut*, scurvy, Du *scheurbuk*, ? for earlier **scheur-bot*, lit rend-bone, with second element assimilated to *buk*, belly, cf archaic Du *scheurmond*, scurvy of mouth, *scheurbeen*, scurvy of bones Prob a Du sailors' word adopted by other Europ langs, e g It *scorbuto*, Ger. *scharbock* But some authorities regard MedL *scorbutus* as orig form and derive it from Russ *scrobot*, scratching As in the case of so many naut words the origin is obscured by uncertainty of chronology and influence of folk-etym

scorch App altered (by influence of OF *escorcher*, now *écorcher*, to flay, Late L *excorticare*, from *cortex*, *cortic-*, bark) from earlier *skorken*, *skorkle*, cogn with ON *skorþinn*, shrivelled Chauc (*Boeth*) has *scorchith*, var *scorklith*; for L *torret* Like *parch*, *singe*, used earlier also of effects of cold Slang senses are late 19 cent

Hogs grease health burns and scaldings, yea though one were scorched and sendged with snow (Holland's *Phny*, xxviii 9)

score ON *skor*, notch, tally, cogn with *shear* Oldest sense (11 cent) is twenty, perh from counting sheep, etc orally and notching a stick at each twenty Runs at cricket were formerly *notches* (*Pickwick*, ch vii) scored on a stick So also on the *score* (account) of With to go off at *score*, orig of horses, cf sporting use of *scratch* For gen sense-development cf *tally* (q v)

Score it upon my taille [tally] (Chauc B 1605)

Our fore-fathers had no books but the score and the tally (2 *Hen VI*, iv 7)

scoria L, G *σκόρπια*, refuse, from *σκόρπ*, dung

scorn Earlier (c 1200) *scarn*, OF *escarnir*, *eschernir*, of Teut origin; cf OHG *skernōn*, obs Du *schernēn*, also It *schernire*, "to scorne, to flout" (Flor), from Teut Later uses perh colored by OF *escorner* (*écorner*),

to disgrace, lit unhorn, It *scornare*, "to skorne, to mock, to deride" (Flor)

Heaven has no rage like love to hatred turned,
Nor hell a fury like a woman scorned
(Congreve, *Mourning Bride*).

scorpion F., L *scorpio-n-*, from *scorpius*, G *σκαρπίος* In all Rom & Teut langs In mil slang used of natives of Gibraltar, *rock-scorpions*

scorzonera Plant, "viper's grass" It, from *scorzone*, "a snake, an adder" (Flor), ? from Late L *curlio-n-*, because used as antidote against snake-bite.

scot Contribution, as in to pay one's *scot*, *scot and lot*, and esp *scot-free* (cf. AS *scotfið*) ON *shot*, cogn with *shot* (q v) Some senses via synon OF *escot* (*écol*), from Teut, cf Ger *schoss*, "scot, cess, tribute" (Ludw), and *schossfrei*, scot-free, a compd found also in Du & Sw

Scot AS *Scottas* (pl), Irishmen, Late L *Scotti*, *Scoti* (c 400), of uncertain origin Irish Gaels settled in N W of Great Britain in 6 cent, whence later meaning *Scotch* is contr of *Scottish*, and *Scots* (*man*), as in *Scots Greys* (*Fusiliers*), of northern *Scottis*, cf Sc *Inghis*, English The Sc lang, called *Inghis* by Barbour, is a dial of north E strongly saturated with ON With *Scotch cousin*, distantly connected, cf F *oncle à la mode de Bretagne* With *Scotch collops* cf *Irish stew* *Scotched collops* is an etymologizing perversion (*NED*)

scotch To cut From c 1400, and therefore hardly for obs *scorch*, to slash, score (v i), which is recorded much later (16 cent) The latter word is supposed to be an extension of *score* due to *scratch* I suggest that *scotch* is AF **escoche*, from F *coche*, "a nock, notch, nick" (Cotg) This would also explain *scotch*, a support, check (see s-) To *scotch the snake* (*Macb* iii 2) is Theobald's emendation of *scorch*

Scotist Adherent of John Duns Scotus See *dunce*

scoto- From G *σκότος*, darkness

Scott, great ? Euph alteration of *Great God!*

scoundrel From 16 cent, orig in sense of mean fellow, very common in Cotg App from AF *escoundre* (Rymer's *Foedera*), OF *escondre*, common in sense of evasion, excuse, L *ex* and *condere*, to hide For formation cf *wastrel* But late appearance makes this origin dubious

scour To cleanse OF *escurer* (*écurer*), "to scowre, fey, rinse, cleanse" (Cotg),

from *ex* and OF *ciser* L *curare* to care for cf MedL *scurare* Du *schuren* Ger *schuern* (? from OF) Some regard the Teut forms as the original of synon ON *skora* AS *scorin* to reject With fig sense of *offscouring* (1 Cor iv 13) cf *scum*

Richard Gwyn esquier have not skoured his ditch
(*St Ives Papers* 1614)

scour¹ To move swiftly App combined from obs noun *scour* rush onset ON *skur* storm shower and ME *d scourer* discover (see quot s v *scout¹*) used in ME and in Shaks of reconnoitring (2 Hen IV iv 1) For form cf *curfew* and archaic *scomfit* for *discomfit* See also *scurry* Influenced by *scour¹* It may also be partly from OF *escorire* to run out the normal E form of which would have been *scur* Cf F *courir* to pay to scour the country

The d scourtours w tham c mande
(Barbo & Bruce)

Send tw skowrtours to wesey [examine] weyll th
pl yn (Blad Harry W lluc)

scourge AT *escorge* from OF *escorgie* (*dcourge*) from *ex* and OF *corgie* scourge VL **corialis* from *corium* hide cf Olt *scuriada* and F *excoriale* It is uncertain whether the hide was orn that of the implement (cf *conhide*) or of the sufferer **scouse** [naut] For earlier *lobscouse* (see *lob*) ? *Scouse* from *conscious* (q v)

scout¹ Watchman etc Orig act of spying reconnoitring OF *escoute* (*dcoute*) from *lcount* to listen VL *excultare* for *auscultare* For sense development cf *redette sentry recruit* etc Hist of E word ranges from *scout watch* (14 cent) sentinel to the boy *scouts* organized (1908) by Gen ral Baden Powell For former use at cricket see *Pitch-catch* ch vii ? Hence also the Oxf *scout* corresponding to the Camb *gyp*

scout a spi ve-drope pry g comp n on
also scout scot watch or se thell th is
co erer or fore ru r f n arm (Cotg)

scout² To reject with scorn (from c 1700) ? ident with *scout* to deride taunt (*Semp* m 2) NED den es from ON *skuta* taunt which considering the late appearance of the word is unlikely It *scoute* to shake L *excultare* satisfies both senses if we suppose that Shaks *scout* had the sense of F *berner* "to flout (Cotg) lit to toss in a blanket *berne* cloak (cf MedL

sagatio to toss in a blanket from *sa* un soldier's cloak) It *scoutere* is used in a nso of to disregard make light of (punishment)

stow Flot bottomed boat Du *schouw* earlier *schoude* cogn with LG *schalle* punt pole *Seachante* though used as naut form of *abus* is un connected it is of Austral origin var *skullbunker* and means loafer

scowl Of Scand origin cf synon Norw *skule* ult cogn with AS *sceolh* ON *skjal* r oblique used as in Ger *schel* *ansehen* to look askance scowl at See also *skulk*

scrabble Du *sch abbelen* frequent of *chral* ben to scrape scratch In sense associated with *scribble*

scrag Lean individual (whence *scr* _g) neck of mutton For earlier *crag* in both senses the lean person perh being likened to the neck of mutton See *craw* Cf to *scrag* throttle orig slang for to hang

scramble ? Altered by influence of *scabbie* in sense of *claw* from earlier *scamble* in same sense *Scamble* and *scamble* are used early (16 cent) both of clambering and of struggling for money

f e a l s g a p p a p to pl v t m use to shuffle or skamble to (Flor)

t c a m b l e ert tim r per (Litt) t mble ertatim rapere (b)

Th aged tran l l
With tho and se thes doth thir kin be-
scramble (Sylv H d r i)

scran [*sling*] Broken actuals grub ? cogn with *scrannel* Hence Anglo-Is *laif scran* to

scrannel Lean meagre (*Lycids* 124) In mod use only as echo of Mid on ? corner of the world of Norw *kan* I can shrilled ON *sk alna* to shril

scrap Fragment ON *skrap* leavings at table cogn with *scrape* Hence *scap* of paper used in J by Herr von Betlmann Hollweg (A 4 1914)

In world full f no iflering pr j d ve scrap
of pape n a y sta t the bonif
(Z ngwill Ch J en f Ghatt Bk II h ii 32)

We w re d terminated, at any r t th t this tr ty
sh uld of be ar p of paper
(D Lloyd George in H of C, J 1 3, 1910)

scrap² Fight orig nefarious scheme (cant) App from *scrape*

Th y a e in great f 4 R d L P 31 n should
bring them in: f scrape (NFD 167-2)

scrape AS *scrapian* or ON *skrapa*, cogn with Du *schrapen*, Ger *schöpfen*, earlier *schrepfen* (from LG), and ult with *sharp*. With to *scrape acquaintance*, "a low phrase" (Johns.), cf obs to *scratch acquaintance*. With *scrape* as accompaniment of bow cf synon Norw *skrabud*, lit *scrape out*. See also *scrap*¹.

scratch Combination of earlier *scrat* (still in dial) and *cratch*, cf Sw *krata*, Ger *kratzen*, Du *krassen* (earlier *kratsen*), all from a Teut root which appears in F *gratter*, to *scratch* (grate²). For *scrat* see s- and cf. *scrag*. Hence to *scratch* (erase) a name, *scratch*, line, as starting point in racing or between two pugilists. The latter was earlier used of the crease at cricket, and to *come up to the scratch* may belong to any of these forms of sport.

Scratch, Old The devil. Altered (cf *scratch*) from earlier *Scrat*, ON *skratte*, goblin, monster, used in ME in sense of hermaphrodite. Cf Ger dial. *schrat*, *schietel*, wood-spirit, satyr.

scrawl¹ To write badly. App a new sense given to ME *scrawl*, var of *crawl*, by association with *scribble*, *scrabble*, *scroll*. See *s-griffonner* to write fast, and ill, to scribble, to scrawl it (Cotg).

grouiller to move, stirre, scrawl (ib)

scrawl² [Lmc] Small crab (Tennyson, *Sailor Boy*). ? Cf OF *escrouelle*, "a little shrimp-resembling worme" (Cotg), which is prob cogn with *scrawl*¹ and ult with *crab*¹.

scream Imit, cf *screech*, *shriek*, and Sw *skrāna*, to scream.

scree [north dial] ON *skriða*, land-slip, cogn with AS *scrīðan*, to glide, Ger *schreiten*, to stride. Back-formation from pl *scree(th)s* in which consonant is lost as in *clo(th)s*.

screech Earlier *scritch*. Imit, cf *scream*, *shriek*, also ON *skrækja*. Shaks wrote *scritch-owl*.

screed Northern var of *shred*. Current sense springs from that of list on long strip. Perh partly due to obs *scree*, writing, list, Port *scritto*.

screen OF *escren* (*écran*), OHG *scerm* (*schirm*). Ong, in F & E, of a fire-screen, cf It *schermo*, "a fence, a defence, a warde, a shelter" (Flor), and see *skirmish*. For *screen*, sieve, cf double sense of ME *siddle*, sieve, curtain, the common idea being that of separation.

screever [slang] Pavement artist. From East End *screeve*, to write, ? It *scrivere*, L *scribere*. Cf *scriving-board* for plan of vessel (ship-building).

screw OF *escroue* (*écrou*, female screw, nut), cogn with Du. *schroef* (earlier *schrūce*), Ger. *schraube* (MHG *schrūbe*), all supposed by some authorities to come from L *scrofa*, sow, used fig of mech appliance. Cf Sp *puerca*, female screw, L *porca*, sow, and It. dial. derivatives of *scrofa* in same sense. See also *porcelain*, *scroll*. The naut *screw*, at first manual, is as old as 1788. To *put on the screw* is from torture (thumb-screws, etc.). To *screw up one's courage* is an echo of Shaks (v 1). Senses of inferior horse and salary are both 19 cent. slang of obscure origin (? for former cf *rip*²). *Screwed*, drunk, is perh a variation on "tight".

Screw your courage to the sticking place

(Macb 1.7)

scribble MedL *scribillare*, from L *scribere*, to write, cf OHG *scribilōn*, F *écrire*. Orig as stock formula in ending a letter.

Scrillyd in the moite hirste at my castel or manoir of Aveland, Jan 27, 1489, Your own trewe luffier and frende, John Duresme (Paston Let in 363)

scribe F, L *scriba*, from *scribere*, to write, ong to *scratch* (cf *write*). Earliest in Bibl use, Vulg *scriba* rendering G *γραμματεὺς*, Heb *sōphēr*, professional interpreter of law, from *sāphar*, to write.

serim Upholstery lining. Origin unknown. *scrimmage* Alteration of obs *scrimish*, for *skirmish* (q v), cf F *escrime*, fencing. Pegge (*Anecdotes*) gives *skrimidge* as a cockneyism for *skirmish*. In football sense earlier *scrummage* (Tom Brown), whence *scrum*.

scrimp As adj from c 1700. Cf Dan Sw. *skrumpen*, shrivelled, Ger *schrumpfen*, to shrivel (MHG *schrumpfen*), ult cogn with AS *scrimman*, to be paralysed, shrink.

scrimshaw Naut slang (19 cent) for small objects, ornaments, etc., made by sailors in their leisure. Also *scrimshander*. Cf mil slang *scrimshanker*, shirker, of later appearance. Origin unknown.

It was the army that gave us "strafe" and "blighty" and "napoo" and "wind-up" and "skrimshanker" (*Sat Rev* Aug 11, 1917)

scrip¹ [archaic] Wallet. OF *escrepe*, ON *skreppa* (see *scarf*¹). In ME usu coupled with *burdon* (pilgrim's staff) after OF *escrepe et bordon*. Immediate source of E

word is MedL *scriptum* *sacculus in quo quae ad victum necessaria erant recondant peregrini* (Duc)

scrip² Paper securities A Change Alley phrase for the last loan or subscription (Grose) Short for *subscription* (*receipt*) cf *tee* for *detective flu* for *influenza*

script Restored in MF from earlier (13 cent) *scrie* OF *escri* (*écri*) L *scriptum* from *scribere* to write So also OF *escript* learned spelling of *escri* Cf *scriptorium* MedL for writing room of monastery etc also used of the work room of the great Oxford Dictionary

scripture L *scriptura* writing (v s) First in Bibl sense but also used by Chaucer of writing in gen

scribe See *scrivener*

scrivello [H Afr] Elephant's tusk under o lb Port *escrivelelo* ? var of *escriva* tetho pin peg

scrivener Lengthened from obs *scriein* OF *escriuain* (*écrivain*) Late L *scribannus* scribe For leg sense cf Sc use of *writer* **scrofula** From Late L pl *scrofulae* (whence AS *crofel*) dim of *scroft* sow supposed to be subject to the disease

scroll Farlier (13 cent) *scrowle* lengthened from obs *scrow* list etc OF *escroua* (*éroue* prison remster) from L *scrobris* tren h also female pudendum ? whence sense of parchment made from uterine membrane (cf *matriculale*) Iorn 1 due to analogy with *roule* roll and thus has also affected sense e.g. *scroll of a violin*

And hence a ysshed aw e a scroll wh hitt is rolled t gedd r [I s u u l i b e r l o v o l t] (Tru Rn vi 4)

scrooge See *scrooge*

scroop To creak grate Imit after *crape* **scrotum** [anat] L ? ident with *scortum* hide skin

scrouge **scrounge** **scrooge** To push jostle Early r *scru* e (*spens*) perh suggested by *scru* and *squeeze* Pegge (*Needles*) gives it as a cockneyism for *crowd* (f Mrs Camps *scroff*) In mod ml sln to a quire unlawfully

The phrase term wa ha its psychol gic also gin in th rmy h bit of wro e s (Horn 6 s Jan. 9)

scrub Noun Var of *shrub* Orig dwarf tree whence fig sense of undersized person (16 cent) Collect sense is Austral

scrub² Verb Obs Du *chrubben* Orig a naut word borrowed in 16 cent but also

found (once) in ME with var *shrub* in sense of carrying a horse Analogy of *brush broom* suggests ult connection with *scut*¹

scruff Altered from early r *cuff* *scuff* cogn with ON *skjuf* Goth *skuff* hair Ger *schopf* *Nodde* (in quot below) was earlier used in sense of nape

e e b m s h o p f f t t k hold of n e b his nodde (L d)

scrumpage See *srimma*

scrump Something shrilled cf *sculp*

scrumpious Orig US fastidious ripping ? Id nt with dial *scrip* *scrip* is stingy (see *scrip*) with sense development something like that of *nice* ? Current sense influenced by *umptious*

scrunch Intens of *crunch* See *s*

scruple L *crupulus* *ripulus* (dim of *scrupus* sharp stone) small weight orig pebble a little harpe stone falling some time into a mans shoos (O p) cf *calculi* stone caral etc S n e of compunction F *scrupule* 1 from fig sense of cause of uneasiness (Cic) Both groups of meanings are in all the Rom langs and in Ger

A scule, that u e h th tw t half scrupiles (Wye E 13)

Th h t n t t to th to scrupl thest (I t m scrupul m J l b t sam 31)

scrutiny OF *scrutire* Late L *scruire* from *scrutare* to examine 1 sely Cf OHG *scruton* to examine and L *scruta* rubbish perh ogn with *krut*

scud First as verb chiefly naut but rig (16 cent) of the running of a hare This fact and existence of synonym dial *scut* to scuttle point to connection with *scut* (q v) for which the *Prompt Paro* gives the meaning hare

Was d as a Marche b re b rs h k sc t (Sk lton)

scudo It coin lit shield L *scutula* cf OI *escu* (*écu*) crown piece

scuffle Cf Sw *skuffa* to push and E dial *scuff* to brush against drag the feet cogn with *sko* e Cf *huffe*

scull Oar From 14 cent Connection with obs *scul* bowl OF *scule* (v s) has been suggested but the connection is not obvious unless the blades of sculls were formerly much hollower than now

scullery OF *sculere* from *scule* bowl d b L *scuellus* dim of *scula* bowl with *scutrum* shield Earlier (14 cent) also *sula* 1

scullion Not orig connected with *scullery*, but app a composite from F *souillon*, *scullion*, orig dish-clout, "swab," from *souiller*, to soil² (q v), and OF *escouvillon* (*écouvillon*), oven-brush, mop, etc., dim from L *scopa*, broom Cf obs *malkin*, *maukin*, kitchen-maid, mop, orig dim of *Mary*, also Du *schotje*, varlet, ident with *servilion*

sculp To carve L *sculpere* A 16 cent. word now regarded as jocular back-formation from *sculpture*

sculpin Small spiny fish Corrupt. of Sp *escorpinus*, L *scorpuena*, cogn with *scorpion*

sculpture L *sculptura*, from *sculpere*, *sculpt-*, to carve, cogn with *scalpere*, to cut Used by Evelyn for engraving.

scum Orig foam, froth OF LG origin, cf Du *schuim*, Ger *schaum* (OHG *scūm*), as in *meerschau*, also, from Teut, OF. *escume* (*écume*), which may be one source of E, It *schuma*, Sp *escuma* Cf *skim*

scumble [paint] To soften effect by a film of more opaque colour From *scum*

scuncheon [arch] Also *scunch*, *squinch*. OF. *escoussor* (*écousson*), "a scunche, the backe part of the jaumbe of a window" (Cotg), from *com*, corner, wedge For formation cf *écusson*, *escutcheon*

scupper¹ [naut] First in *scupper-nail* (*skopor nayli*, 1485), also *scupper-leather*, both compds occurring repeatedly in *Nav Accts* 1485-97 Connection with *scoup* (q v) seems likely Or it may be an altered use of OF *escubier* (*écubier*), hawse-hole

scupper² [mil slang] To surprise and massacre First recorded in connection with the Suakin expd (1885) Also *cooper* Origin unknown

scurf Late AS *scurf*, altered under Scand influence from *secof*, *scruf*, cf Sw *skorv*, Dan *skurv*, cogn. with Du *schuift*, Ger *schorff*, and ult with *scarf-skun*

scurilous From archaic *scuril-e*, archaic F *scurrile*, L *scurrilis*, from *scurra*, buffoon

scurry Back-formation from *hurry-skurry*, redupl on *hurry* (q v) Cf *harum-scarum* Perh partly suggested by *scum*²

scurvy First as adj From *scurf* For fig senses cf *shabby*, lit scabby As name of disease (see *scorbutic*) it varies in 16 cent with *scorbute*, *scubby*, *scorby*, etc., regarded by sailors as a "scurvy" disease *Scurvy-grass*, supposed remedy for the disease, was earlier *scruby-grass*

scut Tail of hare, deer, etc App from ME

scut, short, short garment, hare (*Prompt Parv.*), ? ult cogn with *short* and *skirt*

scutage [hist]. Tax on knights' fees MedL. *scutagium*, from *scutum*, shield

scutch To beat (flax, etc.) OF **escoucher*, whence *escouche* (*écoucher*), scutching instrument, VL. **excucicare*, from *cutis*, skin

scutcheon Aphet. for *escutcheon* (q v)

scutella, **scutellate**, **scutellum** [bot]. L. *scutella*, little dish, dim of *scutra*, but used in scient lang as though from *scutum*, shield

scutter Mod alteration of *scuttle*³

scuttle¹ Receptacle, now usu for coal AS *scutel*, L *scutella*, dish (see *scullery*), whence also Du *schotel*, Ger *schussel*, dish

scuttle² [naut] OF *escoutille* (*écoutille*), hatchway, "cover or lid of a hatchway, sometimes taken for the hatchway itself" (Lesc), Sp *escotilla*; orig the lid of the hatchway, which appears to be also its first sense in E. (v.i.), cf F. *panneau*, hatchway, lit panel ? From Du *schutten*, to shut (cf dial *shuttle*, part of flood-gate) Later sense is square hole, in hatchway or elsewhere, whence to *scuttle* (a ship)

A chayne of yron for the skottells of the haches
(*Nav Accts* 1495-97).

The mildest-manner'd man
That ever scuttled ship or cut a throat
(*Don Juan*, iii 11)

scuttle³. To make off, etc Also (17 cent) *scuddle*, frequent of *scud* (q v)

seye [tailoring] Armhole Sc & Ulster dual word, of unknown origin

Scylla Rock on It side of Straits of Messina, opposite whirlpool of Charybdis

Incidis in Scyllam cupiens vitare Charybdim
(*Quintus de Crastillon*, 13 cent)

scyphi-, **scypho-** From L *scyphus*, G *σκύφος*, cup

scythe Altered, on L *scindere*, to cut (cf *scissors*), from *sithe* (Johns.), AS *sithe*, for **sighth*, cogn with ON *sightr*, and ult with Du *zeis*, Ger *sense*, and L *secare*, to cut As attribute of Death it is borrowed from the Time of the ancients

Scythian From L, G *Σκυθία*, part of Russia orig inhabited by nomad race Sometimes used for the Ural-Altaic group of langs

se- OL *se*, *sed*, without, apart, prob cogn with *se*, self, thus *seditio* = going for oneself, on one's own

sea AS *sæ* Com Teut, cf Du Ger *see*, lake, sea, ON *sær*, Goth *sairus*, sea, marsh The last is perh the orig Teut sense The compd *high sea* (cf F *haute mer*, L *altum*

F *siège*, L *sedes*, as in *sedes belli*, seat of war

sebaceous [biol] From L *sebaceus*, from *sebum*, tallow

sebesten Frunt Arab *sabastān*, Pers *sapistān*, ? for *seg-pistān*, dog's teats

secant [math] From pres part of L *secare*, to cut

secotine Coined (1894) by inventor from It *secco*, dry, L *siccus*

secede L *secedere*, to go apart Hence *secession*, esp in ref to US hist (1861-65), whence colloq US *secesh-er*

secern L *seccernere*, to separate away

seclude L *secludere*, from *claudere*, to shut

second F, L *secundus*, from *sequi*, *secu-*, to follow As noun for MedL *secunda minuta*, lit second minute, i.e. further subdivision In gen sense AS had *ðither*, other (cf OF *autie*, second, Ger *anderthalb*, one and a half, also *second self* for L *alter ego*, G *ἄλλος αὐτός, ἕτερος αὐτός*) The *second* in a duel orig fought Here, and in verb to *second* (one's efforts), we have some influence of the subsidiary sense of L *secundus*, favourable, orig following With *secondary education* (c 1860) cf *primary* *Second sight* is translated from Gaelic Verb to *secónd* (mil), detail for extra-regimental duty, is from F *second* in phrase *en second* (v1) With *seconde* (fenc) cf *tierce, quart*

I have layd doune a resolucon to purchase them [viz books] at the second hand, out of libraries that are to be sold (Josselin's *Diary*, 1645)

second captain, or *lieutenant en second* one whose company has been broke, and he is joy'n'd to another, to act and serve under the captain or lieutenant of it (*Mil Dict* 1708)

secret F, L *secretus*, p.p. of *seccernere*, to separate Hence *secretary*, F *secrétaire*, MedL *secretarius*, confidential agent, also used in F & E of a private desk Offic title of cabinet minister has developed from that of private secretary to the crown (temp Eliz) The *secretary-bird* is so named from head-feathers suggesting a quill behind a writer's ear Etym sense appears in med *secrecion*, separation

sect F *secte*, L *secta*, from *sequi*, to follow (cf *Shiah*), with sense influenced by a supposed connection with *secare*, to cut (cf *schism*) So also *sectator* from frequent *sectari*, to follow Vulgar use for *sev* has the authority of Chauc (E 1171) *Secretary*, used of schismatics from 16 cent, is now

usu replaced by *sectarian*, orig. applied (temp Commonwealth) by Presbyterians to Independents See also *set*, *suit-e*.

section F, L *sectio-n-*, from *secare*, *sect-*, to cut

sector L, cutter (v.s.), used in Late L to render G *τομή*, cutter, employed by Archimedes in current sense Spec. mil sense, now so familiar (not in *NED*), is after F *secteur*

secular OF *seculer* (*seculier*), L *sacculus*, from *sacculum*, century, used in Church L for this world as contrasted with eternity Cf *temporal* There is an increasing tendency to give to the word the sense of venerable, of long standing, after F *séculaire*, learned form of *seculier* *Secularism*, as a "religion," was propounded (c 1850) by G J Holyoake

secure L *securus*, remote from care, *cura* Traces of etym sense survive in to *dwell secure* (*Judges*, xviii 7) Cf *sure* AS had *sicoi*, from L, surviving in dial (*Sc sicker*)

They were secure where they ought to have been wary, timorous where they might well have been secure (Macaulay)

securiform [bot] From L *securis*, axe, from *secare*, to cut

sedan First, "covered chairs called 'sedans,'" in 1634 Peter Mundy (1637) speaks of "sidans att London" Later (18 cent) called *sedan-chair* App introduced from Spain by Prince Charles and Buckingham (1623), but popularized by Sir Sanders Duncombe, who secured a monopoly for them (1634) He may have coined the word from It *sedere*, to sit Johnson's derivation from *Sedan* (France), often repeated, is a mere guess Quot 1 shows it as a new word, quot 2 its use as a kind of hearse

Then the Dutch younker tooke her up into a (what doe you call it?) a sedan, and away they went (Glaphorne, *Hollander*, v. 1, 1640)

June 21 Payd for the whole chardges of my Lord George's corps bringinge downe to Belvoyre, cxxvijli xvijs ijd June 23. Payd the men that carried my Lord George in the sedan, jli xvjs (*Rutland MSS* 1641)

sedate L *sedatus*, p.p. of *sedare*, to settle, set, allay, causal of *sedere*, to sit, cf synon. Ger. *gesetzt*, lit set, F. *assis* *Sedative* is much older

sedentary F *sedentaire*, L *sedentarius*, from pres part of L *sedere*, to sit

sederunt. Sitting, meeting L, sat (v.s.),

preceding in minute-book names of those present

sedge AS *secg* ident with rare *secg* sword com'n with *sax*¹ and I *secare* to cut Cf L *gladiolus* which it renders in early glosses

sedile [arch] L from *sedere* to sit Usu in pl *sedilia*

sediment F *sédiment* L *sedimentum* from *sedere* to sit settle

sedition F *sédition* L *seditionem* from *sedere* (q v) and *ire* to go

seduce L *seducere* to lead away Gen sense appears in *seductive* chief current sense in *seduction*

sedulous From L *sedulus* from adv *sedulo* honestly OI *se dolo* without guile

See encon i one of h es as t l u how h pl yed the sed l us ap to Hiazit Sc Thoma B w e Montaign and oth r writers of the p L A d the composers f all o r high toned n w papers keep th f r go g sent n set p in type al ys so con ta ly doe t com trippi g off the p f all h gher ton f r vi wers
(Ma Boerh him Christmas Ca i d)

sedum L house-leek with var *sadium* Prob not a L word

see¹ V rb AS *sēon* Com Teut cf Du *zien* Ger *sehen* ON *sja* Goth *saihan* In sense of to escort (*see out* home etc) first in Shaks Sense of to experience now chiefly with *letter days service* is in AS *Let me see* is 16 cent *Seer* orig rendered L *titulus* (Iul) G *βλέτω* (LXX)

Cometh a iguowet th see
(Wyc t k g ix 9)

see² Noun OF *sie* VL *sedes* (for *sēles*) from *sedere* to sit Replacd in F by *siège* VI *sedicium* as in *le saint siège*

F th fyrst g tun f Phara th t sat n h l e unto th fyrst got of the caiff woman th t was in prison (Wyc E xi 20)

seed AS *sēd* Com Teut cf Du *zad* Ger *saat* ON *sith* Goth *siths* (in *manasiths* mankind) cogn with *sow*² Bibl sense of offspring is also AS *Seednā* was perh orig emblematical of sowing (v 1) the conclusion of which was celebrated by a fast With colloq *seedy* cf *run to seed*

W le some time thl w k lth weath hold the t Au d of wh t-sow gw make f r thl yea Re mber yo therel lld t n t
The seed cake a d p ties and f time ty pot
(T sser)

seedy boy *sidi boy* [Anglo Ind] Negro Ironic use of *sidi* Urdu *sidi* Arab *sayid* my lord (see *Cid*)

seek AS *sēcan* past *sōhte* Com Teut cf Du *ehen* Ger *suchen* ON *sēhja* Goth *sōhjan* cogn with L *sagere* to scent out G *sy ntha* to lead Mod form f *seek* (still in dial) as in *beseech* is due to Norse influence Almost replacd colloq by *to look for* and *ea ch* but cf *hit a d seek* Archaic gerundial *to eek* (Chauc) hard to find sur vives as an echo of Porus's epigram—The Germans in Creck are sadly to se k

seel [ale] See *seal*

seem ON *sēma* from so i fitim seemly cogn with AS *sēman* to reconcile and with *san* Orig sense survives in *seem* *seemly* With archaic *seemeth* h i good me *seem* with dat pronoun cf *me thinks* Later senses may have been influenced by obs *semble* F *sentir* I *simulare* from *simul* together

seep [dial & US] To ooze Cogn ith *sp* E peri cel Am an goolg ts con in ed him th t se p ges of oil co t d in F gl d ma from t oil-sa d (D dy Ch M y 30, 19 0)

seer¹ From see¹ Cf *sight eer*

seer² [is to Ind] Weight offic a kilogram Hind *ser*

seersucker Fabric Corrupt of Iers *shir* u *shakhar* milk and sugar striped garment Cf *pepper and salt*

see saw Pedul on *saw*¹ Jingle sung by children imitating sawyers at work Cf synon Du *zieger gen*

W th see saw k down, like a sawyer
(F D 61)

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Taking your grafted trees out of the seminary you shall transplant them into this nursery (F. elyn)

semiology See *semelology*

Semitic [i. n.] From Late L *Sem* G. Heb. *Shem* eldest son of Noah First used in Ger *semitisch* for group of langs. including Hebrew Aramaic Arabic Ethiopic ancient Assyrian Cf *Hamitic Japhetic*

semolina Altered from It *semolino* from *semola* bran, L *simila* wheatmeal Cf *simnel*

sempiternal F *sempiternal* MedL. *sempiternalis* from L *sempiternus* from *semper* always with ending as in *aeternus*

sempstress See *seam*

sen Copper coin Jap

senary L *senarius* from *seni* distrib. of *sex* six

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send AS *sendan* Com. Teut. cf Du *aenden* Ger *senden* ON *senda* Goth *san?* an all causals of a lost Teut. verb meaning to go cf AS *sith* Goth *sinth* journey Ger *gesinde* retinue orig. leader's train of warriors Used already in AS of Divine ordinance whence *God send* *send him victorious* etc To *send mad* (to sleep into fits) is 19 cent

sendal [hi t] Fabric OF *ceudal* cf It *sendale* Sp *ceudal* also Ger *zindel* ult. from G or *δω* fine linen lit. stuff of India (q.v.) Cf *Scinde* Obs. from 16 cent. but revived by mod. poets

And th. body taken Joseph Whipple in a class *sendal* (Wyo. *Mail* xx ii 30)

senescent From pres. part of I *senescere* from *senex* old

seneschal OF *seneschal* (*senchal*) of Teut. origin with second element as in *marshal*

(q.v.) and first cogn. with L *senex* old Cf Goth *sinista* eldest Found in Frank. L. as *seniscalcus* and adopted by all Rom. langs. Ger *seneschall* like *marschall* is borrowed back from F

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senna Arab. *sana* ME. had also *send* *senny* via F *send*

senachue [S] Gaelic teller of tradition Gael. *seanachaidh* from *sean* old (cf *senior*) Cf Gaul. name *Seneca*

senright [archaic] For *seven* in lit. a compt. already existing in AS Cf *fyrtight*

senrit sinnet cinet [naut.] Flaut of rope grass etc Explained since Falk. as *seven* *knit* but Capt. John Smith defines it as of two four six eight or nine strings and Cotg. as of three If var. *sidnet* (v. 1) is genuine above etym. is impossible

Indel or net is a line or string in d. t. open y. r. of tw. or pl. tied one over another (See Dict. 108)

senior Sp. see *en o*

Senoussi See *Senussi*

sense F *sens* L *sensus* from *sentire* to feel ult. cogn. with *send* and with Ger *sinn* sense. Lit. pt. use for good sense is first in Shaks. In 16 cent. also as verb but now only as Americanism *Sens* *lie* still preserves its three orig. meanings of perceptible to the senses capable of feeling (*sensitive*) a faculty perceiving, from the last of which is evolved current use for intelligent discreet only in low conversation (Johns.) From Late L *sensatus* gifted with sense comes *senatus* *onomatopoeia* of which latest sense belongs to second half of 19 cent. *Sensuality* is from Late L *sensualis* *Sensual* was created by Milton to avoid the associations of *sensual* and revived by Coleridge

sensitive plant From 17 cent. also *sensibler* (v. s.) orig. as rendering *mirabilia*

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(Raleigh's *Ghana*, 1596)

casino sentinelle, ou maisonnette de sentinelle sur la courtine, ou sur les rempars et bastions (Duez)

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watchman, cf F *guérite*, sentry-box, OF *sanctuary*, refuge (from *guern*, save), which would now also prob mean sentry if *sentinelle* had not been introduced from It Cf archaic F *prendre la gué* to take sanctuary, make off Cf also *custodia*, keeping, watch and ward, watchtower, the watch, watchman *Sentry go v* orig imper, as order to soldier to retire previous sentry

He hath no way now to slyppe out of my har but to take sentrie in the Hospital of Warwick

(Nashe, 1591)

garite (*guérite*) a place of refuge, and of s retrayl in a rowt, disaster, or danger, also sentrie, or litle lodge for a sentinell, built on hill (Cot)

Through the thick senteries and stations thick Of angels watching round (Par L 11 412)

Senussi, Senoussi Mohammedan sect a league (NAfr), named from founder, born in Algeria (c 1800)

sepal [bot] F *sépale*, ModL *sepalum*, com (1790) by Necker, after *petalum*, from σκῆπη, covering See NED. viii 2 addend

separate From L *separare*, from *se-* (q) and *parare*, to make ready Cf *sever*.

sepia L, G σηπία, cuttle-fish

sepoy Port *sipae*, Urdu, Pers *sipāhi*, hor man, soldier, from *sipāh*, army Cf *spa*.

Sadhu Sing had been a sipahee, or soldier (Surgeon's Daughter, ch xli)

sept [antiq] Division of Ir clan Artific spelling of *sect* So also OF *sette*, sect, sect and It *setta*, are sometimes latinized *sept* in medieval documents Cf AF *quiple* f *quittle*

There are another sect of the Borkes, and div of the Irishery, towards Sligo (NED 1536)

September L, from *septem*, seven Replace AS *hærfestmōnath*, *hālgmōnath* Hen *septembrist*, Port revolutionary (1830)

September massacrer (Paris, 1792)

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septennial From L *septennium*, space seven years

septentrional L *septentrionalis*, from *septentriones*, orig *septem triones*, seven plough oxen, the Great Bear *Trio* is derived from Roman writers from *tereie*, *tri-*, to pulverize etc, a *terenda terra*.

septic G σηπτικός, from σήπειν, to putrefy **septillion** F, from *sept*, seven, after *million* etc

septuagenarian From L. *septuaginta* is from *septua* *eni* distrib of *septua* into seventy

Septuagesima L. (*sc dies*) It is uncertain whether this and *Sextagesima* were merely suggested by *Quadragesima* *Quinquagesima* or whether as (about) seventieth and *sexagesima* before octave of Easter Both conjectures are in Alcuin (8 cent)

Septuagint L. *septuaginta* *se* *enti* from the (untrue) tradition that the C version of the OT was the work of 72 Jews of Palestine who completed the task in 70 days Abbrev LXX

Th v were three stor and t n that tord Holy Writ out of Ebrew in to Grece (Fr 1 243)

septum [*ci nt*] Partition L. from *sa* *pire* to enclose from *s* *epes* hedge

sepulchre F *sepulchre* L. *sepulcrum* from *sepelire* *s* *pull* to bury Orig only of Holy Sepulchre Cf *sepulture* OF L. *sepultra*

sequacious From L. *s* *quax* *sequa* from *sequi* to follow

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sequester Late L. *sequestare* to separate put in safe keeping from *sej* *stor* at torney mediator third person called in as umpire from *sequi* to follow *Sequester* is of later formation

sequim [*hi t*] F It *sechino* from *s* *ca* mint Arab *sikhah* coming die Cf *et chen* *hs ard*

sequoia Tree wellingtonia. Named (1847) by Endlicher after *Sequoia* a Cherokee Indian Cf *quassia*

serac [*alp*] Ice tower on glacier Swiss F *serac* kind of cheese From shape.

seraglio It. *serra* *lio* an inclosure a close, a plocke a parke a clouster or secluse (Flor) from L. *serra* lock error used owing to superficial resemblance of form and sense to render *seras* (*q v*)

serai Turk *s* *rai* orig Pers lodng. residence palace F p of Sultan's palace at Constantinople wrongly called *seraglio* (*q v*) Cf *carata* *seras*

serang [*4* *lo* *Ind*] Lascar boatswain Per *sarhang* commander

serape Shawl Mex Sp

seraph First used by Milton as sing of older *seraphim* (pl) found in AS Late 1 (*fer*) (*seraphim* (LXX) Heb *seraphim* (only in Is 2) pl of *seraph* regarded by some as identical with *seraph* serpent used in apposition with *nahash* serpent (Numb xxi *De* *v*) For earlier use as sing cf *seraphim* also F *seraphim* It. *serafino* Sp *serafin* all sing *seraskier* Turk pronunc of pers *seraske* from *sar* head *a* *har* army Cf *lar* *ask* *tri*

Serbian This now replaced earlier *Seroin* an incorr form perh due to some vague association between *Ser* and *serfs* From native *Srb* *S* *b* The Lang 1 Slav

Serbian bog Milton's name (Fa L u 392) for Lake *Senna* (Egypt) G *Sepphor* (*h* *py*)

Whate'er we do we must get out of the Serboian bog (Qb Nov 16 319)

serel Adj AS *sear* dry withered cogn with Du *zoor* whence F *s* *u* in *harrer* *sau* red herring Cf *s* *u* now only post esp in the *serel* the yellow leaf (Macb 1 3)

seré See *sera*

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serene L. *serenus* cf F *sereni* It Sp *sereno* Hence *all serene* a street phrase of very modern adoption the bird r of a song (Hotten 1859) With *seren* in a title F *serénité* L. *serenitas* of P'mar Emperor Pope etc cf *serenitas* and its Ger rendering *dur* *ha* *c* *t*

sett F L *servus* slave orig (cattle) keeper from *serare* to preserve Described by Todd as obs but retained by hist writers and in ref to R *sa*

serge F L *serica* (*sc lana*) from the *Seres* (*2* *ps* *pr* *b* the Chinese (see *silk*) cf I *um* *sd* *ca* In most Europ langs from F In Chauc (*A* 7308)

sergeant *sergent* F *sergent* L. *serren* *erie* *t* pres part of *serare* to serve Earlier spelling usu *ser* *ent* as *ser* *ent* name (cf *cl* *h* *Dirbe* etc) In curr at use *ser* *ant* is limited to less applications The earlier senses in F & E are servant soldier officer As rail word it has been borrowed from F by most Europ langs The *la v* sense E from 13 cent is after

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centinel *sentinelle*, en patrouille de centinelle sur la muraille pour empêcher l'ennemi d'entrer (Du-Roi)

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watchman; cf F *guérte*, sentry-box, in OF sanctuary, refuge (from *guérir*, to save), which would now also prob. mean sentry if *sentinelle* had not been introduced from It Cf archaic F *prendre la guérte*, to take sanctuary, make off. Cf also L *custodia*, keeping, watch and ward, watchtower, the watch, watchman *Sentrygo* was orig imper, as order to soldier to relieve previous sentry

He hath no way now to slyppe out of my hand, but to take sentrie in the Hospital of Warwick (Nashe, 1592)

garde (*guérte*) a place of refuge, and of safe retyrall in a rowt, disaster, or danger, also a sentrie, or little lodge for a sentinell, built on high (Cotg)

Through the thick sentries and stations thick
Of angels watching round (Par. I. ii 412)

Senussi, Senoussi Mohammedan sect and league (NAfr), named from founder, born in Algeria (c 1800).

sepal [bot] F *sépale*, ModL *sepalum*, coined (1790) by Necker, after *petalum*, from G *σάλη*, covering. See NED viii 2 addenda separate. From L *separare*, from *se-* (q v) and *parare*, to make ready. Cf *sever*.

sepia L, G *σηπία*, cuttle-fish.

sepoy Port *sipac*, Urdu, Pers *sipāhi*, horseman, soldier, from *sipāh*, army. Cf *spah*.

Sadhu Sing had been a sipahce, or soldier (Surgeon's Daughter, ch. xii)

sept [antig.] Division of Ir clan Artificial spelling of *sect* So also OF *sette*, sect, set, and It *setta*, are sometimes latinized *setta* in medieval documents Cf AF *quinte* for *quinte*

There are another sect of the Berke, and divers of the Inschery, to wards Sligoo (NED 1536)

September L, from *septem*, seven Replaced AS *hærfestmōnath*, *lǣghmōnath* Their *septembris*, Port. revolutionary (1831), September massacre (Paris, 1793).

septenary. L *septenarius*, from *septem* distrib of *septem*, seven (q v).

septennial. From L *septennarius*, space of seven years

septentrional L *septentrionalis*, from *septem*, seven, *trion*, *trion*, *trion*, seven pl *septem*, even, the Gr at Par. Triad derived from *heptemeter* from *hepta*, to *paludis*, etc., a ten *paludis*

septic G *σπυρμα*, from *σπυρμα*, to putrefy, septillion F, from *sept*, seven, after *septem*, etc.

sesterce [hist] L *sesterci* s (*nominus*)
for *semita* *le* *lus* (see *aesq*) i.e. two and
a half (*asses*) S *estrium* thousand ses-
terces is genitive pl (in *mille sestertium*)
taken as neut sing

sestet It *sestetto* from *s*, to sixth I
sextus

sestina [m r] It poem of six lined stanzas
from *sesta* (v s)

set Verb AS *settan* causal of it Com
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thus ult with *set* Cf Mdl *set*
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holder would say *s set* But there h
been much confusion between the tw
words and derivatives of the verbs cogn
with *set* occur in this sense in other Teut
langs So also with *st* an archaic form
surviving in various techni senses e.g. the
paving *set* is prob from *set* but the
tennis *set* (16 cent) from OE *sete* *se*
quence

setaceous [biol] From L *se* *saeta* bristle
hair

seton [surg] Thread run through skin to
keep wound open F *set* n It *sete*
MedL *seto* n from *se* *saeta* (v s)

settee [naut] It *settia* a very speed e
pinnacle bark *foyst* *frigate* or barge
(Flr) L *sagitta* arrow

settee Couch From early 18 cent > altered
from *settle* by anal y with obs *set* *et* part
of head dress (v s) The essential feature
of the *set* e appears to have been the divi-
sion in the middl (see Cowper's *Task*
1 75) so there may be some vague associa-
ti n with *section* cf analogous uses of F
coupé The two words occur together in

quot below though in a totally different
sense

Th *settee* *coupé* pla aught
(M d m l ob s to re)

setter Dog From *set* Earlier a kind of
spaniel

Wh he pproch th r t th pla owl the
bride h lives but d and w th a moucke f
his p wees but as th th pl of th ly des la s
alode wher by it l supposed that th k de of
dogg is alled I d setter (AED 30)

setterwort Cf *ette glass* MF *s* *th* with
cogn LC & MHG *f r m* Origin un-
known ? From *satyr*

settle Noun AS *sell* cf Ger *sessel* Goth
is cogn with *it* *saille* and with L
sellere to sit

settle Verb AS *etia* from abo affected
income en e by M *at* *file* to reconcile
frequent *is* *gait* of Scand on in and
ult cogn with L *as* *ie* Cf Ger *sedeln*
to settle (in country)

setwall Plant (red valerian) on drug
AF *seduwall* Ol *etioal* *citunar* Arab
sedzaur whence MedL *edonrium* *edonary*

seven AS *seofon* Arvan cf Du *seven* Ger
selen ON *sapt* Goth *s* *bin* L *septem*
C *ar* Sanskrit *apta* Ga *seicht* Wei h
saita etc Regarded ? owing to story of
Creation as perfect or sacred number and
hence used of a great many perfect sets
(*champions* *ies* *virtues* *wonders* of the
world etc) Cf similes of *n ie* The
story of the *Seven Sleepers* Christian of
Epheesus who took refuge lura the
Dcian persecution in a cave here they
slept for some centuries is in *Ilinc* (10
cent) The Mohammedan *seventh* *heaven*
is borro ed from Judaism *Seventy four*
igen ship standard line of battle ship
c 1800 is n Hickey's *Me* *ir* (1 263)

A power on *arh* l tho ght *id* *ba* e p
ented those two from going int action. Seventy
f (rs t) t-l t) (l l gh If re
(i g as h)

sever F *severer* in M IF only to wean VL
seferre for *separa* e to separate (v)

several OE Lat L *separat* s from *s* *par*
separate from *se* (q v) and *par* equal
For orig sense as in *conjunctly and*
severally cf *di* *ers*

Capl *is* Monson went forth se r lly to seek his
ow efort I th Al ed (Purch 23)

severe F *severe* L *severu* strict et from
se with ut and an obscure second ele-
ment perh cogn with ON *sever* tranquil

Law L *serviens ad legem* For wide range of meanings of the title of those of *marshal*, *constable* The *sergeant-major* was orig a commissioned officer (see *general*)

sergent a sergeant, officer, catchpole, purveyor, apparitor, also (in Old French) a footman, or soldier that serves on foot (Cotg)

sericulture Production of raw silk Altered from F *sériciculture* (see *serge*, *silk*)

series L, from *serere*, to join, connect, cogn with G *σέρειν*, to bind, Lithuanian *serif*, thread *Serialium* is MedL, after *gradatim*, etc *Serial* is 19 cent and, in chief current sense, was perh. first used of Dickens' novels

serif See *ceriph*

serin. Bird of canary tribe F, ? VL **citrinus*, lemon-coloured

siringa Shrub F, Port, L *syringa* (q v)

serio- Earliest in *serio-comic* (18 cent)

serious F *sérieux*, MedL *seriosus*, from L *serius*, orig heavy, cogn with Ger *schwer* (cf sense-development of *grave*)

serjeant See *sergeant*

sermon F, L *sermo-n-*, discourse, ? cogn with *swear* First in E (12 cent) in Church sense

sero- From *serum* (q v)

serotinous [bot] Late-flowering From L *serotinus*, from *sero*, adv of *serius*, late

serous See *serum*

serow Asiatic antelope Native name (N.W. Himalayas)

serpent F L *serpens*, *serpent-*, pres part of *serpere*, to creep, cogn with G *σέρπειν*, Sanskrit *śṛp*, ? and with *reptile*. With *serpentine* (rock) cf *ophite*

serpiginous [med] Of ringworm, MedL *serpigo*, from *serpere*, to creep (v s)

serpula Marine annelid Mod use of L *serpula*, small serpent

serra Port for *siera* (q v)

serrated From L *serratus*, from *serra*, saw, ? imit of rasping sound (Isidore)

serrefile [mil] F, rear soldier of file, lit lock file; cf Port *serrafila*

serried From obs *serry*, F *serrer*, to lock, from L *serra*, bolt, bar First in Milt, but ME. had *saray*, and *serr* was in use in 16-17 cents Mod currency is due to Scott

serum [med] L, whey, watery fluid, cogn with synon G *δρός*

serval Afr bush-cat F, used by Buffon of Asiatic lynx, Port (*lobo*) *cerval*, lit wolf hunting deer, cf F *loup-cervier*, L *lupus cervarius*, from *cervus*, deer

servant F, pres part of *servir*, to serve ModF uses in domestic sense only later fem *servante*. In Bibl E, since Wyc, often for L *servus*, G *δούλος*

Servantes be not so diligent as they were wont to be (Stonor Let 1470)

serve F *servir*, L *servire*, from *servus*, slave, serif (q v). Senses were mostly developed in L & F and those of *service* run parallel In liturg sense AS had *serfise*, L *servitium* To *serve one out*, orig from pugilism, is an ironic application of naut to *serve out* (grog, etc) With *serve you right* cf earlier to be well (ill) served (by one's adherents, friends, etc)

A plenteous victualler, whose provisions serve Millions of cities that else needs must starve (Sylv Colonius)

Servian See *Serbian*.

*service*¹. See *serve*.

*service*². Tree Orig *series*, pl of obs *serve*, AS *syrf*, VL **sorbea*, from *sorbus*, L name of tree

saroes, tree alsier (Palsg.)

serviette F., from *servir*, to serve. Common in Sc from 15 cent, but in E a late 19 cent refinement now considered vulgar

servile F, L *servilis*, from *servus*, slave

Servite From MedL *Servitae*, members of order called *Servi Beatae Mariae*, founded 1233

servitor ME & OF. *servitour* (*serviteur*). Late L *servitor-em*, from *servire*, to serve Formerly, at Oxf, student theoretically performing menial work in exchange for pecuniary help.

servitude F, Late L *servitudo*, from *servire* (v s)

sesame ME *sesam*, L *sesamum*, G *σήςαμιν*, EInd plant, prob of Oriental origin, cf Aram *šamšēmā*, Arab *šamsīm* Mod trisyllabic form, after G *σήςάμην*, is due to its use in Ali Baba in transl (1785) of Galland's *Mille et une nuits*. Cf *shibboleth*

sesqui- L, for **semis que*, a half in addition Esp after Horace, in *sesquipedalian*, from L *sesquipedalis*, of a foot and a half

Telepheus et Peleus, cum pauper et exsul, uterque Projicit ampullas, et sesquipedalia verba, Si curat cor spectantis tetigisse querela (Ars Poet 96).

sess See *cess*

sessile [bot] L *sessilis*, sitting down, stunted, from *sedere*, *sess-*, to sit.

session F, L *sessio-n-*, from *sedere*, *sess-* (v s) Cf *assize séance*.

sesterce [hist] L. *sestercius* (see *nummus*) for *semit tertius* (see *sestertii*) i.e. two and a half (asses) *Sesterthum* thousand sesterces is genitive pl. (in *mille sesterthum*) taken as neut. sing.

sestet It *sestello* from *sesto* sixth L. *sextus*

sestina [metr.] It. poem of six lined stanzas from *sesto* (s)

set¹ Verb AS *setan* causal of *sitt* Com Teut. cf. Du *setten* Ger *setzen* ON *setja* Goth *saljan* The article on this verb is the longest in the *NED*. Many of the senses are now usu. replaced in colloq. F by *poser*. The vulgar confusion with *sit* appears in AS but in some cases e.g. *the jetly sets* intrans. is for earlier reflex. So also in the *sun sets* (not in AS) with which cf. ON *setjask* (see *bask* *bust*). Intrans. to *set out* (on a journey) is evolved from earlier trans. sense of fitting out an expedition hence a *pretty set out* commotion. To *set to* is from earlier reflex. cf. F *se mettre* d.

set² Noun As act of setting from *set*¹ e.g. in *dead set* orig. cant for a scheme regarded as certain. But in sense of number group from OF *setle* ident. with *set* (qv) and thus ult. with *sett*. Cf. *MedL. secta* *setti* in early wills e.g. *cum lectis ejus set m* *sett* ae. (temp. Rich. II) where a mod. upholsterer would say *suite*. But there has been much confusion between the two words and derivatives of the verbs *com* with *set*¹ occur in this sense in other Teut. langs. So also with *sett* an archaic form surviving in various techn. senses e.g. the paving *sett* is prob. from *set* but the tennis *sett* (16 cent.) from OF *sette* see *sequence*.

setaceous [bot.] From L. *seta* *seta* bristle hair

seton [surg.] Thread run thru h. skin to keep wound open F *seton* It *setone* *MedL. seton* from *seta* (vs.)

settee¹ [naut.] It *setella* a etc. speedie pinnace bark foyst brigandine or barge [Flor.] L. *seta* is a arrow

settee² Couch From early 18 cent. Altered from *settle* by analogy with obs. *settee* part of head-dress (1). The essential feature of the *settee* appears to have been the division in the middle (see *Cowper's Task* 175) so there may be some vague association with *set on* cf. analogous uses of F *coupe*. The two words occur together in

quot. below though in a totally different sense

Th. setté evopée plac. right (W. d. m. *Hebr.* 1690)

setter Dog From *set*. Lather a kind of spaniel

When h. pproch th near t. th. pl. ce wh. the t. rule is h. layes hund. w. and with a. to rek. f. h. pawes, b. t. veth th. pl. ce. f. th. by des. la. t. bod. wh. r. by t. is s. pposed t. at th. h. d. of d. ag. is call d. I d. x. sett. (*NED* 156)

setterwort Cf. *setergas* ME. *satir* with cogn. LG. & MHG. form. Onom. unkn. ? From *salv*

settle¹ Noun AS *setl* f. (er se *set*) Goth *setl* cogn. with *sitt* *saddle* and with L. *sedes* to sit

settle Verb AS *setlan* from above affected in some senses by *MI* *sau hile* to reconcile frequent of *swaght* of S. and origin and ult. cogn. with I. *sacair* Cf. Ger. *siedel* to settle (in country)

setwall Plant (red valerian) orig. drug AF *eleuae* OF *sto l* to a Arab *edcir* hence *MedL. zedonum* *zedoary*

seven AS *seofon* Aryan cf. Du *zeven* Ger *sieben* ON *sja* Goth *sibun* L. *septem* G. *xx* Sanskrit *sapta* Gael. *secht* Welsh *saith* etc. Regarded as owing to story of Creation as perfect or varied number and hence used of a great many perfect sets (champions games, ruses, wonders of the world etc.) Cf. similar use of *nine*. The story of the *Seven Sleepers* (h. *stun* f. Ephesus) who took refuge during the Dorian persecution in a cave where they slept for some centuries is in Africa (10 cent.). The Mohammedan *seven heavens* is borrowed from Judaism. *Seventyfold* (g. n. h. p.) standard line-of-battle ship c. 1800 is in Hickey's *Men* 15 (1863).

No p. r. on earth I thought could h. p. e. ented those t. o. from game into action. Seventy-fours at l. t.—both f. m. h. ghs. 11 r. (1875 s. b.)

sever F *sever* in ModF only to can. VL *seperare* f. r. *sepa* are to separate (v. 1)

several OF Late L. *sepalis* from *sepa* separate from *se* (qv) and *par* equal. For orig. sense as in *conjunction* cf. *separatus* cf. *dis* s.

Canis. Monson went forth to seek his own effort f. th. Alcock (Purch. vi 23)

severe F *severe* L. *severus* strict etc. from *se* without and an obscure second element p. h. com. with ON *sever* tranquil

tolerant To leave severely alone is first quoted by NED from C S Parnell
Phrase below has also been attributed to Horace Walpole

Summer, as my friend Coleridge waggishly writes, has set in with its usual severity (Lamb).

Sèvres Porcelain, from Sèvres (Seine-et-Oise)

sew AS *siwian*, *slorwian* Com Teut, but not used exc in Scand & Fris, cf Fris *siye*, OHG *siuwan*, ON. *sýja*, Goth *sujan*, cogn with L *suere*, G *kasórew*, Sanskrit *siw*, and ult with *seam*.

sewer¹ Drian AF *sewere*, OF *esseveur*, from *essever*, to drain, VL **exaquare*, from *aqua*, water For form cf *ewer* Till 16 cent chiefly in MdL (*sewera*) and AF (*seuere*) leg documents Also *shore*, as in *Shoreditch*, partly due to the common *shore* (of the sea) being regarded as place where filth could be deposited But OF *essuere*, sink, from *essuyer*, to dry, L *exsucare*, from *sucus*, sap, can hardly be left out of account

sewer² [hist] Attendant at table Aphet for AF *asseour*, lit putter, from F *asseoir*, L *assidere*, from *sedere*, to sit

severe at méte depositor, dapifer (Prompt. Paro.)

sewin¹ Bull-trout In Welsh use, but app. not Welsh

sewin² In pheasant-shooting Corrupt of obs *seuel*, *sheuel*, scare-crow, cogn with *shy*¹ Cf synon Ger *scheusal*

sex F *sexe*, L *sexus*, ? cogn with L *severe*, to cut, divide Fair (*weak*, *soft*, etc) *sex* is common in 17 cent *Sexual* is Late L *sexualis*

sexagenarian From L *sexagenarius*, from *sexageni*, distrib of *sexaginta*, sixty.

sexagesima See *septuagesima*

sexennial From L *sexennium*, six years. Cf *biennial*, etc

sex¹ [reel] L *sexta* (sc *hora*), sixth Cf *nores*

sextant L *sextans*, *sextant*, sixth part Cf *quadrant* As instrument named (c 1600) by Tycho Brahe

*sex² Alter'd, on L *sex*, six from *sestet* (q v)

sextile¹ [astron] L *sextilis*, from *sextus*, sixth. In classical L. only as name for August.

sextillion After *million*, etc

sextion Contr. of AF *seperthan*, OF *sextion*, *sextion* (replaced by learned *sextion*). Well, *sextianus*, from *sacer*, *sacer*, holy. Cf *sextian*.

sextuple From L *sex*, six, after *quintuple*, etc

seyd. See *sayyid*.

sforzando [mus] It, from *sforzare*, to force, VL **ex-fortiare*, cf F *efforce* (OF *es-forcier*)

sgraffito It, ? as synon *graffilo* (q v); ? or both rather from G *γράφειν*, to write sh-. Exc. for a few foreign words, all words in sh- are AS, the digraph representing an original *sc-* which persists in doublets and cognates of Scand origin

shl Imposing silence Usu written *hush* Cf *st'*

shabby From dial *shab*, AS *sceabb*, *scab* (q v) "A word that has crept into conversation and low writing, but ought not to be admitted into the language" (Johns). *Shabby-genteel* is recorded for 1754

shabrack [mil]. Saddle-cloth Ger *scha-brache* or F *schabracque*, of Eastern Europ origin, cf Magyar *csabrag*, Turk *châbrâs* shack¹ [dial] Person of disreputable-appearance. Short for *shackrag* (c 1600), i.e. shake-rag Cf *wag*.

shack² [US] Shanty ? From Mex *jatal*, Aztec *zacalli*, wooden hut

shackle AS *seacul*, bond, cogn with ON. *skötkull*, pole of wagon; cf LG *schakel*, hobble, Du *schakel*, link of chain

shad Fish AS *sead*; cf Norw dial *shadd*, also Gael Ir *sgadan*, herring

shaddock EInd fruit Named (17 cent) after Capt. Shaddock, who introduced it into the Windies from the EIndies

shade. AS *seadu*, *seadu-*, whence "also *shadow*, the two representing all senses of L. *umbra* Com Teut; cf Du. *schadu*, Ger *schatten*, Norw *skoðde*, mist, Goth. *skadus*; cogn with G. *skóros*, darkness, Gael *sgath*, Welsh *ysgod*, etc. With *shade*, gradation of colour, cf. synon F. *nuance*, from *nue*, cloud *Shady*, inferior, appears first in univ. slang The *shadow of death* (Ps. cxvi 4, and elsewhere), renders G. *σάδ θανάτου* (LXX & NT), now usu regarded as mistransl of a Heb word for intense darkness May your shadow never grow less is Oriental

Coming evn its crest th' sh'adow before
(Camphell, *Lockell's Warrangi*).

shadoof. Irrigation machine Egypt. Arab *shādūf*

shadow See *shade* With to shadow ("c. 1600) cf to *deq*

shaft AS *scaft* shaft of spear pole etc
 Com Teut cf Du *schacht* Ger *schaft*
 ON *scaft* cogn with L *scapus* scape*
 All senses may be brought under orig
 idea of cylindrical rod passing into that of
 cylindrical cavity (*shaft* of mine) the latter
 sense being represented in Cer by *schacht*
 the LC doublet of *schaft* For a similar
 transference of meaning cf *socket* and for
 the converse *spr of*

shag Orig matted hair AS *scear* + head
 of hair cogn with ON *shegg* beard and
 with AS *sceaga* small wood shaw also
 ult with *sho* A* Not recorded by NED
 between AS and 16 cent Hence perh
shag kind of cormorant with shaggy crest
 shagreen Quasi phonetic spelling (17 cent)
 of *chigrin* (q v)

shah Restored form of earlier (16 cent)
shaugh shaw Pers *shah* shorten d from
 OPers *kshayathiya* King cogn with
 Sanskrit *kshat* a dominion G *κτ* *οθ* to
 possess

The King of Persia (whom b r e w call the gr at
 Sophy) is not he called b t is called the Shaugh
 (Nakl hi s 4 15 4)

Shaitan Arab *shaitan* from Heb *satān*
 Satan

shake AS *sceacan* cogn with ON *shaka*
 LG *scha ken* not found in HG & Goth
 To *shake down* settle whence a *shakedown*
 is a metaphor from measuring corn (Luk
 vi 38) No great shakes is perh from dicing
 With *Shaker* of various rel bodies cf
Quaker with which it was synon in 17 cent
 shako I *schako* Magyar *csik* (-sütég)
 peaked cap from *csik* peak Ger *zacken*
 earlier *zack* *zack* Cf *zigzag*

shale AS *scealu* scale⁴ shell as in *shale* *calu*
 or perh from cogn Ger *schale* as in
schalstein laminated limestone

shall AS *sceal* orig a preterite (cf *may*
can etc) with later past tense *sceo* *te*
 whence *should* Com Teut cf Du *sal*
 Cer *soll* ON Goth *skal* ? cogn with L
scelus guilt Orig sense of owing (as late
 as 15 cent) appears in AS *scylð* Cer
schuld debt guilt cf Ger *soll* and *haben*
 debit and credit A trace of this survives
 in use of *shall* in 1st and 3rd persons (thou
shall not steal etc) and in *shant* The
 correct alternation with *will* can it is said
 only be confidently executed by a Lon
 doner

A d by that feth I b I to God a d yow
 (Ch uc Trod i l 649)

shalloon Fabric Farther *chalouns* (Cl auc)
 from *Chalons sur Marne* (Marne) a town
 named from the *Catau* u Cf Cer
schlaune

shallop F *chhoupe* orig ships boat Du
sl ep sloop (q v) cf It *scialuppi* Sp
chalupa Ger *schaluppe* from F But some
 authorities regard Du *sloep* as from F
chalope in which case the origin must be
 sought elsewhere Connect n has been
 suggested with OF *chaloppe* shell (of nut)
 var of *escaloppe* of Teut origin (see *sea*
scallop) Shall p and sl op are treated as
 synonyms in early dicts

shallot Earlier *eschlot* OF *eschalotte* (*sch*
lotte) variation on *eschalogne* cailion
 (q v)

shallow Not found in AS but evidently
 cogn with *shoal* (q v) The form points
 to AS *sceal* *scalu* (cf *slou*)

sham Slang of late 17 cent u assumed to
 be northern form of *shame* ? Originating
 in mock a supposition of *sham* modesty
 (so explained by North 1734) In view
 of the obscure origin of most cant words
 the above explanation is to be regarded as
 dubious

Shamming i t li g yo Lipid d il b w th a
 dull face which th sly w g the a thor out la al
 th has li (W) i l v 167)

shamah Ind song bird Hind *śama*
 Shamanism Primitive spiritualistic religion
 orig of Ural Altaic peoples of Siberia
 From Pu s *sha* *sa* : priest doctor a Mon
 golian word perh ult from Pali *śa* : a
 Bud hist monk, Sanskrit *śrama* a

Tt yellow-sk ed l eyed omadic sh man
 m c h g l K i t f West m S ben and Tu k
 esta (T mes L i S ppl M reh 3 19 9)

shamble Noun Lsu in pl *shambles* AS
scearnel cf archaic Du *schmel* Ger
schemel footstool WGer borrowing f L
scarnell : lint of *sannu* bench In
 E ben h f r sale of meat hence m at
 market butchery as in the *Shambles* at
 Nottingham Later use f slaughter
 house and often fig With a *limties* cf a
works a lnt etc

shamble Verb From 1, cent first as a ly
 in *shamble* h s app from *shamle* NED
 compares Wm *shammels* lit shambles
 u ed of ill formed legs (cf also F *banal*
 crooked legged from *ban* ben h) But
 gloss below suggest possibility that the
 verb arose from the movement of the

tolerant To leave severely alone is first quoted by NED from C S Parnell. Phrase below has also been attributed to Horace Walpole

Summer, as my friend Coleridge waggishly writes, has set in with its usual severity (Lamb)

Sevres Porcelain, from *Sevres* (Seine-et-Oise)

sew AS *sīwan*, *sēowan* Com Teut, but not used exc in Scand & Fris, cf Fris *siye*, OHG *siuwan*, ON *sýja*, Goth *siujan*, cogn with L *sucie*, G *λασύνειν*, Sanskrit *siu*, and ult with *seam*

sewer¹ Drain AF *sewere*, OF *esseveur*, from *essever*, to drain, VL **exaquare*, from *aqua*, water For form cf *ewer* Till 16 cent chiefly in MedL (*sewera*) and AF (*sewere*) leg documents Also *shore*, as in *Shoreditch*, partly due to the common *shore* (of the sea) being regarded as place where filth could be deposited But OF *essuiere*, sink, from *essuyer*, to dry, L *exsucare*, from *sucus*, sap, can hardly be left out of account

sewer² [*hist*] Attendant at table Aphet for AF *asseour*, lit putter, from F *asseoir*, L *assidere*, from *sedere*, to sit

seware at *rede* depositor, dapifer (*Prompt Parv*)

sewin¹ Bull-trout In Welsh use, but app not Welsh

sewin² In pheasant-shooting Corrupt of obs *sewel*, *shewel*, scare-crow, cogn with *shy*¹ Cf synon Ger *scheusal*

sex F *sexe*, L *sexus*, ? cogn with L *secare*, to cut, divide *Fair* (*weak*, *soft*, etc) *sex* is common in 17 cent *Sexual* is Late L *sexualis*

sexagenarian From L *sexagenarius*, from *sexagen*, distrib of *sexaginta*, sixty

sexagesima See *septuagesima*

sexennial From L *sexennium*, six years. Cf *biennial*, etc

sex [eccl] L *sexta* (sc *hora*), sixth. Cf *nonas*

sextant L *sextans*, *sextant*-, sixth part Cf. *quadrant* As instrument named (c 1600) by Tycho Brahe

sextet Altered, on L *sex*, six, from *sestet* (q v).

sextile [astron] L *sextilis*, from *sextus*, sixth In classical L only as name for August

sextillion After *million*, etc

sextion Contr of AF *segerstain*, OF *secrestein*, *segreslein* (replaced by learned *sacristain*), MedL *sacristanus*, from *sacer*, *sacr*-, holy. Cf *sacristan*

sextuple From L *sex*, six, after *quintuple*, etc

seyd See *sayyid*.

sforzando [*mus*] It, from *sforzare*, to force, VL **ex-forthare*, cf. F. *efforcer* (OF *esforcier*)

sgraffito It, ? as synon *graffito* (q v), ? or both rather from G. *γράφειν*, to write

sh- Exc for a few foreign words, all words in *sh*- are AS, the digraph representing an original *sc*- which persists in doublets and cognates of Scand origin

shl Imposing silence Usu written *hush* Cf *st*¹

shabby From dial *shab*, AS *sceabb*, scab (q v) "A word that has crept into conversation and low writing, but ought not to be admitted into the language" (Johns) *Shabby-genteel* is recorded for 1754.

shabrack [*mil*] Saddle-cloth Ger *schabracke* or F *schabrique*, of Eastern Europ origin, cf Magyar *csabrág*, Turk *chābrāq*

shack¹ [*dial*] Person of disreputable appearance Short for *shackrag* (c 1600), i.e. shake-rag Cf *wag*

shack² [US] Shanty ? From Mex *jacal*, Aztec *xacalli*, wooden hut

shackle AS *scacul*, bond, cogn with ON. *skökhull*, pole of wagon, cf LG *schakel*, hobble, Du *schakel*, link of chain

shad Fish AS *sceadd*; cf Norw dial *skada*, also Gael Ir *sgadan*, herring

shaddock EInd fruit Named (17 cent) after Capt *Shaddock*, who introduced it into the Windies from the EIndies

shade AS. *sceadu*, *sceadw*-, whence also *shadow*, the two representing all senses of L *umbra* Com Teut, cf Du *schadu*, Ger *schatten*, Norw *skodde*, mist, Goth. *skadus*, cogn with G *σκότος*, darkness, Gael *sgáth*, Welsh *ysgod*, etc With *shade*, gradation of colour, cf synon F *nuance*, from *nue*, cloud *Shady*, inferior, appears first in univ slang The *shadow of death* (Ps *xxiii* 4, and elsewhere), renders G. *σκιά θανάτου* (LXX & NT), now usu regarded as mistransl of a Heb word for intense darkness *May your shadow never grow less* is Oriental

Coming events cast their shadows before (Campbell, *Lochiel's Warning*).

shadoof Irrigation machine Egypt. Arab *shādūf*

shadow See *shade* With to *shadow* (c 1600) cf. to *dog*

shaft AS *scæft* shaft of pear pole et
Com Teut cf Du *schacht* Ger *Schacht*
ON *scapt* cogn with L *scapula* scapula
All senses may be brought under the
idea of cylindrical rod passing into the
cylindrical cavity (*shaft* of mine) the latter
sense being represented in Ger by *Schacht*
the LG doublet of *shaft* For a mutual
transference of meaning of *shaft* and for
the converse *spigot*

shag Orig matted hair AS *scaga* a head
of hair cogn with ON *skaga* beard and
with AS *scæga* small wood haw also
ult with *shock* Not recorded by VED
between AS and 10 cent Hence perhaps
shag kind of cormorant with heavy crest

shagreen Quasi phonetic spelling (1 cent)
of *charin* (q v)

shah Restored form of earlier (10 cent)
shau h *shau* Pers *shāh* h rendered from
OPers *Ashayathiva* kin com with
Sanskrit *Ashatra* dominion to possess

The King of Persia (who never died the great
Sophy) is not he so called but is a death
(Hakl 415)

Shaitan Arab *shaitan* from Heb *shātan*
Satan

shake AS *scacan* cogn with ON *skak*
IC *schacken* not found in Ht & with
To *shake down* settle whence a *shake down*
is a metaphor from mea. urin corn (Lut
vi 38) No great shakes; perh frnd ing
With *Shaker* of various religious bodies
Quaker with which it was in n in 17 cent
shako F *schako* Marjar (h u g)
peaked cap from *schak* peak Ger *schak*
earlier *schack* sack Cf e

shale AS *scæla* scale shell as in *shales* are
or perh from cogn Ger *schale* as in
schalstein laminated limestone

shall AS *scall* orig a pretense (I may
can etc) with later past tense *should*
whence *should* Com Teut (I D 121)
Ger *soll* ON Goth *skal* cogn with L
scelus guilt Orig en e of owing (as late
as 15 cent) appears in AS *sculd* Ger
schuld debt guilt of Ger *schuld* and
debit and credit A trace of the survives
in use of *shall* in 2nd and 3rd persons (thou
shalt not steal etc) and in *shalt* The
correct alternation with *will* can it be
only be confidently executed by a Londoner

A d by th t f (th I sh l to God a d you
(Ch 10 Troil 44 1649)

shalloon Fabric Earlier *sha loon* (China)
from *Chalons sur Marne* (Marne a town
named from the *Chalons* Cl Ger
Chalons)

shallop F *chaloûpe* orig ship's boat, Du
schep scoop (q v) Cf It *scialuppa* Sp
chalupa Ger *schaluppe* from F But some
authorities regard Du *schep* as from F
chaute in which case the origin must be
sought elsewhere Connection has been
suggested with OF *chaloupe* shell (of nut)
or *escaloupe* of Teut origin (see *schale*
a f) *Schalop* and *schlop* are treated as
varieties in early d ets

shal Earlier *schalot* OF *schalotte* (q v)
variation on *eschalotte* *schalotte*
q v

shallow Not found in AS but evident
in *shallow* (q v) The form points
to AS *scall* *scall* (cf *schal*)

sham Slang of late 17 cent usu assumed to
be a northern form of *shame* ? Originating
in mock assumption of *shame* modesty
(as explained by North 134) In view
of the obscure origin of most cant words
the above explanation is to be regarded as
doubtful

Shaming is to let you an unsold doll be wowed
d it is who the shy way the author only lauds
it but so (Wycherley 1677)

shamah Ind song bird Hind *sham*
Shamanism Primitive spiritistic religion
of Ural Altaic peoples of Siberia
From Rus. *shaman* priest-doctor a Javan
gibon and perh ult from Fih *shaman*
Budhu monk San Lit *shamana*

Shamshoon slant-eyed, arab *shamshoon*
a knight h s of Western Syria and Turk
ed (F M L 10 pp March 13 13)

shamble Noun Lsn in pl *shambles* AS
scamel cf archaic Du *schamel* Ger
hem footstool WGer *schammel* Cf L
scamell dim of *stammum* bench In
I ben h f r sale of meat *schammel* In
mark butchery as in the *Shambles* a
Nott n lan Later used of slaughter
house and often fig With *shambles* of a
man a d s etc

shamble Verb From 1 cen, *shamble* as in
in *shamble* Cf *shamble* from *shamble* 2 ED
compa es W Ger *shameln* h s a d
used of ill formed legs of a man F *shamble*
crooked-legged from *shamble* *shamble* But
glo a below suggests possibly the
verb arose from the *shamble* of the

weaver at his loom, the connection with *shamble*¹ remaining

schämelen insula, ligna pedibus textorum subiecta, quibus telae alternis vicibus, sive alternatim contrahuntur & aperiuntur (Kil)

shame AS *sceamu* Com Teut, cf Du *schamen* (verb), Ger *scham*, ON *skömm*, Goth **shama* (only in verb *shaman*) The E word has the double sense expressed in F by *pudeur*, *honte*, and in Ger by *scham*, *schande* (derivative of *scham*) *Shamefaced* is folk-etym for *shamefast* (Chauc A 840), AS *scamfæst*, firm in modesty (cf *steadfast*)

There is a common saying amongst us, Say the truths and shme the devil (Latimer, 1552)

shammy Leather Quasi-phonetic spelling of *chamois* (q v) Earlier also *shamoy*

shampoo Orig a form of massage (Anglo-Ind) Hind *shāmpo*, imper of *shāmpnā*, to press Cf *dekho*, look (mil slang), imper of *dekhna*, to look

The barbers of this place are much spoken of for their neatness in shavence and artificial cham-pinge (Peter Mundy, 1632)

shamrock Ir *seamróg*, dim of *seamar*, clover, cf Gael *seamrag* Trad used by St Patrick as symbol of Trinity

Shandean, **Shandeian**, **Shandersm** From Sterne's *Trisham Shandy* (1759-67)

shandrydan From c 1800 Also (north-west dial) *shandy*, *shandy-cart* Origin unknown

shandygaff App first (c 1850) at Oxf Origin unknown Cf Lond slang *shant*, pot (of beer)

shanghai [naut] From *Shanghai*, China Orig US, but *shanghai*, catapult, is recorded earlier in Austral Cf *stellenbosch* and obs *barbados*, to transport to the plantations (in *Barbados*)

shank AS *sceanca*, leg WGer, cf Flem *schank*, leg-bone, Ger dim *schenkel*, thigh, cogn with Ger *schinken*, ham, and prob with ON *shakki*, crooked (cf the Rom names for leg, e.g F *jambe*, supposed to be cogn with G *καμυτή*, curve, and Celt *cam*, crooked) Gradually superseded in gen sense by *leg* (q v), but survives in surnames *Cruikshank*, *Sheepshanks*, etc

And aye, until the day he dy'd,
He rode on good shanks naggy (Sc song, 1724)

shanker [med] Obs form of *chancere*

shanty¹ Hut Orig US & Canada ² Corrupt of F *chantier*, workshop, used in Canada of woodcutters' forest quarters

Cf *shantyman*, lumberman, Canad. F *homme de chantier* (see *gantry*) Others derive it from Ir *sean toig*, old house, cogn. with L *senex* and *tectum* respectively

shanty² See *chanty*

shape AS *gesceap* (noun), *sceppan* (verb), the latter orig strong, cf archaic pp *shapen*, whence mod form of the verb Orig. to create, hence to mould, form Com. Teut, cf Du *scheppen*, Ger *schöpfer*, creator, *schaffen*, to create, procure, ON *sléppja*, Goth *gaskapjan*; cogn with *-ship* With *shapely* cf L *formosus*, from *forma*, shape

shapoo Tibetan *sha-pho*, wild sheep

shard¹, **sherd** [archaic] AS *sceard*, cleft, fragment (cf *potsherd*), from *shear*

shard² Beetle-wing Ghost-word evolved from *shardborn beetle* (Mach iii 2), which means born in dung, AS *scearn*, cf AS *scearnbudda*, dung-beetle, whence mod dial *shornbug* and synon F *escarbot*

share¹ Of plough AS *scear*, cogn with *shear*, *share*² See *scabbard*

share² Portion. AS *scearu*, cutting, division (v s), only recorded in obs sense of the fork of the legs, and in compds, e.g. *land-scearu*, boundary (whence name *Land-seer*), cf Du *schaar*, Ger. *schar*, troop, detachment In ME orig naut, portion of booty, whence *share and share (a)like* (16 cent), *hon's share*, etc

Common mariners and souldiers are much given to pillaging and spoiling, making greater account of the same then of their shares (Hakl xi 51)

shark Although recorded as fish-name somewhat earlier than in sense of greedy parasite, I think the latter is the orig sense, and that the word comes, perh via Du, from Ger *schurk(e)*, "a shark, sharper, rook, rake, rogue" (Ludw), whence also *shirk* (q v), It *scrocco*, as in *mangiare a scrocco*, "to feede scotfree at another mans charge" (Flor), and F *escroc*, a sharper. The change of vowel is normal (cf *clerk*, *Derby*, etc, and see *serve*) This word may easily have been current among seamen before being recorded, and the quots (v1) suggest a naut nickname rather than a foreign word Job Hortop (Hakl) saw "monstrous fish called 'sharkes'" off Sierra Leone in 1568, though the account of his adventures was written later The early travellers usu call the fish *tuberon*, *tiberon*, from Sp It may also be noted that the F name

requiem also (16 cent) *requien* is prob a nickname It is explained (17 cent) by *Puretière* as for *requiem* which is quite possible

There is no proper name of it that I know but that settayn m n of Captayne Ha li ses d th call it a sharke (VED from a broadidd 1569)

Th sharke h th of this name fve n th g for he will mak a m rsel of any th ng th t he can catch master and devour (ib 1653)

Jaws of s h stre gth that a leg o an arm bone d all is b t a easy mors l wh ref ro called ha k by the amen

(Troyer's E I L. nd Pers 67-8)

Sharon rose of See *Song of Sol* 11 1 *Sharon* is a fertile strip on the coast of Palestine The flower is unidentified

sharp AS *scearp* Com Teut cf Du *scherp* Ger *scharf* ON *sharp* cogn with AS *scearpian* to scarify and ult. with *scrape* *Sharper* was prob suggested by earlier *sharker* which in its turn owes something to Du *schaker* robber *Sharp* et eaver for food was in 16 cent used of hawks but may have orig been a metaphor from the saw

shatter Later var (14 cent) of *cafter* with which it was at first synon as till in dial (see *Lycidas* 5)

shave AS *sceafan* to scrape pare down orig strong as still in pp *shaten* Com Teut cf Du *schäzen* Ger *schaben* ON *skafa* Goth. *skaban* cogn with L *scabe* to scratch Cf noun *shave* as in *spokeshave* AS *sceaf* with *town* *shaver* from fig to *shave* steal a bundle cf *wipber* With a *close shave* from sense of bru h n lightly against cf F *frier* *li corde* to escape hanging lit to brush against the rope

Shavian For formation from (G B) *Shaw* cf *Borrow* of George *Borrow* *Harrolian* of *Ha row*

shaw¹ [diz] Small wood (Johns.) AS *sceaga* cogn with *hag* and with ON *skgr* wood so common in northern place names (*Briscac* 4330 43 etc)

shaw² [Sc] Potato-haulm > Sc form of *shaw*

shawl Pers *shāl* In most Europ langs shawm ME *shalmere* OF *chaler* is unexplunel var of OF *chamel* (*chalam au*) dim from L *calamus* reed (cf *caamel*) cf Du Ger *schalmes* from F Current form is back formation from pl *shalmys* (cf *crish*)

H w ma y notes a so kb t h s, nd wh ther shawms ha trings (Arthur H. Hou, I L and H. Hazen)

shay See *chay*, *Fegge* (1 nec 3 es) gives *sa* 1 and *po(s) shay* as cockn yams

she AS *shō sē* fem of def art (orig d monst pron) substituted for AS *prēn hō* which tended to become in-f in nouth able from mave. The same substitution is found in other langs (Du *zij* Ger *sie* C j etc) Application to ship is in Parbour (sks) but in 16-1 cents *he* is m re usual cf *Ind an an man-of wa* etc l e of *he* *she* in names of animal is peculiar to F

The best s all b th soo and h

War brogt for wit blm t see

(C. ror H d 3 et)

shea WAfr tree Wandling word sospeltiv Mung Pack

shedding Division of I of Man Var of *shedding* from *shed*

sheaf AS *seaf* sheaf of corn Com Teut cf Du *scheef* Ger *scharb* w-p (sel le haycock etc.) ON *skaf* for a bru h I 1 ME also esp of two dozen arrows (Huc A 104)

shealing See *hies*

shear AS *scearan* Com Teut cf Du Ger *scheren* ON *skera* Repl ced exc in spec senses by cut Hence *shears* *scissors* also *shar* etc See also *shē* *Skirn* of one *sh* with is from story of Samson The *shorn lamb* proverb was app adapted to Sterne (s) from F *d brebis* *me* *due* *D* *mesure le vent*

Godt mperth wind so l b et t t t au lamb (Sent Journal)

sheat fish sheath-fish L *sc* freshwater nat Cf Cer *sch de* (OH *schide* *a le*) also *schet* *ch* ? Cogn with *shad*

sheide older *sch* *de* *a* the *shad* *r* *shad* *h*

(L tw)

sheath AS *scēth* cf Du *seke* *see* Ger *scheide* ON *skjar* pl) even with *sk d* with idea of separation Goth has *sk* with *se* F *seure* (dm) It f *sevo*

sheath fish See *sk at f*

sheave Crooked wheel cf pulley line plunel ar of *kie* (14) with *h* *one* of d *k* Both wer used in ME of a *le* of *treau*

shebeen [shē-been] Calen where whi ly s solli w thout lence Ir *si* *u* *sh* *li* little mu_o cf *colleen* *ph* *m* *ar* *l* *r* sense Cer *kes* *pr* *th* *u* *o* *l* *r* *g*

Shechinah See *SA* *k* *sch*

shed¹ Verb AS *scēdan* *te* *d* *vid* *h* *nce* to prickl scatt r Com Teut th *g* *h*

app not recorded in ON, cf Du. Ger. *scheiden*, Goth *skaidon*, to divide; cogn with G. *spalten*, to split. Orig. sense appears in *watershed* (cf Ger. *wasserscheide*).

shed² Noun Earlier (15-16 cents) *shad*, var of *shade*, in sense of shelter. Current sense is due to influence of earlier *schudde* (whence dial *shud*), ult cogn with Ger. *schutz*, protection

schud, or *lval horse legs* (*Prompt Parv*).

sheen Orig adj, as noun first in Shaks (*Hamlet* iii 2), who prob apprehended it as belonging to *shire*. AS *sciene*, beautiful, splendid Com Teut, cf Du *schoon* (see *scone*), Ger *schön*, Goth *skauts*, prob cogn with *show* (cf *shapely*, *sightly*) Being often used as epithet of the sun it was naturally associated with *shine*

Sheeny [*slang*] Jew East End slang (early 19 cent) ? From Yiddish pronunc of Ger *schön*, beautiful, used in praising wares (A guess) ? Cf *smouch*

sheep AS *scāp*, *scēap* WGer, cf Du. *schaap*, Ger *schaf* For the Aryan name of the animal see *ewe* To cast *sheep's eyes* is in Skelton (cf *ogle*) Current sense of *sheepish* (in ME meek, docile, etc) is 17 cent

sheer¹ Adj Cogn with dial *shire*, AS *scīr*, bright, pure Com Teut, cf OSax *skīr*, Ger *schīr*, ON *skīrr*, Goth *sheirs*, ult cogn with *shine* For sense-development cf *mere pure* and Ger *lauter*, lit pure.

sheet¹. Cloth AS *scēte*, *scēat*, napkin, winding-sheet, whence *sheeted dead* (*Hamlet* i 1). Used in AS Gospels for the *linen cloth* of *Mark*, xiv. 51 Connection with beds appears in ME Hence *sheet of paper*, *water*, etc For cognates see *sheet*².

sheet² [*raut*]. AS *scēata*, synon with *scēal* (vs), and with additional sense of foot of sail, whence app transferred to the rope For a similar transfer of sense cf *shroud* A later development appears in *stern-sheets* (15 cent), app part of boat to which sheets were formerly attached The naut sense appears in some of the Teut cognates, e.g. Du *school*, lap, sailrope, Ger. *schoss*, bosom, lap (LG *schöle*, sailrope), ON *skaut*, bosom, skirt, sailrope, Goth *skauts*, hem of garment Cf also L *sinus*, bosom, hollow of sail. Synon F *ecoute* (OF. *escoute*). It *scotta*, Sp *escota* are from Teut Late ME. had also *shutle*, *shoot*, etc, from LG Here belongs *sheet-anchor*, also earlier *shute anchor*, *anchors called shuttle* (*Nav Accts* 1495-97), though the reason for the name is obscure It may have been suspended near the sheets (cf *bow-anchor*, *bower*) For fig use, already (*shote ancre*) in Sir T More, cf *mainstay*

The biggest anchor of all is the sheat anchor, frequently by seamen call'd their Last Hope, being us'd in the greatest extremity (*Sea Dict* 1708)

sheikh ^{شَيْخ} *shaikh*, lit old man, from *shiq* ^{شَق} *priest, alderman*,

shicer [*slang*] Orig Austral, unproductive gold-claim Ger *scheisser*, cacator
shield AS *sceld* Com Teut, cf Du Ger *schild*, ON *skjoldr*, Goth *skildus*
shieling, shealing [*dial*] Shepherd's hut Dim of dial *shiel*, app from an AS. cognate of ON *skāle*, whence synon dial *scale* Both are common in place-names, e.g. *Shields*, *Greenshields*, *Seascale*, *Winter-scale*, etc
shift First as verb AS *sciflan*, to divide, apportion, arrange (for sense-development cf *devise*) Com Teut, cf Du *schiften*, to divide, Ger *schichten*, to classify, ON *skipta*, to divide, change Current sense, to remove, etc, is latest With *shift*, evasion, cf *shuffle*, and with *shift*, chemise, orig euph for smock, cf It *mutande*, "thinne under-breeches" (Flor) In to *make shift*, *shift for oneself*, etc, there seems to be confusion with synon F *chevir* (cf *venn à chef*, to manage), whence ME *cheve* To *make shift* corresponds exactly to archaic F *faire chevisance*

Send me word howghe ye doo and howghe ye have
 schevyte for yourself syn ye departid hens

(*Paston Let* 11 142)

Shute See *Shah*

shikaree Urdu, Pers *shikāri*, from *shikāri*, hunting, sport

shillelagh Cudgel from wood of *Shillelagh* (Co Wicklow)

shillibeer Funeral conveyance, formerly also omnibus From G *Shillibeer*, coach-proprietor (†1866) Cf *tilbury*

shilling AS *scilling* Com Teut, cf Du *schelling*, Ger *schilling*, ON *skillingr*, Goth *skiliggs*, also adopted by Rom langs Origin uncertain ? Root **skel-*, to resound (cf *chink*²), ? root **skel-*, to divide (cf Dan *skillemynt*, change, Ger *scheidemunze*, change, cogn with *shed*¹) With to *take the shilling*, enlist, cf *press*²

Tha behēton hūg hȳm thritig scyllinga

(AS *Gosp Matt* ㉙vi 15)

When I die, I'll leave him the fee-simple of a rope
 and a shilling (Farquhar, 1700)

shully-shally Redupl on *shall* I >

I don't stand shill I, shall I, then, if I say't, I'll
 do't (Congreve, 1700)

summer AS *scymrian*, cogn with *scīman*, to shine, whence obs *shim*, cf Ger *schimmern*

shimmy [*dial*] For *chemise* Cf *burgee*, *cherry*, etc

shin AS *scinu*, also *scinbān*, shinbone WGer, cf Du *scheen*, *scheenbeen*, Ger *schiene*, *schienbein* Orig sense perh edge, plate, cf Du Ger sense of splint, greave, railway metal, that of *shin* being represented by the compd Cf *bladebone*

shindy, shine App these belong together Both meant orig (early 19 cent) spree, jollification, with later change of sense as in *row*³ (cf *tea-fight*) From *shine*¹ (cf F *éclat*, shining, outburst)

shine¹ To gleam AS *scīnan* Com Teut, cf Du *schijnen*, Ger *schinen*, ON *skīna*, Goth *sheinan* Ult cogn with *shimmer* With to *take the shine out of*, i.e. reduce splendour, cf synon F *décatir*, a metaphor from the cloth-trade

shine² See *shindy*

shingle¹ Wooden tile ME *scincke*, L *scindula*, for *scandula*, "a shingle or tile of wood cleft" (Coop), whence also Ger *schindel*

shingle² Stones on beach Earlier (16 cent) *chingle*, app of echoic origin (*chink*²) Synon Norw *singel* is also echoic Cf *boulder*, *pebble*

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A h und a d gre h und s, mon rels. var l curs.
 Shouphs, w t r rags, d demt cl s, leped
 All by th me of logs (V b d s)

shod Old pp of to save esp n d v h d
ro t₆ hsked l₁psnod

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shoe AS *sh* Crm Teut *f* *sh* *sch* *v*
 (orig pl) Ger *s* *huh* ON *shu* Geth *huh*
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boof as mod With an *ur* pat of *h* e of
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 street cry of *sh* *weep*

But I woot best wh re wryngeth m lvs
(Ch. 2. f. 93.)

Who waiteth for de d men shoen small f ling
barefoot (H ywood, 346)

shoful (b) d/ A/ Pal e coun Ger scheyel
worthless Het sk d/ low Also applied
for reason not known, to handsome ad

shog ^{d 31} Cf Du *schek* shak jolt OH
scor oscillation Cf *g*

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with more colorful than when we came p
(Purch. vi t G (an))

shoot (s g) Lat See sk t
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shicer [slang] Orig Austral, unproductive gold-claim Ger *scherisser*, caccator
shield AS *sceld* Com Teut, cf Du Ger *schild*, ON *skjöld*, Goth *skildr*
shieling, shealing [dial] Shepherd's hut Dim of dial *shiel*, app from an AS cognate of ON *skāle*, whence synon dial. *scale* Both are common in place-names, e.g. *Shields, Greenshields, Seascale, Winterscale*, etc

shift First as verb AS *scifstan*, to divide, apportion, arrange (for sense-development cf *deviser*) Com Teut, cf Du *schiften*, to divide, Ger *schichten*, to classify, ON *skipta*, to divide, change Current sense, to remove, etc., is latest With *shift* evasion, cf *shuffle*, and with *shift*, chemise, orig euph for smock, cf It *mutande*, "thinne under-breeches" (Flor) In to *make shift, shift for oneself*, etc., there seems to be confusion with synon F *chevin* (cf *venir à chef*, to manage), whence MF *cheve* To *make shift* corresponds exactly to archaic F *faire chevisance*

Send me word howghe ye doo and howghe ye have
 schevyte for yourself syn ye departed hens
 (Paston Let II 142)

Shute See *Shuah*

shikaree Urdu, Pers *shikārī*, from *shikār*, hunting, sport

shillelagh Cudgel from wood of *Shillelagh* (Co Wicklow)

shillibeer Funeral conveyance, formerly also omnibus From G *Shillibeer*, coach-proprietor (†1866) Cf *tilbury*

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Tha behcton hig hym thring sey llinga
 (AS Gosp Matt xxvi 15)

When I die, I'll leave him the fee-simple of a rope
 and a shilling (Farquhar, 1700)

shilly-shally Redupl on *shall I*?

I don't stand shill I, shall I, then, if I say't, I'll
 do't (Congreve, 1700)

shimmer AS *scymrian*, cogn with *scīman*, to shine, whence obs *shim*, cf Ger *schimmern*

shummy [dial.] For *chemise* Cf *burgee, cherry*, etc.

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shundy, shine App these belong together Both meant orig (early 19 cent.) spree, jollification, with later change of sense as in *row*² (cf *ten-fight*) From *shine*¹ (cf F *éclat*, shining, outburst)

shine¹ To gleam AS *scīnan* Com Teut, cf Du *schijnen*, Ger. *scheinen*, ON. *shina*, Goth *shernan* Ult cogn with *shimmer* With to *take the shine out of*, i.e. reduce splendour, cf synon. F *décatin*, a metaphor from the cloth-trade

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A h d and greyh u d, mon r i sp l y e rs
Sho che, w t r ugs, and demu w l are i ped
All by th ame of d k (Mach i)

shod Old pp of to shoe esp in *dryshod* *no hshod* *slipshod*

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But I woot best wh wryng th m my ho
(Ch C 1553)

Wb waitth f d d mea shoen shall go low
b foot (Heywood 546)

shoful [Jiddish] False coin Ger *schofel* worthless Heb *shaphal* low Also applied for r ason not known to hansom cab

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London by wat r and sh tt London bridge at v of
th l xk (Wb thes y CA on 355)

We t med d wn the river shooting the over f d
with more celestis th n when we came p
(Purch xvi 394 Guiana)

shoot³ [slang] Lot. See *shot*
shop AS *scoppa* treasury (only in *Luke*

xxi 1), cogn with Ger *schopf*, poich, etc., *schuppen*, shed (from LG), and with E dial *shippen*, cow-shed, AS *scripen*. But the lateness of the word (13 cent), and rarity of AS *sceoppa*, point rather to our having taken it from cogn OF *eschope* (*échoppe*), booth, stall (12 cent), "a little (and most commonly) low shop" (Cotg), of Teut origin. For *shop-hifter* (17 cent.) see *lift*.

shore¹ Edge of land. Cf Du *schor*, earlier *schoor*, "alluvies, terra alluvione aggesta" (Kil). A LG word of unknown origin. The late appearance (11 cent) and Du sense are against connection with *shear*.

shore² Prop. Cf Du *schoor*, ON *skortha*, cogn with AS *scorian*, to project.

shore³ [dial.] See *sewer*¹.

short AS *sceort*, cogn with OHG *scurz*, ? VL **cicurulus*, from *curtus*, short, whence Du *kort*, Ger *kurz*. But it seems unnatural for the Teut langs to have borrowed an adj in this way, and the origin of *curt* (q v) suggests that *short* may be Teut and cogn with *shear*. See *shut*, *skirt*. To fall *short* is from archery (cf *beside the mark*). In *shortcake* the adj is perh of different origin (see *coldshort*). *Short-lived* (first in Shaks) is for *short lived*. *Shortage* is US, *shortcoming* is Sc, *shortland* is early 17 cent.

shot Missile, act of shooting, etc. AS *scot*, *gesceot*, from *shoot*¹, cf OSax *-scot*, Ger *geschoss*, ON *shot*. Archaic *shot*, contribution, in to *pay one's shot* (Pepys, Nov 30, 1667), is the same word, AS *scōtan* having also the sense of contributing, cf *scot* (q v.) and Ger *zuschuss*, "one's scot, part, portion, or quota" (Ludw). Here belongs slang *whole shoot*, earlier (17 cent) *whole shot*. With *shot silk*, cf *bloodshot* and Ger *durchschossen*, to interleave. A *shotten herring* is one that has shot its spawn.

What's the shot, hostess? he says, I'll begone (Misogorus, II 1, c 1550).

should See *shall*.

shoulder AS *sculder* WGer, cf Du *schouder*, Ger *schulter*. With *cold shoulder* (orig Sc) cf Neh ix 29, where Vulg has *humerum recedentem dare*.

shout From 14 cent. ? From an unrecorded AS cognate of ON *skūta*, taunt.

shove AS *scūfan*. Com Teut, cf Du *schuiven*, Ger *schieben*, ON *skūfa*, Goth *afskuban*, to shove off. Replaced by *push*, etc in colloq and naut lang., and not used in AV.

shovel. AS *scoff*, from *shove*; cf. Du *schoffel*, Ger *schaufel*. ME also *schole*, *shoul*, etc. *Shovel-board* (game) is altered from *shove-board*.

"I," said the owl, "With my spade and shovel."

show, shew AS *scēawian*, to look at. WGer, cf synon Du *schouwen*, Ger *schauen*, ult cogn with L *cavēre*, to beware. The causal sense, to make to look at, appears in E c 1200. Colloq. uses of noun *show* (to boss, run, give away the) are US. Cf *side-show*, a coinage of the proprietor of the "greatest show on earth." See also *shewbread*.

What may be termed my side-shows, or temporary enterprises (Huganum).

shower AS *scūr*. Com Teut, cf Du *schoer*, Ger *schauer*, ON *skūr*, Goth *skūra* (only in *skūna windis*, wind-storm).

shrapnel Invented (c 1803) by Gen H Shrapnel.

shred AS *scīad* (in pl only) WGer; cf Du *schroot*, Ger *schrot*, from a Teut root, to cut, whence Ger names *Schroder*, *Schröter*, *Schnoer*. See *scree*.

shrew AS *scriawa*, shrew-mouse, reputed to have dangerous powers. Not found between AS and 16 cent, though Trevisa (1335) has *wel schnewyd mys* to render *mus nocentissimus*. Hence applied to a spiteful person, male or female, e.g. *Henry le Schreue* lived in Sussex in 1293 (Coram Rege Roll). Now only a "peevish, malignant, clamorous, spiteful, vexatious, turbulent woman" (Johns). *Shrewd*, for *shrewed* (cf *dogged*), orig meant malignant, malicious, esp in *shrewd turn* (Hen VIII, v. 3). F *malin*, shrewd, shows a similar sense-development. It is possible that the AS sense of *shrew*, which has no Teut. cognates, is a nickname, cf MHG *schröuwel*, devil. See also *besnaw*. Another AS name for the animal was *scufemūs*, from *scoofan*, to gnaw.

shriek, Imut, cf *scicech* (q v), also earlier *screech*, *shrike*.

shrievalty. From *shrieve*, obs var. of *sheriff*, with F ending after *mayoralty*.

shrift AS *scrift*, from *shrive* (q v). Hence *short shrift*, period allowed culprit to make confession before execution.

shrike, Butcher-bird. From cry, cf AS *scric*, *scrēc*, thrush, Norw. *skrike*, jay.

shrill Imut, cf. Sc *skrii*, LG *schrill*.

shrimp Cogn with *scrimp* and AS *scrimman*, to shrink. Sense as in quot below,

now felt as transferred from that of the crustacean is prob direct from etym sense
We bor 1 [horn ly] men been shrytopus
(Ch c B 3145)

shrine AS *scrin* L *scrinium* coffer etc
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perh with allusion to the snail (see *horn*)

shrive [archaic] AS *scrifan* to decreet
prescribe penance L *scribere* to write
cf Du *scrijven* to write describe Ger
schreiben to write ON *skrifa* to write
skrifja to confess lay penance Replaced
Teut word for scratching inscriptions exc
in F (*wirke*) in which it assumed spec
sense See *scribe*

shrivel From 16 cent Cf Sw dial *skrivla*
to wrinkle

shroud AS *scrud* garment cogn with
shred cf ON *skruð* fittings shrouls of
ship Sense of winding sheet is late (16
cent) also that of veil screen etc
whence verb to *shroud* replacing ME
shride AS *scriðan* For naut use cf
sense development of *sheet*

Shrovetide From 15 cent From *skrua*
(q v) with ref to practice of confession
before Lent Use of past tense is anomalous
but cf *spokesman*

shrub! Plant AS *scribb* with LC &
Scand cognates Cf *scrub* and see
Salopian

shrub In rum *shrub* Var of obs *shrab*
Arab *shrub sha ab* drunk cf *sherebet syrup*

shrug Orig (c 1400) to shiver shudder a
sense curiously exemplified in quot below
Cogn with Ger *schreken* to frighten
orig to jump with fright (cf *heuschrecke*
grasshopper)

Those on board of it the old t p (*Vu* *dictive*) shrug
as the e pl shv tore it bolt in plates and b k
head from her (*Adm* *Offic* *Mar* 5 5)

shuck [dial & US] Hu k H noe *shucks*
rubbish & Metath of *schuck* (q v) in en
of husking corn

shudder ME *schoden* cf LC *schudon*
whence Ger *schauern* A frequent from
the simplex whi h appears in Du *schudon*
Ger *schauern* to shake whence frequents
schütteln *schütteln*

shuffle From 16 cent Cf LG *schuffeln*
schuffeln with same set of senses cogn
with *scuff's shins* (cf *shuffe-board* t t
shovel-board) To *shuffle off* with for
object is u u an echo of *fla u* in
Sense of prevaricating is from card ()

The autho empl all bl art h p g rd
att b to bl g his peer ff the busines ith
hon (North *Examens*)

shun AS *scinan* usu in compds ? cf
S *scunner* to loathe Not found in other
Teut langs

shun For *atert on* (mul)

H allied o t Shunt and I b ted (h pb)

shunt A dial word to go (pu h) a rle re
corded from c 100 and adopted with
railways (1840-50) In earliest A/D
quots for current sen e it is in in erted
commas Perh from *sh n* For *sh* senses
cf US to *side-s a k ss t h off*

h t a country ord t x t hove (h re)

shut AS *scyllan* cogn with *sko* Orig t)
put a bar bolt in posit on

[I] did giv him h if p t l wine and so g t
h t l hum (Pepys 44 t 003)

shute [ital] Channel gutter incl ned trough
for shooting goods Combines *sh u p*
and *chute*

shuttle AS *scutel* missile cogn with *skot*
applied in MF to weavers in triment
shooting backwards and forwards across
warp Hence *shuttlecock* knocked to and
fro as at badminton

shuttlecock volant (Pabg)

shy Adj AS *sc oh* (rare) cogn with Du
schue Ger *schau* and AS *scellan* to take
fr, ht The latter did not survive in d

to hv (of horse) bang from adj It view
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in early MF it seems likely that t e ch f
origin is cogn OF *schiff* from Tent with
f lost as in *gh testy* etc Cf *eschew*
For to fi *shy* cf quot s v *shy*

shy* To throw From 19 cent Analogy of
cockshy (see *cock*) suggests that the e b
was developd in some way from earlier
hico to one hard to catch perh orig on
given to fi *shy* *shy* from *sh t*

sh sh t shv at rock to throw t a cock w th
a stick (Grone)

si [r 15] See *Sam t*

slamang Ape Malay *slamang* from
slaman black

Siamese Of *Siam* e n in *Siame* e n s
(1814-4) who were united at wat t

sib [*archaic*] Alan. AS *sibb*, race. Com. Teut., cf OSax *sibba*, Ger *sippe*, ON. *sifjai* (pl), Goth *sibja* See *gorsip*

sibilant From *piç.* part of L. *sibilare*, whence F *siffler*, to whistle, hiss. Of imit. origin (cf Ger *zischen*)

Pour qui soit ce crips rts qui sifflent sur vos têtes (Rr)

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sika Deer Jap deer

Sikh Sect established (16 cent) in Punjab by Nanak Shah Hind *sikh* disciple

silage For *ensilage* See *silo*

silence Γ L *silentium* from *si re* to be silent Replaced AS *sufge* cogn with Ger *schweigen*

silene Plant Named by Linnaeu from C Σαλην & foster father of Bacchus

silesia Fabric From *Silesia* Germany latinized from Ger *Schlesien*

silhouette From *l'histoire de Silhouette* Γ politician (†1767) though the sense of the joke is variously given

silica From L *silex silic* flint.

silquose [bot] From L *siliq* a pod

silk AS *sioloc seoloc* cf. ON *si hi* O Slav *shelku* (whence Russ *shelk*) L *sericum* (see *serge*) It is supposed to have passed into Slav via some lang which confused *r* and *l* (cf *plum*) and hence via the Baltic trade into AS & ON The other Europ langs have names derived from L *saeta* hair bristle e.g. Γ *soie* Ger *seide* To take *silk* is to become a K.C. who has the right to wear a silk gown *Silken silkworm* are found in AS

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A piece of iron contrived (cord g to ustom) to m se th gnorant at this barren season f e s (D ily Jon nal S p 6 17 4)

silo Fit for storing grain etc Sp L C σ pos pit for corn Cf *ensila*

silt Sediment deposited by sea water App cogn with *silt* Cf Norw Dan dial *syll* salt marsh beach also Du *silt* Ger *sile* salt pan

Silurian [geol] Of rocks first studied in part of Wales orig inhabited by the *Silures* Cf *Deionian*

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simar See *cymar*

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summer Earlier (15 cent) *simpr* r limit f G r *simmen* to buzz

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Simon Pure Name of Quaker in Mrs Cent *live s Bold troke for a wife* (1717) who is impersonated by another character in part of the play Cf *Mrs G undy*

simony Traffic in Church appointments F *simonie* Church L *simonia* from *Simon Magus* (Acts viii 18-19)

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skiagraphy For *scia raphy* See *sciamachy*
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scif ship Orig small boat of a ship

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(Col John Hay Jun 15 1900)

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not with idea of taking cream

statement a fuam g also a scunni b r
sk nani g (Cotg)

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ting the wife shown in a front piece of
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G gr x os

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And hanne th poete Barn las and Foul
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(Wyr fols xi i)

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whence also *Of esch f e* In sport first at
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aleam omnem jacere to put in adventure, to set at six and seven (Coop)

sixte [*fenc*] F, sixth Cf *tierce*, etc

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Rottans [rattans] for water-caske, which make excellent hoops, and are hence of all assises in great abundance (Purch 1612)

Where life still lives, where God his sises holds
(Sylv. 1 2)

sizzle Imit, cf Ger *zischen*, to hiss

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The strange and wonderful dexterity of the sliders on the new canal in St James's Park, performed before their Majes by divers gentlemen and others with skates, after the manner of the Hollanders (Evelyn, Dec 1, 1660 See Pepys, same date)

skean See *skene*

skedaddle Became current (1861-65) in US mil slang (cf *vamosé*), but app earlier in north E dial in sense of to spill

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skelter From *heller-skeller*.

Skeltonic Of John Skelton, burlesque poet (†1529)

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skew First as verb, to move sideways, dodge OF *escuer*, for *eschuer* (see *eschew*)

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slade [dial & poet] Dingle, etc (the dial senses are innumerable) AS *slæd*, *slæd*, with cognates in Scand dialects

slag LG form of *slack*²

slake AS *slæcan*, *slacian*, from *slack*¹ Orig to slacken, hence, diminish vehemence, cf *slack-lime*, *slaked-lime*, also *slake-water*, earlier form of naut *slackwater*

slam Imit, cf Norw dial *slamra* Grand (*little*) *slam* at cards is from obs name for a game called ruff and honours

slammerkin [dial] Slovenly Cf dial *slam-mock*, *slommock*, also *shammock*, in same sense First as surname (Gay's *Beggars' Opera*, 1727), but this is prob from the colloq word Cf Ger *schlampe*, slut

slander F *escandare*, altered from *escandle*, L *scandalum*, scandal (q v)

slang Orig a cant word ? Cogn with *sling*, cf Norw dial *slengjeord*, neologism, *slengjenamn*, nickname, and colloq E to *sling language* (words, etc), to *sling the bat*, talk the vernacular (Kipling), see quot s v *sling*¹ Some regard it as an argotic perversion of F *langue*, language (see s-)

- slant** Evolved from earlier *aslant* (q.v.) Cf *squint* *Slantitudinal* portmanteau word on *slanting perpendicular* is LS
- slap** Imit cf Ger *schlapp klaps* With *slap up* cf *bang up* *Slapdash* is used by Dryden.
- slash** Not recorded till 16 cent. exc. once in Wyc (1 *Kings* v 18) ? OF *eschacier* to break In some senses intens of *lash* (see s.) For intens use of *slaskir* cf *rappir* etc
- slat**¹ Narrow strip MF *sciat* OF *eschit* (*elaf*) fragment from *elater* OF *eschiter* from *ex* and an imit root In L orig roofing slate later sense app. due to Ir *slat* lath
- By the scallat [AS *w. tela* Ty d. tyling] th. i. senten h. m. d. un with the bed (Wyc 1 *ke* . .)
- slat**² To flap (naut.) Prob. imit. cf frequent *slater*
- slatch** [naut.] Var. of *slack*¹
- slate** OF *esclate* fem. form of *eschat* (see *slat*¹) Cf relation of Ger *schiefer* slate to *shiver*¹ To *slite* a sail vigorously originated in Ir It is explained (1805) as equivalent to bonneting knocking a man's hat (? *slate*) over his eyes but is prob. rather from missile use of slate (cf. to *stone*) With fig. *clean slate* orig. in ref. to score chalked up in tavern cf. to *pass the sponge over*
- slatter** See *slat*¹
- slattern** From dial *slatter* to spill slop things about as in a *di. ty sla. kerin* woman (Ray 164)
- slaughter** ON *slaur* (for *lahtr*) butcher meat cogn. with *slay*¹ cf. Ger *schlachten* to slaughter Orig. connected with butchers and cattle for sense-development cf. *massacre* *carriage* *butchery*
- Slav** Slavonic Slav [ling.] MedL *Slavicus* Late C. Slav β also (later) MedL *Slavus* whence F *slave* Group of races and languages represented by Russ. Pol. Czech. Bulgar. Serbo-Croat etc
- slave** F *esclave* OF also *eschaf* as *Slav* the Slavs of central Europe having been reduced to slavery by conquest. The word now in most European languages (It. *schirno* Sp. *esclavo* Du. *slaaf* Ger. *sklave* etc.) prob. started in this sense from the Byzantine Empire. Cf. AS *wealh* foreigner Briton slave *Slaves* orig. male or female servant dates from c. 1800
- slaver** Of Scand. origin cf. synonym ON *slafra* cogn. with *slobber*

- slay** *sley* *sleigh* [techn.] Part of loom AS *slge* cogn. with *slay*¹
- slay**² Verb AS *slān* to smite kill Com. Teut. cf. Du. *slaan* Ger. *schl. en t.* strike (*erschlagen* to slay) ON *sl. (with lahan)* Replied by *kill* exc. in his/her style They are at ut equally common in 41
- slave** Fl. *ss. ilk* Only as (*usu*) *muidd. ech* of *Mach* n. 2 (see *just* s. v. *ra. ch*) From AS *slafan* (in *slafjan*) *auval* i. *lfan* (see *slur* r)
- sleazy** Of low texture Assimilated to *bslea* v. *Sle* r. as in *Sl. se* *Sl. ia l. n. n.* cloth (Blunt r. o.) but doubtfully cf. t. with it
- sled** Du. *slade* *sl. e* cogn. with *sl. te* cf. *r. sch. tien* ON *lehti* See also *leda* *h. n.*
- sledge** Hamm. r. AS *lec* cogn. with *slay*² With pleon. *ledge* *ha. ne* (15 cent.) cf. *pea-gickel* a *clwa* etc
- sledge**² *Sled* (q.v.) Du. *d. d. sleed* (15 cent.)
- sleek** Later a. of *slick* (q.v.)
- sleep** AS *sl. pīa* *h. t.* Com. Te. t. ex. Scand. f. Du. *slafen* Ger. *schlaf* with *slēpan* Orig. strong and weak th. old strong past surviving in dial *he l. p.* the weak forms prob. borne due to *a. h. t.* crucial (cf. *fa. f. lli*) With fig. *eyes* cf. *dr. ant* With *le. ber* horizontal beam etc. (from c. 1600) cf. *j. ist* With *sl. ev* *fears* cf. *sad. p. t. v.* With *sl. eping* *chines* n. v. of spec. Afr. *diseas* f. *MI. l. et. r. e.* f. l. (Trev.)
- sleet** Cf. LG. *sl. e* (Ger. *sch. s. e*) tail Du. *l. v. t. al. v.* Dan. *slud* N. rw. *d. al. skel. l. e. t.*
- sleeve** AS *līfe* cogn. with Fr. *le. l.* *sl. ve* and with arch. Du. *sl. v. e.* *er. n. g.*
- sleigh** *Sledge* (orig. US) Du. *f. r. l. u. d. e.* *led* (cf. *sch. r. e.*)
- sleight** ON *sl. e. l. i. t.* from *sl. e. l. i. t.* *sl. v. t. i. t.* cf. *l. i. d.* Now esp. in *sl. e. l. i. t.* of *ha. d.* (see *legend* n. 111)
- slender** Later also *slend. e.* (Chauc. v. 15) App. f. OF. origin but OF. *esclend. e.* is only recorded by Pals. Kil gives obs. Du. *sl. n. e. r.* but this is prob. from f.
- sleuth** Chiefly in *sl. e. u. t. h. k.* *d. v. l. in. m. t.* LS *f. r. d. t. v. e.* ON *sl. i. t. h.* track trail whence also *slut*²
- slew** *slue* [naut.] To turn Hence *sl. e. u. t.* drunk (naut.) Origin unknown

sley See *slay*¹

slice OF *eschice*, shiver, splinter (*éclisse*, splint), from *eschicier*, OHG *slīzan* (*schleiss-en*, *schlitzen*), to slit (q v)

James the second was slaine by the slice of a great peece of artillerie, which by overcharging chanced to breake (Holinshed)

slick. First as verb, to make smooth, sleek AS *-slycian*, in *nīglslycod*, new sleeked, cf Norw dial *slikja*, cogn with Ger *schleichen*, to creep, glide Adv (orig US) may have been influenced by cogn Ger *schlecht*, *schlicht*, which in compds has preserved its orig sense, e.g. *slick away* renders Ger *schlechtueg* (see *sight*)

slide AS *slīdan*, cf LG *sliden*, MHG *slīten* (whence *schlitten*, sledge², *schlittschuh*, skate²) *Sliding scale*, app first used in current sense by Carlyle, was earlier (c 1700) equivalent to math *sliding-rule*

slight ME also *sleight*, ON **sleht-* (*slettir*) Com Teut., cf Du *slacht*, Ger *schlecht*, *schlicht*, Goth *slachts*, ult cogn with *slick*, *sleek* Orig smooth, sleek, as still in Ger *schlicht*, while var *schlecht* means bad (v1), exc in compds (*schlechtthin*, *schlechterdings*, straightway) and in *schlecht und recht*, plainly Later sense of slender, weak, passed into that of trifling, inferior, base, whence to *put a slight on* and verb to *slight* Common 17 cent sense of razing a fortress is app from Ger For range of senses cf *nice*, *silly*, *quaint*, *slim*, etc

[David] chose fyve slīghte stones out of the ryver (Coverd 1 Sam xxiv)

schleitter oder rasiren (eine festung) to slight a fortification (I udr.)

slim Du crafty, av'ry, cogn with Ger. *schlimm*, bad Orig sense was crooked, oblique Mod sense of cute, from S Afr Du, was current in 17 cent E., as still in dial & US

slime AS *slīm*. Com Teut., cf Du *slim*, Ger *schleim*, mucus, ON *slim*, ult cogn. with L *limus*, "mudde, slime, clay in water" (Coop)

sling¹ To hurl ON *slingja*, cogn with Ger. *schlingen*, to twist, wind, also MHG to throw (for double sense cf. hist of *tarwe*, *trip*) Ger. *schlange*, snake, is cogn From Teut. corrie OF *schlinguer* (naut.) With noun suspensory noose of various kinds, cf. synonym Ger *schlinge* The sense-hist. of *slang*, *throw*, *trip*, suggests that the starting-point of the whole group may have been the elementary noose-like weapon

which was twisted round and round before discharge (cf L *telum torquere*) To *slrang* suspend, is from the noun.

But Eneas be war he abyas

The bolde wordes that [he] dede selyng

(NLD c 1400)

slung². In *gun-slung* (obs US) ² From Ger. *verschlungen*, to swallow (? cf *schnapē*) This for earlier *verschlinden*, also Du, cogn with OSax *slund*, gulp *Slung* alone occurs in E 18 cent slang with sense of nip, gulp shrink AS. *slincan*, to creep, crawl (of reptiles), cf LG *slinken*, Ger *schleichen*; cogn with *sling*¹ (cf *slink*, abortive calf, etc., prematurely "slung" or cast)

slip Only *slipoi*, slippery, is found in AS Cf Du *slippen*, Ger *schliffen*, to slip, *schleifen*, to whet, ON *sléppa*, Goth. *sluþan*, also AS *slūpan* With to give the slip cf to *slip a hound* Sense of narrow strip corresponds with that of Ger *schleife*, band, *schleppe*, train of dress, *schlippe*, alley (L. dial *slipe*) No continental lang has the earliest E sense of slip for grafting It is possible that a *slip* (of a girl), earlier also applied contemptuously to boys, is not a fig use of *slip*, shoot, scion, but short for *slipstring*, formerly used like *waghalter* (see *wag*) and *crackrope* Ground-sense of the word is prob that of making smooth, and the group is ult cogn with L *lubricus*, "slipper" (Coop) *Slippery* is a 16 cent. extension of obs & dial *slipper* (v.s.) after Ger *schlüpfgr*

The sliper [var sliders] moath werclith fallings- (W)c. Protr xxvi 28)

slipe [dial] See *slype*.

slipper From *slip* (v1).

slipshod Cf obs *slipshoe* and AS *slýfscōl*.

In Shaks (*Lear*, 1 5)

slipslop Redupl on *slip*².

slit Cf obs. *slite*, AS *slitan*, cogn with Ger. *schlitzen*, and with *slit*

slither For earlier *sludder* (see quot. s.v. *slip*), frequent of *slide*

Ther toke mi eaul dede fra,

Mi fete fra slitherage alre-awa (ML Poet 101. 10)

sliver From dial *slire*, to cleave, divide, AS *slifan* (in *tō-sifan*, to split) Cf *slave*

slobber, slubber. Also earlier *slabber*, cogn with *slab*², and ult with *slip*, *slap*².

sloe. AS *slāh* WGer; cf. Du *slee*, Ger. *schleke*

slog. Onr. pugil, also dial & US. *slog*

² From Du *slag*, blow, Ger. *schlag*, to

with *slay** with vowel change as in *bluff*
In dial also to plod cf *foot slog* or (mil)
slogan Gael *sluagh ghairm* host cry An
early form *slughorn* misl'd Chatterton and
Browning (*Childe Roland*)

sloid See *sloyd*

sloop Du *sloop* cf LG *slupe* Sw Dan
Norw *slup* perh cogn with *slip* (cf
schooner but see also *shallop*) App bor-
rowed from Du in Indies Scot's *Rela-*
tion of Ja a (1602-5) has a small *slup* or
pinnace rather earlier than MED quots
sloops are vessels attending our men of war and
gen rally of abo 166 tons See *shallops*

(Genl D d s)

slop¹ Loose outer garment AS *slop* in
oferslop prob cogn. with *slip* (cf ori in of
smock) In 16-17 cents often in sense of
baggy breeches Cf F *salopette* work-
man's *slop* of Teut orig.ⁱⁿ

The busines of slopps, wherewith earman is so
much abused by the pursers (P pps, Ma 16 062)

slop² Liquid orig mud etc AS *lōpe* in
cuslopp cowslip (q v) cogn with *slp*
*sl bber slab*²

slop³ [slɪŋg] Policeman For *eclop* i e
fo ice spelt backward

slope Back formation from *aslope* (q v) Cf
slant squint Slang to *slope* was orig US

slosh slush sludge ? Cf Norw dial *sluss*
mure ? ult. cogn with *sleet* Also (naut) ap-
plied to refuse grease whence *slush lamp*
slushy ship's cook

slot 1 or pennies Orig (14 cent) and still
in dial groove or hole w between the
breasts Of *eslot* in same sense perh
ident with *sloft*

slot² [lechn] Bar rod Du LG *slot* cogn
with Ger *schloss* lock *schliessen* to hut
slot or *chyl* fa dars solom (P ompe Pare

slot³ Track of animal Of *escl* ON *slōk*
sleuth

sloth ME formation from *slu* replacing
obs *sleuth* AS *slēfa* h As name of animal
translates Port *pregica* L *figura* i lazi-
ness given to it by early Port explorers

slouch ON *n* un lout (Bar lay 1313) as
still in US also *slōk* (Wamp Locab)

Cf Norw Dan *slukke* LC *sluk* languid
slouch-eared Norw dial *sluk* languid
person cogn with *slu* With *sluk* hst
cf earlier *slukka* ed (16 cent)

slough¹ Mire AS *slō* ult com n th Cer
slōh en to swallow up cf L *vers*
"a swallow or gulfe (Coop) from *vers*

to devour and OHG *slō* hst *slō* from
sluck hst to swallow

slough² S arl-ekin of snake Cogn with Ger
schlauch wine kin hose in MHG snake
skin Hence verb to *leish* mod)

Slovak [ethn] Nati e name of Slav race in
Hungary Cf *Slavene*

sloven Farh r (15 cent) *slō* v m *slō* v m
App from Du *f* arh m *f* em *slō* v m
squald with AF *slō* (F *slō* L *slō* v m
cogn with Ger *schlō* ff *slō* v m *slō* v m

Slovene *slō* v m Serbe (nati on Wend Ger
OSlav *slō* v m *slō* v m

slow AS *slō* v m *slugg* hst *slō* v m
Teut cf Du *slō* v m *slō* v m OHG *slō* v m
slō v m *slō* v m *slō* v m (ig) is first in
Dickens (P *slō* v m *slō* v m)

slow worm AS *slō* v m *slō* v m *slō* v m
being ignorantly re arded as dangerous
In earliest records us'd as giv's to rames
lizards (*regulus* *slō* v m) to which d *slō* v m
powers were attributed But *slō* v m
Norw *slō* v m or *slō* v m is explained as ult
cogn with *slō* v m *slō* v m and *slō* v m is con-
firmed by Ger *slō* v m *slō* v m associat d
with *slō* v m to creep gl l)

sloyd slo d Training in manual (extenst)
Sw *slō* v m *slō* v m

slubber Offer (rm of *slō* v m) Hence
slō v m *slō* v m (also *slō* v m with wh
cf *slō* v m *slō* v m But both words meet
an imit of a *slō* v m *slō* v m in *slō* v m
colour *slō* v m *slō* v m to second el-
ment from *slō* v m *slō* v m as *slō* v m that
cares his clothes unhandsom l or puts
them on carelessly so *slō* v m *slō* v m
Blō's (C 1)

to *slō* v m *slō* v m *slō* v m *slō* v m *slō* v m
slō v m *slō* v m *slō* v m (orig)

sludge See *slō* v m The *slō* v m *slō* v m
to *slō* v m the city much

slue See *slō* v m

slug Sluggard Cf Norw *slō* v m *slō* v m
person Sw dial *slō* v m to be *slō* v m and *slō* v m
verb to *slō* v m *slō* v m *slō* v m Hence *slō* v m
slō v m *slō* v m *slō* v m *slō* v m *slō* v m
tion of *slō* v m *slō* v m

slug² Hough shaped l le ? Connected
with *slō* v m Late appearance (1 cent)
makes Du or Ger *slō* v m *slō* v m

slug³ [US] See *slō* v m

slughorn See *slō* v m

sluice Ol *slō* v m *slō* v m (use) Late L *slō* v m
from *slō* v m *slō* v m *slō* v m *slō* v m
Du *slō* v m *slō* v m *slō* v m *slō* v m
(1310) is in F *slō* v m *slō* v m *slō* v m

slum From c 1800 Orig. cant. room, also with other, app unrelated, senses To go *slumming* is recorded by NED for 1884, the pastime owing its inception to Besant and Rice's East End novels

slumber ME *slumoren*, frequent of *slumen*, from AS *slūma*, sleep, cf Du *slumoren* (also earlier *slumen*), Ger *schlummern* (also earlier *schlumen*) For -b- cf. *chamber*, *timber*, etc Prevalence of frequent form in all three langs is due to the idea of dozing, intermittent sleep

slump In current sense, lit small land-slide, US Cf dial *slump*, to sink in with a flop, an imit word (cf *plump*?) with Scand & Ger cognates, one of which may be the source of the US word.

Precht at Wakes [Colne] church, snow, the way bad, twice I slumped in and was wet
(Josselin's *Diary* 1659)

slur¹ To smear, now usu fig From ME *sloos*, mud (*Prompt Parv*) With to *cast a slur* cf *aspersion*

slur² To pass lightly over, orig to slip a die out of the box without its turning, to slide about, cf LG *sluren*, Du *sleuen*, to drag, trail, ? cogn with *skur*¹ The two verbs cannot be distinguished in some senses

slush See *slosh*

slut Cf synonym Ger dial *schlulle*, *schlutz*, with app related words in Scand langs Perh ult cogn with *slattern*, but not connected with *sloven* *Slutish* is in Chauc

sly ME also *sleh*, *sley*, ON *slægi*, cf *sleight*, Orig skilful, expert For degeneration of sense cf *crafty*, *cunning*, etc Perh ult cogn with *slay*², and meaning skilled in striking, cf synonym Ger *schlau*, *verschlagen* *Slyboots* app contains some suggestion of furtive tread (*pussyfoot*); cf synonym Ger *leisetreter*, lit light treader

Therfor be ye slygh as serpents and symple as doves (Wyc *Malt* x 16)

slype [*arch*] Covered way from transept to chapter-house A 19 cent spelling of *slipe*, long narrow strip (of ground, etc), cogn with *slip*

smack¹ Flavour AS *smæc* WGer, cf Du *smaak*, Ger *geschmack* ? Orig imit of smacking of lips Verb was earlier *smatch*, AS *gesmæccan*

smack² Of lips, whup Imit, cf Du *smak*, Ger dial *schmache*, also colloq Ger *schmatzen*, to eat noisily.

baiser to kisse, to smoutch, to smacke (Cotg)

smack³ Fishing-boat Du LG. *smak*, whence Sw *smack*, Dan *smalke*; also F *semaque*, Sp *esmaque*, from Teut

small AS. *smæl* Com Teut; cf Du *smal*, Ger *schmal*, narrow, slender, ON *smalr*, Goth *smals*. As adv. now only in to sing *small* (v 1) Archaic *small-clothes*, knee-breeches, is in Dickens usu. *smalls* With fig sense of *small beer* cf US. *small potatoes* For *small-pox* (1518) see *pock* *Small talk* is first recorded in Chesterfield's *Letters*.

To suckle fools and chronicle small beer (*Oth* ii 1)
She has brown eyes and speaks small like a woman
(*Merry Wives*, i 1)

smallage [*archaic*] Celery. Earlier *small ache*, F *ache*, VL **apia*, for *apium*, "parsley, smallage" (Coop)

smalt Glass coloured deep blue F, It *smalto*, of Teut origin, cogn with *smelt*²

smaragd [*archaic*] OF *smaragde*, as *emerald* (q.v)

smart First as verb. AS *smeortan*, to be painful, WGer, cf Du. *smarten*, Ger *schmerzen* *Smart-money* was orig. (17 cent) compensation for disablement (mil. & nav) Orig. sense of adj was sharp, stinging, as still in *smart rap over the knuckles*, etc, later, brisk, forward, clever, trim in attire, the last sense ascending from the kitchen to the drawing-room c. 1880 Ult cogn with L *morāre*, to bite

smash Late (18 cent) intens of *dash*; cf *s-plash*, *s-quash*, *s-crunch*, etc. Sense prob associated with *dash*, *crash*, etc

smatter In late ME to talk ignorantly, earlier, to dirty, defile For current sense cf to *dabble* ? Cogn with *smut*

smear AS *smeoru*, fat, ointment Com Teut, cf Du *smeer*, Ger. *schmier*, ON *smjör*, butter, Goth *smairthr*, cogn with Gael *smear*, marrow, G *μύρον*, ointment See *anoint*

smelfungus Grumbler Sterne's name, in *Sentimental Journey*, for Smollett, allusive to the latter's captious tone in his *Travels* (1766)

smell Early ME, but not recorded in AS and with no known cognates As noun has largely replaced *stink*

smelt¹ Fish AS *smelt*, cf Dan *smelt*, obs Ger *schmelz*

smelt² Verb Of LG origin, cf Ger *schmelzen*, to melt (q.v) Cf *small*

smew Saw-billed duck Also called *smee*, *smeech*. ? Cogn with *smooth*

smilax G *σμυλαξ* bindweed

smile Cf OHG *smilan* Dan *smile* Norw & Sw *smila* all prob of LG origin To come up smiling (after reverses) is from the prize-ting

smirch From 15 cent Orig *smorch* app Of *esmorchē* var of *amorice* bait prising from L *mordere mors* to bite This is used by Rabelais (113) in an unquotable passage in the sense of *smirch* No doubt there has been association with *snear*

smirk AS *smearcian* ? cogn with *smierian* to smear anoint with idea of oily smile

smite AS *smiltan* to smite cf Du *smijten* to throw strike Ger *schmeissen* to throw smite (OHG *smilān* to smear) Goth *smietan* to smear For sense develop ment cf ironic use of anoint and cf *h-frotter* (see *basil*)

smith AS *smið* Com Teut. cf Du *smid* Ger *schmied* ON *smiðr* Goth *smitha* with cogn verbs Orig craftsman in metal cf Ger *geschneid* malleable With *smithy* ON *smiðja* cf Ger *schmied*

smitham Small coal earlier dust of lead ore ground malt Var of AS *smetma* fine powder spellin^g bein^g due to asso ciation with *smith* cf archaic Dan *smitten* Sw dial *smittler* fragment ult cogn with *smite*¹

smithereens (*Anglo Ir*) Ir *smiðirín* small fragment (vs) Cf *colleen polcen* etc

Smith's prizes [*Carib*] Founded (168) by Robert Smith Master of Trinity

smock AS *smoc* prob cogn with *smu* a : to creep as being a garment into which one inserts the head Cf *stoft* See also *smug smugle* Norw *smokk* finer stuff is prob the same word

smog Portmanteau word what one emi nent doctor has called smog—coal smoke-log (*Daily Chron* Dec 2 1919)

smoke AS *smoca* cf Du *smok* Ger *schmauch* As verb AS had *smoecan* (strong intrans) whence dial to *smeech* *smoecian* (weak trans) whence to *smoke* Has largely supplanted *reek* To smoke (tobacco) appears c 1500 (cf F *juner* Ger *rauchen*) for earlier to *drink* (tobacco)

smolt Young salmon intermediate between parr and grise ? Cf *smelt*¹

smooth AS *smoð* found only once the usual form being *smithe* when e dial *smeech* c min in in place nam^{es} eg *Smithfield Smedley*

smother Early ML *smo ther* stuffin^g smoke

from stem of AS *smorian* to smother suffocate whence dial to *smore* cf Du *smoren* Ger *schmoren* (from LG)

Thun m t I from the smoke : to the smother
(A You L & H)

smouch [*s/m*] Jew Farler *smou e* Du *smous* a German Jew (Sevel) ident with Ger Jewish *schmus* patt r profit Heb *šā mu olā* tales news (? cf *shenyl*) Sevel (1708) explains *smous* as formed from *Moses* with which it has at any rate been associated Cf *šmr* *mois* *pedlar*

smoulder First (14 cent) as noun smoller smoky vapour App cogn with *smok* r and with Du *m den* to smoulder Obs from c 1500 but revived by Scott

Where be m ch b te beng fatt m he w s mouldend to d th (Le und 151)

Th wo d [moulder g] seems a pa ppepl b t I kn w not whether the verb smould r be in use
(Job 1)

smouse See smouch

smudge smutch ? Related to *smut* ? or to *smoke* Th latter is favoured by dial *smudge* to smoke (herrings) and *LS* *smud s* smoky fire to keep off mosquitos But there may be two separate words and influence of *smirch* also seems likely

smug From 16 cent trim neat gradually shading into self-complacent and at uni versal s, smot Cf Ger *schmuck* trim elegant corn with *schmieggen* to press closely again t (cf *smock*)

s hat k s hm k k left sa b d mugged up b self (Ludw)

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I w th sm play my (saw yesterday) and d n t like it being cry sm try
(Pepys Jun 9, 165)

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snaffle From 16 cent Cf Du *snavel* snout

Fris *snaffel* mouth Ger *schnabel* beak

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snap IG Du *snappen*, cogn with Ger *schnappen*, to snap, *schnal* of bell. In some senses partly an intens. of *knap*. Very common in compds indicating instantaneous action, e.g. *snaphot*, *snaphot*, etc., esp in US.

snaphaunce [hist] Robber, firelock. Corrupt of Du *snaphaen*, or Ger *schnapphahn*, lit. snap cock, for formation cf *catchpole*. The firelock may have been named from the robber (F. *chenapain*, rogue, is from Ger.), or have been an independent formation from the *hahn*, cock (of a gun), snapping on the flint. The Ger word corresponds to the *petravel* of the Rom. langs. *chen*, a dorge, also, the snaphaunce of a pistol (Col.).

snare ON *snara* or AS *snære*, cord, noose, cogn with Du *snare*, string, and ult with Ger *schmur*.

snark Imaginary animal. Coined (1876) by Lewis Carroll in the *Hunting of the Snark*. Cf. *jabberwock*.

Our Liberal contemporaries are engaged in explaining every day that the Snark is undoubtedly a Boojum (Obs. Jan. 25, 1920).

snarl Extended from obs *snar*, cogn with Ger *schnarren*, to snarl, rattle, prob imit.

snatch Cogn. with *snack* (q v.). Tusser has *snatch* for *snack*, light refreshment. With

by *snatches* (16 cent.) cf. synon L. *sabulum*.

sneak First as verb (Shaks.) App. cogn with AS *snican*, to creep, crawl, whence ME *sniike*. But the latter does not appear after 13 cent., and to this gap must be added the difference of vowel. Cf. *snake*, *snail*.

sneek [Se] Latch, or catch, of door. Cogn with *snatch*, *snack*. Cf. similar use of *catch*, *snap* (e.g. of bracelet).

sneer Cf. Fris *sneer*, scornful remark, *sneere*, to scorn. ? Cogn with *snarl*. Earlier sense was to snort. Cf. F. *ricaner*, to sneer, OF. to bray, etc. Mod. contempt is less noisy but more intense.

sneeze Altered from obs *fnese*, AS *fnōsan*

(only in noun *fnōsum*), cogn with Du. *fnutzen*, ON. *fnusa*, and ult. with Ger. *snoren*. The alteration was prob. due to cause of phonetic fitness, helped by scribbled confusion between *fn*, *sn*. Var. *fnese* is in 14th (Job, xli 18).

He speaks to his nose
And to his ear and to his path the pen (1000)
(Chaucer II. 64)

snib [dial] See *snub*.

snick. To cut. ? Suggested by *snickersnee*, ? or by *snit*. Now esp. at cricket.

snicker Var. of *snigger* (q v.); cf. *Se. nicker*, in similar sense; ult. cogn with *neigh*.

snickersnee [archaic] Large knife, orig. fight with knives. Altered from obs. *snick a-snee*, earlier *snick-or-snee*. Orig. from Du. *steken*, to thrust, stick (cf. Ger. *stechen*, *snijden*, *snijet*, to cut (cf. Ger. *schneiden*), *cut and-thrust*. The *st-* of the first word was later assimilated to the *sn-* of the second. In quot. 1 the speaker is a Dutchman.

It is our country's custom to stick or snee
(Gryllstone, *Hilander*, i. 1, 1610).

Among other customs they have in that town [Genoa], one is, that none must carry a pointed knife about him which makes the Hollander, who is used to snik and snee, to leave his horn-sheath and knife a ship-board when he comes ashore.
(Howell).

snider Rifle. Invented by Jacob Snider († 1856).

sniff. Imit., cf. *sniffle*, *snuel*.

sniffing [techn.] In *sniffing-valve*. From dial. *snift*, to sniff; cf. Sw. *snysla*.

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sniggle To fish for eels. From *sniggle*, dim. of dial. *smg*, eel (Cath. Angl.); ? cogn with *snake*.

snip Cf. Du. LG *snippen*, Ger. dial *schnippen*, cogn with *snap*. As name for a tailor in Ben Jonson.

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I really beg, for the common cause of the country, that there should be an end of this sniping
(D. Lloyd George, May 9, 1918)

snip-snap-snorum. Card-game (18 cent.) LG *snipp-snapp-snorum* (or *-snurr*), a jingle on *snippen* or *snappen*, to snap up

- snivel** AS *snýflan* in *snýflung* running at nose from *snoff* mucus cogn with *sniff* *snuffle* For fig senses cf *drivel*
- snob** Orig (18 cent) nickname for shoe maker later vulgarian (esp at Camb) Chief current sense is due to Thackeray (*Book of Snobs* 1848) ? Cogn with *snub* to cut short (cf *snip* tailor)
- snood** [poet] AS *snōð* head-dress fillet Not found in ME and now only as Sc or poet word
- snooker** Elaboration of pool and pyramid Late 19 cent Orig in unknown ? Irish (cf *spoof*)
- snook s** Derisive gesture Late 19 cent Origin unknown Cf F *faire un plet de nez* Cer *ene lan a nase machen* Perh name *Snook s* felt as phonetically appropriate (cf *Wolker*)
- snooze** Cant word (18 cent) of unknown origin
- snoodle** [colloq] ? Combination of *snore* & *snuggle* nuzzle
- snore** Imit cf *snort* dial *snork* and Cer *schnarchen* to snore or snort (Lulv)
- This millere bath so was I b bbe l ale
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(Chaucer 4. 112)
- B t give to me the snoring breeze
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(Allan Cunningham)
- snort** Imit (vs) For intens *snorker* cf *ripper* screamer etc
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- sense of pulling up short *Snub snip* we c also used in same sense
- He schuld snybbe the ma d res that th schuld
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(Capgrave 1461 c 145)
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- sobest** For *so be it* One of our few surviving subjunctives
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I can not wel guide or reulo solvrs (Paston Let h 306)

Some of them be but younge sawg res and w t full letyll what yt meneth to be as a sa get or for to endure to do as a sawger should d (b i 155)

soldato prest with pauc as solders a (Flor)

Und sein sold
Muss d m soldaten werden darn hñt ter
(Schul Pw 1 7)

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solen Razor fi h (mollusc) C *συν* tube shell fi h et

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solteggio [mus] It from *sol fa*

solferino Colour Discovered soon after battle of *Solferino* (1859) Cf *magenta*

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Leg sense of *solicitor* appears in 10 cent the *ling s general attorney* and *gere al s lictor* been mentioned in an act of 1533-4

To th m mory f li beon f dñin Esq t te of Cl d lñn th hñt solit
(Ffol k v Dunsen s Fleet 1)

solid F *solide* L *s idus* corn with OL *s i s* whole G *los* *Solidarity* much used of late is F *sol lant* a coin g of the *Encyclopédie* (1 65)

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solped [xv] With und ven lō f solit un

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etc. *l' soudure* (cf *basler fild r*) from
solder L *solitare* to make *solit* MF had
the verb *sold* *soud* now replaced by *sol r*

soldier Restored from MH & OF so alone
 son hier etc. (with more than seventy f
 vers) from so le s le pay (f It s lfo
 Sp swelto) ult silent with son (q s)
 ModP soldat in It so lito lit rail

I can not write you, or send you yours.

(P 120) Let us go

Some of them be but young sawgers, I wrote
lyt li what ye men tht be as sawg mortuall
end refo d a sawger sho lld (b bl 155.
sawg. I eat with rale a soldier are (The.)

Effort and not ability

Maas den soldaten weer en d machten 1er
(Schuur Pw 11 7)

soldo It coin See sow

sole¹ Of boot F VL. sole for its from
solum ground Sole fish is the same word
from lake

sole Adj Restored from MR & OF to
(scuff) L. solus

σολεῖσθαι ἢ ὁ ἄλλος ἀμυνόμενος ἢ ὁ
speaking incorrectly ὁπότε in the corrupt
Attic of the Athenian eclogist of Σ 4
in Ciceron Cf. ἐπὶ τῇ ἀποστολῇ 1 ἢ 2
ἐπὶ τῇ 11

solenn. Of solenn (replaced by sen i
L solenns c l mms appointed to tal
from Ol solus whole entire and our
year Now usu with suggestion of phom

solen. Razor fish (mollusc) Cow-tail shell fish etc.

sol [a'fɛm s] See *paramf*

solfatara Volcano ent Name is 1
phuro is volcano near Naples from it
is /fo sulphur

solleggio, mu It fretta sol fa

solferino Col ur Discovered 1859 after battle of Solferino (1859) (1 mark)

solicit I *soll ester* L. *soll-twa e* from Ol
s /us whole *cide e* to set in motion
Leg. serve of *s /ich e* appears in 1 cent
the lungs *ger al a wnes* and *ger*
solicit e being mentioned in an act of
1533-4

To the memory of Hobson Juckin Esq lat of
Clifford's Inn, the honest and true
(Epitaph by J. Duns. & J. W. 4)

solid I s life I s l i n s c o n w i t h O l
s e l u s w h o l e C o l a s s t a r t y m u l
u e d o f l i t e u s l s e l a n d a c o i n r e o f t h e
E n e r g y t o e (1 9 7 5)

colidian (Hcol) One who had yet to achieve
salvation by faith alone (Rom 1:24). A
Reformation courage on L was a n
fides iuth

obloquy late I -I you are so new I) at
An time (2 en (psychology I fr en (u
gline Aug (1) spesh

colped, w/ 1 white vent for 100
gulate. Middle 10 per 1 red 100
d per

Library I said I saw a lot of books
about the war game for weapons
etc. is a lot of borrowing for a lot of
though in China was no in evidence we
all are sent

Evangelist From L... ..
alone from vagrant t waiter

sollar, sollar [dial] See *solarium*
 sollarer [hist.] Part of armour. OF dim of
soler (*soulier*), shoe, ? VL **subclare*, from
subtel, the instep, lit under heel (*talus*),
 ? or connected with *sole*¹

solo It, L *solus*, alone

Solomon's seal Plant Translates MedL
sigillum Solomonis, variously explained

Solon Sage G Σόλων, early lawgiver of
 Athens, one of the seven sages

so-long [colloq] ? Corrupt of *salaam* Cf
*compound*², *go-down*, etc

solstice F, L *solstitium*, from *sol*, sun,
sistere, to stand

soluble, solution See *solve*

solus L, alone

solve L *solvere*, *solut-*, to loosen, from *se-*,
 apart, *luere*, to pay, release OF *soudre*
 had also spec sense of pay, cf *solvent*

somatic G σωματικός, from σῶμα, body

sombre F, cf Sp *sombra*, shade App in
 some way connected with L *umbra*, shade,
 but origin of init *s-* is unknown

sombrero Broad hat Orig (16 cent) para-
 sol Sp, from *sombra*, shade (v s)

some AS *sum* Com Teut, but now mostly
 dial in related langs, cf Du *som-* (in
somtijds, *somwijlen*), OHG *sum*, ON *sumr*,
 Goth *sums*, cogn with Sanskrit *sama*, any,
 every US sense, (of) some (consequence),
 has lately become colloq E *Something* was
 in ME and later very common as adv,
 as still in *something like* (cf *somewhat*)
 Dial *summat* is for *some what*

That night, I tell you, she looked some

(Lowell, *The Courtin'*)

-some AS *-sum* Com Teut, cf Du
-zaam, Ger *-saam*, ON *-samr*, Goth *-sams*,
 ? cogn with *same*, *seem* But in *foursome*
 the suffix is the word *some* orig preceded
 by genitive of numeral

somersault Corrupt of F. *soubresaut*, Prov
sobresaut, L *super* and *saltus*, leap, cf It
suprasalto, F *sursaut* Further corrupted
 to *summerset*, *somersel* Cf *fault* for re-
 stored *-l-*

somnambulism Coined from L *somnus*,
 sleep, *ambulare*, to walk. Replaced earlier
noctambulation (Bailey). *Somnus* is cogn
 with AS *swefn*, sleep, dream

somnolent F, L *somnolentus*, from *somnus*
 (v s)

son AS *sunu* Com Teut, cf Du *zoon*,
 Ger *sohn*, ON *sunr*, Goth *sumus*, cogn
 with Sanskrit *sūnu*, and ult with G *νός*.
 Found in the same langs as *daughter*.

sonant From pres. part of L *sonare*, to
 sound

sonata It, from *sonare*, to sound. Cf. *can-*
tata

song AS *sang*, *song*, cogn. with *sing* (q.v.).
For a song is in Shaks. (*All's well*, iii 2).
 With *songstress*, a double fcm. (*-ster*, *-ess*).
 cf. *sempstress*

sonnet F, It *sonetto*, dim of *suono*, sound,
 L *sonus* First in title of Surrey's poems
 (1557), but orig. used of various short
 poems

sonorous From L *sonorus*, from *sonor*,
 sound, cogn with *sonus*

Here let the mountains thunder forth sonorous,
 Alleluia;

There let the valleys sing in gentler chorus,
 Alleluia (J M Neale).

sonsy [Sc & Ir] Buxom. From *sonse*,
 plenty, Gael Ir *sonas*, good fortune

soon AS *sōna*, at once, cf OSax OHG *sān*
 For fig sense of *sooner* cf *rather* (cf also
 F *plus tôt*, *plutôt*)

soot AS *sōt*, cf Du dial *zoet*, ON *sōt*,
 ? cogn with *sit*, as meaning what settles,
 sediment

sooterkin [archaic] Imaginary afterbirth
 attributed to Du women. App archaic
 Du *soetken*, darling, dim of *soet* (*zoef*),
 sweet, but the E sense is not known in
 Du Howell (1621) calls it *zucchie*

sooth AS *sōth*, orig adj, true, cf OSax
sōth, ON *sannr*, Goth *sunjts*, Sanskrit
satya, all supposed to be, like L *sons*,
 guilty, pres part formations from the
 root *es-*, to be (cf *authentic*) Obs from
 17 cent, exc in *forsooth*, *soothsayer* (with
 which cf Ger *wahrsager*), but revived by
 Scott

soothe AS *sōthian*, to show to be true (v s).
 Current sense is reached via that of
 cajoling a person by assenting to what he
 says

These be they that sooth young youths in all their
 sayings, that uphold them in all their doings
 (Lyly's *Euphues*).

sop AS *sopp*, bread, etc dipped in liquid,
 cogn with *sup*, *soup*, hence verb to *sop*.
 AS *soppian*, cf Du *soppen* With *sopped*,
 wet through, cf synonym F *trempe comme une*
soupe

sophism Restored from earlier *sofyne*,
sophume, etc, OF (*sophisme*), L, G,
 σοφισμα, from σοφίζεισθαι, to devise, from
 σοφός, wise Depreciatory sense springs
 from bad reputation of the *sophists*.

com Cf *soldier*, *ſ s d* Formerly, and still occ., used colloq in pl

Not a sous had he got, not a punner or note
(Ingoldsby)

He had not given 7 sous since the war began
(Daily Chron May 15, 1918).

soubise Sauce From F Marshal Soubise
(†1787) Cf *bechamel*

soubrette F, from ModProv *soubret*, coy,
from *soubra*, to put on one side So *Dict*
Gén Others connect the word with Sp
sobrina, niece, L *consobrina* (see *cousin*)

soubriquet See *sobriquet*

souchong Tea Chin *siao-chung*, small sort

Soudanese Of the *Soudan*, lit black s (Arab)

soufflé F, pp of *souffler* to blow, L
sufflare, from *sub* and *flare*

sough First as verb, to make a rushing
sound AS *swōgan* (also found in OSax),
cogn with *swēgan*, to sound Obs in E
from 16 cent, but re-introduced by Burns
and Scott Esp in *to keep a calm sough*, to
hold one's tongue

sought See *seek*

soul AS *sāwol*, *sāwl* Com Teut, cf. Du
ziel, Ger *seele*, ON *sāla*, Goth *saiwala*
For fig senses and collocation with *body*,
life, cf similar use of F *âme*, Ger, *seele*
As applied to individual (*good soul*, *not a*
living soul, *every soul on board*) perh due
to eccl character of medieval administra-
tion (cf *parish*)

sound¹ Noise ME & AF *soun*, F *son*, L
sonus For excrecent -d cf dial *gownd*,
drownd, and see *bound*²

sound² Adj AS *gesund*, healthy, whence
also ME *isund* WGer, cf Du *gezond*,
Ger *gesund*, ? cogn with Ger *geschwind*,
swift, orig strong Later sense of genuine,
trustworthy, develops into mere intens
(sleep, sherry, thrashing, etc) In *sound*
as a bell there is association with *sound*¹

sound³ Narrow channel, esp in Sc ON
sund, swimming, strait (as between Catte-
gat and Baltic), cogn with *swim*, cf AS
sund, swimming, water, whence sense of
swimming-bladder of sturgeon, cod, etc
By early writers associated with *sound*⁴, as
a channel that can be sounded, whereas it
is a channel that can be swum For sense
of relation of *ford* to *fare* or of L *vadum*,
ford, to *vadere*, to go

sound⁴ To measure with plummet F.
souder, from *soude*, plummet-line, app
Teut and ident with *sound*³, though it is
difficult to see the connection, cf. AS

sund-line, *sund-rāp* (rope) Hence med to
sound, probe, a wound, and, with a leaning
on *sound*¹, to *sound* the lungs.

sounder [archaic] Herd of wild swine OF
sondre, of Teut origin, cf. synon AS *sunor*,
ON *sonar* - (in compds), OHG *suoner*

soup F *soupe*, of Teut. origin and cogn with
sop, *sup*; cf It *zuppa*, Sp *sopa* Du *sop*,
Ger *suppe*, are from F.

soupçon F, OF *sospeçon*, L. *suspectio-n*,
for *suspicio-n*

sour AS *sūr*. Com. Teut, cf Du *zuur*,
Ger *sauer* (OHG. *sūr*), ON, *sírr* Cf
soriet. *Sour-dough*, man from Alaska,
alludes to use of leaven in baking bread
there in winter As *sour-dough* has long
been obs in E, its US currency is prob
due to Du *zuurdeeg* or Ger. *sauerleig*

The ceter restide a littil in menging to gydre of
sourde dowe, till it were sourdowid all

(Wyc. *Hes vii 4*)

source F, spring, from *sourdre*, to rise,
spring up, L *urgere* ME had also the
verb to *sourd*, spring up, well forth
sourdine [mus.] F, It *sordina*, from *sordo*,
deaf, muffled, L *surdus*

souse¹ [dial] Pigs' feet and ears pickled,
brine, etc for pickling OF *soult*, *sout*,
OHG *sulza*, whence Ger *sülze*, *sulze*,
"souce, souced pork" (Ludw.), cf synon
Du *zull*, and It. *solcio*, from Ger, cogn
with *salt*.

souse² [archaic] To swoop down First
(15 cent.) as noun ? In some way con-
nected with F. *sous*, *dessous*, or perh. with
sus, *dessus*, as in *fondre dessus*, to swoop
down upon The NED explanation (from
Skeat) that *souse* is altered from *source*,
upward flight, is due to misunderstanding
of quots below, in which *mount*, *source*,
are not equivalent, but alternative, to
souse, i.e. the hawk attacks its prey from
below or above, the latter method being
the swoop or *souse*

If youre hawke nym the fowle a loft, ye shall say
she toke it at the mounte or at the souce

(Book of St Albans, 1486).

The sparrowhawkes do use to lill the fowl at the
sowrce or souce (Turberville, 1575).

souse³ Thump, flop, etc Imit, cf Ger.
sais, tumult, esp in *sais und braus*, ON
sūs, roar of waves Strongly associated
with *souse*^{1,2}, e.g. in quot below, which it
would be hard to assign to any of the three

Jonas (to them all appease)

O'er head and eares was soused in the seas

(Sylv. Jonas).

OF for *Spaniard*, the latter representing OF *Espagnard*, formed like *campagnard*. This is now replaced in F by *Espagnol*, Sp. *Español*

spank Imit of resonant slap With *spanking*, as intens (a *spanking lass*) cf *dashing*, *thundering*, *whopping*, etc In some senses, e.g. *spanking pace*, and in naut uses (*spanker-boom*), partly due to Sc *spang*, to move rapidly, suddenly, also used for a smart blow ² Cf Port *espancar*, to strike

span-new See *spick and span*

spar¹ Rafter, pole, etc (naut) Com Teut, cf Du *spar*, Ger *sparen*, ON *sparri* Not recorded in AS, but cf *gesparrian*, *besparrian*, to bar (a door), and dial *spar*, *spear*, in same sense Also OF *esparre*, "the barre of iron thats nailed on a door" (Cotg), whence perh some of the E senses ² Cogn with *spear*

sperrin to spar, bar or bolt, a door (Ludw)

spar² Mineral From LG, cf Ger *sparkalk*, AS *sparstān*, *sparen*, gypsum. Sec *feldspar*, second element of which is perh cogn

spar³ To box, etc Earlier (16 cent) to strike with the spurs (in cock-fighting), orig (15 cent) to thrust rapidly ² From obs *spar*, long-handled battle-axe, var of *sparth*, ON *spartha*

The last few months in the [US] Senate have been devoted to sparring for position

(Westm Gaz June 12, 1919)

sparable Small headless nail (shoemaking) For *sparrow-bill*, from shape

spar AS *sparian*, in main current senses Com Teut, cf Du Ger *sparcn*, ON *spara* From an extended form of the Teut verb come F *épargner* (OF *espargner*), It *sparagnare* With adj, AS *spar*, cf OHG *spar*, frugal Sense of esp¹ in use (*spareroom*) is (from 14 cent) not naut

spar-rib Also (17 cent) *ribspare* (still in dial), cf LG *ribbspeer*, Ger *rippe(n)speer*, with doubtful second element In E associated with *sparc*, from absence of fat

spark AS *spearca*, with cogn forms in LG & obs Du, but not in other Teut langs Hence *sparkle* Sense of smallest trace (without a spark of) is in AS *Spark*, gallant, now disparaging, is prob fig use of same word (v 1) It is even used of a lady in *Appius & Virginia* (Prol) Mr *Sparks*, the wireless operator (naut), is a neol

This honourable sparke [the Earl of Cumberland]

was further kindled and enflamed by former disasters (Purch. xvi 12).

Coronell Mustin was shot dead and many a brave sparker more (Sydenham Po, ntr, 1624-30).

sparling [archaic] Fish (smelt), also *spuling*, *spurling* Cf OF *esperlinge* (*éperlan*), of Teut origin, also Du *spiering*, Ger *spierling*

sparrow AS *spearwa* Com Teut, cf Frs *sparieg*, Ger *sperling* (dim of dial. *spar*), ON *sporr* Goth *sparwa*, cogn with OPruss *spurglis* Hence *sparrowhawk*, earlier *sparhawk*, AS *spearhafoc* For *sparrowgrass* see *asparagus*

sparse L *sparsus*, from *spargere*, to scatter, cf F *épars* (OF *espars*). It *sparso*. Earlier as verb (Coverd) In ref to population, congregation, etc, orig US

spart *Esparto* (q v) Cf *sparterie*, F *esparterie*, from Sp

Spartacist [bot] Ger Bolshevik (Nov. 1918). From *Spartacus* (†71 B.C.), ringleader in the Roman Servile War

Spartan Of endurance, frugality, etc, characteristic of inhabitants of *Sparta* Cf *laconic*

sparus Sea-bream L, G *σάπρος*

spasm F *spasme*, L, G *σπασμός*, from *σπᾶν*, to tug

spat¹ Spawn of shell-fish ² Cogn with *spit*

spat² Sharp blow, smacking sound Imit

spat³ Short garter Short for *spatterdash*, *spatterplash*, etc, defence against splatterings

pero a shoe of raw leather worn by country folks in snow and cold weather, a start up, a splatter-plash (Litt.)

spatchcock Fowl dressed in summary fashion Orig Ir, now chiefly Anglo-Ind. ² For *dispatch cock* (v 1), but perh rather altered from earlier *spitchcock* (q v) Hence to *spatchcock*, interpolate, esp (journ) "cook" a telegram

spatch cock abbreviation of a dispatch cock, an Irish dish upon any sudden occasion (Grose)

Did or did not the Hearst papers spatchcock statements into cable dispatches from London?

(Daily Chron Nov 7, 1916)

spate Sudden rise of river Orig Sc, of unknown origin

spathe [bot.] From L, G *σπάθη*, flat blade, etc See *spade*¹

spatial From L *spatium*, space

spatiate [archaic] To stroll From L *spatiari*, from *spatium*, space Cf *expatiate* (q v)

spatter Orⁿ to scatter fly in fragments
Cf LG Du *spatten* to burst to spatter
to bedash (See el) Current senses asso-
ciated with *spit* *spuller*

spatula spatule L dim of *spitha* See
*spide*¹ Hence *spatulate* (biol) broad
ended For Late L ense of shoulder blade
(see *epaule*) cf Ger *schaufel* shoulder
blade (of game) lit shovel

spavin ME *spavayne* etc OF *espatavin*
var of *espartain* (*epartin* *epertin*) a
spavin in the leg of a horse (Cf t) App
connected in some way with OF *e parier*
(*epertier*) sparrowhawk OHC *spa wa s*
(*sperber*) cf Sp *esparador* sparrowhawk
spavin Ger dial *spat* spavin is app-
ident with *spat* sparrow App from
forgotten piece of folk lore (cf *frol*)

spawn First (c 1400) as verb App for
spound AF *espaunire* to shed the rx
OI *espaudre* (*epandre*) to shed spill out
L *expandere*

spay (archaic) To castrate (female anim li
AF *espier* OI *espier* to ut ith sv r l
espee (*épée*) Cf L *spado* a gelding be-
it man or beast (Coop) See *spade*

speak AS *sprecan* later *specan* WGer
cf Du *sprieken* Ger *sprechen* cogn with
ON *spraak* to crackle For rhic just
spake cf *brake* For loss of *r* cf *fang*
With use of pp as active (*blain spoken*
out well blunt etc) cf Ger *pflicht*
tergessen duty forgetting The oldest of
these is fr *spoken* (15 cent) *Spoke* ma-
f r obs *speakman* is also anomalous (f
shroetide) Trans sense to address sur-
vives in to *speak one fair* and in to *speak*
a ship The *Speaker* of the H of C is
first mentioned 13 6-

spear AS *spea* cf Du Cer *spe* ON
spjvr (pl) cogn with *spa* ² or with *i*
spatus dart

spec. For *speculation* Orig Lⁿ (18 cent)
special As *especial* (q v) See al *sped* ac-
cilling attention to specific circum stances
(See) has from late 19 cent sense of ex-
plicit argument w phistry See al *con-*
stables date from 1701

specie L abl of *species* (v 1) in phrase in
specie orig in kind in actual form from
c 1600 esp of actual minted metal as
compared with paper money or bullion
For t word from L abl of *spec* r g a t
specula

species I appearance a kind from *specere*
to behold cf L *e spec* It *spec* u ³ p

especie and see *pace* See also *genus*
Hence *specific* having to do with one kind
spec fr *specimen* etc

spectious I *speciosus* L *speciosus* beauti-
full layre goodly to see to well favoured
bonnet (Coop) from *species* (v) For
degeneration of sense cf *anlimonimus*
and many other ajs

A I thou know this th t it was b with baste for
alm t the precious G I the less to
(Cf u Rhen *hissen*)

speck Spot AS *specca* spet, not for p in
other Teut langs though Du has *spikkel*
(earlier *speckel*) speckl Prob silent with
dial *spek* patch or s or icl F *tahe*
spot speck in OI also patch) Origin
unknown

speck¹ Blubber I whale Du *vet* at
bucin cf Ger *spek* AS *spe* bucin
Hence *speck* i near chief harpooner cor-
rupt of Du *spek* s d r e blubber
cutter For full account see *Blubber*
M L *Dick* ch xxxii

I th British (see nd *hubery* or for Du or
United Sts I *Speck* now L *speck* v b o m d
12 t nd M *spek* ad

spectacle I I *per a nime* from *a nime*
I look frequent of *spec* I *face* of
pe u (15 cent) appears to have been
an advance on the dark glass (v 1)

For it *per* tel u, t *speck* or
Though which is in I *speck* form see
(Cf u Rhen *hissen*)

spectator I beholder on-looker At tition
of person ualfr in u 11 (Addison)

spectre F L *pectum* apparition appear-
ance from *per* *ect* take all I from
spe from *com* also want words in *spe* *pro-*
eg *ect* u e

specular OI a mirror L *speculum* from
spec r l x l Cf Ger *spiegel* from L

speculate From I *speculatio* to watch any
from watch over *speculatio* (v 1) Finance
sense 18 cent

speech AS *spæc* later *spæc* (see *feed*)
Sense for *spæc* u 11 cent

speed AS *spæd* s d from *spæc* u 1
senses WGer cf Du *spied* OHC
spæd w t Ger *spähen* to look in
(Iran) (Cf t word of *spæd* derivatives
in to u *one good speed* and past in
plant name *spæd* See *spæd* of ver 1
(AS *spæd*) in next influence of I *spe-*
ful or I *spæd* to u *spæd* *spæd* at b
(note) cf *the speed* to *spæd* h
(Note 1)

speer [Sc] To inquire AS *spyrian* Com Teut, cf Du *speuren*, to track, Ger. *spuren*, ON *spyrja* See *spoor*

I spere, I asle je demande This term is rare northyrne, and nat usyd in commyn speche (Palsg.).

spell¹ Magic formula AS *spell*, narrative, saying, etc., hence, set of words Com Teut, cf OSax OHG *spel* (Ger *beispiel*, example, parable), ON *spjall*, Goth *spill* Cf *gospel*

spell² Verb OF *espeier* (*épeler*), for earlier *espeldre*, to explain, of Teut origin, from above

spell³ Turn of work First as verb, earlier *spele*, AS *spehan*, to act for, from *spala*, substitute, deputy

spellican See *spillican*

spelt Kind of grain AS *spelt*, Late L. *spella* WGer, from L, cf Du *spelt*, Ger *spelt*, *spelz*, also F *épeautre*, It *spella*, Sp *espelta* Never in current E use

spelter Alloy, orig zinc Cogn with *pelter* (q v)

spence [archaic] Larder, etc Aphet for *dispense* Cf obs *spencer*, steward, whence surname See *spend*

spencer Short overcoat, later, bodice From second Earl Spencer (†1834) Cf *sandwich* Cf naut *spencer*, kind of sail, also from a surname

Spencerian Of Herbert Spencer, sociologist (†1903)

spend AS *spendan* (in compds), L *expendere*, to weigh out, pay, whence also Ger *spenden* The E word is also, and chiefly, aphet for OF *despendre* (replaced by *dépenser*) Fig senses, e.g. *spent*, exhausted, occur early *Spendthrift* replaced (16 cent) earlier *scattergood*, found as (still surviving) surname c 1300

Spenserian [metr] Stanza as used in *Faerie Queene*, imitating It *ottava rima*

spergula MedL for *spurry* (q v) ? Suggested by MedL *sparagus*, asparagus

sperm F *sperme*, L, G *σπέρμα*, from *σπερμιον*, to sow Hence *spermaceti*, MedL, lit sperm of whale (see *cetacea*), due to erron belief as to nature of substance, and *spermaceti whale* (17 cent), now reduced to *sperm-whale*

spew AS *spīwan* (strong), *spēowan* (weak) Com Teut, cf OSax *spīwan*, Ger *spewen*, ON *spýja*, Goth *spewan*, cogn with L *spuere*, which has influenced var *spue*

sphaer- See *sphere*

sphagnum Bog-moss, now (1918) used as

surgical dressing. From G *σπάγνος*, kind of moss

sphenoid [scient] From G *σφῆν*, wedge

sphere Restored from ME *spere* (astron geom.), OF *espere* (F *sphère*), L, G. *σφαῖρα*, ball *Sphere of influence*, in ref to conflicting colonial ambitions, is late 19 cent

And after that the melodye herde he

That cometh of thulke speres thrives thre

(Chauc *Parl of Iowles*, 60)

sphincter [anat]. L, G *σφιγκτήρ*, band, from *σφίγγω*, to bind tight

sphinx L, G. *Σφίγξ*, the strangler, from *σφίγγω* (v s). Orig myth monster with head of woman and body of winged lion, which infested Thebes till its riddle was solved by Oedipus

sphragistic Of a seal (for stamping), G *σφραγίς*

splygmo- From G *σπληγμός*, pulse, from *σπύζω*, to throb

spicate [bot] From L. *spica*, spike, ear of corn

spice OF *espice* (*épice*), var. of *espice*, species (q.v.), early druggists recognizing four species, viz saffron, clove, cinnamon, nutmeg For fig sense of *spicy* cf *piquant*

Justice, all though it be but one entier vertue, yet is it described in two kyndes or spices

(Elyot, *Governour*, u 187)

spick and span For *spick* and *span* new, ME *span-new* (Chauc.), *spon-new*, ON *spān-nýr*, lit chip-new (cf. Ger *span*, chip, shaving) *Spick* is ident with *spike*, nail Cf Ger *nagelneu*, "brand-new, fire-new, spick- and span-new" (Ludw.), *spanneu*, "span-new, spick-new, fire-new or brand-new" (ib.), Du *spikspeldermieuw*, "spick and span new" (Sewel), lit spike splinter new, also F *battant neuf*, lit beating new (from the anvil)

They say *bran-span-new* in Yorkshire

(Pegge, *Additions to Grose*)

spiculate [bot] L *spiculatus* See *spicate*

spider ME *spithre*, AS **spithre*, **spithre*, from *spinnan*, to spin Cf Du *spin*, Ger *spinnen*

spiffing [slang] Cf dial *spiff*, well-dressed man Origin unknown

spificate From 18 cent, "to confound, silence, or dumbfound" (Grose) ? fanciful formation on *suffocate* Cf dial *smothercate*

spigot Also ME *speget* (*Voc* 771, 27). Usu associated with *spike*, cf Prov. *espigou*,

spinthariscopes Coined (1903) by Crookes from G *σπινθάρης*, spark

spiracle L *spiraculum*, from *spuare*, to breathe

spiraea Flower L, G *σπείρα*, from *σπείρα*, spire²

spiral See *spire*² With *spiral staircase* cf Ger *wendeltreppe*, from *winden*, to wind
spirant *gram* From pres part of L *spirare*, to breathe

spire¹ Pointed summit, etc. Earlier also *spear* AS *spīr*, stalk, of long grass, in ME shoot sprout, cf Du Ger *spīr*, ult. cogn with *spār*¹ Steeple (cogn from 16 cent, so also Sw *spira*, Dan Norw *spīr*)

spire² Coil, convolution F, L, G *σπείρα*, coil, winding Hence *spiral*

Made so furly & all With delicate spire and whorl (Maud, II ii 1)

spirit L *spiritus*, from *spuare*, to breathe, used in Vulg to render G *πνεῦμα* (for sense-development cf *animus*) Partly also via OF *espirit*, *esprit* (c *spīr*) Replaced, in certain senses, native *soul*, *ghost*, but has not been gen adopted by the other Teut langs In ref to temperament from medieval science, which believed in three "spirits" (see *animal*) or subtle fluids pervading the individual, as it did in four "humours" Alcohol sense (c 1600) from earlier use by the alchemists who recognized four viz quicksilver, orpiment, sal ammoniac and brimstone (Chauc G 822 ff), cf similar use of Ger. *geist* To *spirit* (away), abduct, was orig used (17 cent) of kidnapping boys for the Wind plantations, as though they had been supernaturally removed Littleton has *plagiarius*, "a spirit, who steals other mens children or servants" *Spiritualism*, in table-rapping sense, appears 1855 *Spirituel* (F) has developed also the spec sense of *esprit*, wit, intellect

spirometer Irreg formation from L *spirare*, to breathe

spirt See *spirt*

spit¹ Cooking implement, sandy point AS *spitu* WGer, cf Du *spit*, Ger *spieß*, cogn with Ger *spitz*, pointed (cf *Spitzbergen*), whence *spitze*, lace Cf also OF *espiet*, spear, from Teut

spit² To expectorate North AS *spittan*, imit More usual in AS were *spētan*, whence dial *spet*, and *spīwan* (see *spew*) Cf also Ger *spucken*, dial *sputzen*, *spitzen*, Dan *spytte*, etc With vulg the very spit of

cf. F. *il est son père tout craché*. With *spit* *fire* cf earlier *stiffire* (Flor 91 *cacafuco*) spit³. As in *two spit deep* (c. 1500) From dial to *spit*, dig with a spade (Piers Plowm), AS. *spittan*, cogn with Du. *spitten*, "to spit, as to spit turf" (Hexham), and perh with *spit*¹

spitchcock. Mode of preparing eels. Perh for *spit-cook* (v i.), because roasted The 17 cent diets, show that a *spitchcock-eel*, "*anguilla decumana*" (Litt), was of the largest size See also *spatchcock*
spitchcock *anguille des plus grosses, qu'on rôtit ordinairement* (Millet, 1670)

spite. Aphet for *despite* (q v.). With *in spite* of cf Ger. *treiz*, in *-pite* of, orig. noun, "bravado, hectoring, scorn, sham, spite, despite or despatch" (Ludw.) Froissart tells us that a friar attached to the household of John of Gaunt was killed by Wat Tyler's men "en despit de son maistre," i e to show their hatred and scorn for his master

spittle Altered, on *spit*², from earlier *spallle*, AS *spēll*, cogn with *spētan*, to spit
spittoon App coined (c 1810) in US, the land of accurate expectation The earlier E term (17 cent.) was *spitting-box*.
spitz Pomeranian dog Ger, also *spitzhund*, from *spitz*, pointed (see *spit*¹)

splanchno-. From G *σπλάγχνα*, inward parts
splash Intens of *plash* See s- For fig senses cf *dash*

splay In *splay-foot* From verb to *splay*, to slope (arch), aphet for *display* (q v.), in sense of spreading out OF had also *espleur*, now only in *aigle éployee* (her), spread-eagle

In like wise at the est ende of the same brgge another mighty stonewerk with ij displaies (Contract for Newark Bridge, 1485)

spleen OF *esplen*, L *splen*, "the spleene, the milte" (Coop), G *σπλήν*, regarded in ME as seat of morose feelings (cf *heart*, *liver*, *kidney*), in which sense it has been borrowed back by F

splendid F *splendide*, L *splendīdus*, from *splendire*, to be bright *Splendacious* is a jocular formation after adjs in *-acious* (cf rustic *boldacious*)

splennial [anat] From G *σπλήνιον*, bandage
splice Orig. naut Archaic Du *splassen*, cogn with *split*; cf Ger *splessen*, "to split, or slit, wood or hoops" (Ludw.), also "to splice ropes, to open the twists at the end of both ropes, and make them fast into one

dipping prow Later *spoom*, a landsman's perversion, after *spume*, foam Hence *spoon-drift*, now usu *spindrift* (q v)

spoonerism Accidental transposition of sounds, orig type of which is said to be *Kinkering congs their tittles take*, attributed to Rev W A Spooner, of New Coll, Oxf

spoony See *spoon*¹

spoor Du, the word reaching us from SAfr Com Teut, cf AS ON *spor*, Ger. *spur*, whence *spurlös*, without leaving a trace, as in the genial suggestion (*spurlös versenken*) of Count Luxburg, Ger minister to the Argentine, with regard to neutral shipping See also *speer* The word belongs to the primitive Teut hunting vocab

sporadic MedL, G *σποραδικός*, from *σπείρειν*, to sow, scatter

spore From G *σπορά*, seed (v s)

sporran' Gael *sporan*, purse, from Late L *bursa* Familiarized by Scott

sport Aphet for *disport* (q v), with spec sense-development which has led to its being borrowed by several other langs Sense of abnormal plant, etc (19 cent) app goes back to obs. *sport of nature*, rendering L *lusus naturae* To *sport*, display, etc, is used by Steele (1712) With *sportsmanlike* cf *seamanlike*, *workmanlike*

to *sport timber* to keep one's outside door shut (Grose)

The rise of Germany is a freak, a sport, and does not belong to the real terrene scheme of evolution (Westm Gaz Feb 22, 1918)

That every child born in the country should have a sporting chance (Prince of Wales, Dec 18, 1919)

spot From 12 cent, first in sense of blemish, stigma, etc (as in *spotless*, *unspotted*) Cf ON *spolth*, small piece, Norw dial *spott*, spot, speck, piece of ground, also Fris & obs Du *spot*, speck If ult cogn with *spit*², it may be also ult ident with Ger *spott*, derision, which some authorities connect with L *spuere*, *spit*-, to spit; cf use of F *conspuer*, L *conspuere*, "all to bespittle" (Coop) For later sense-development cf Ger *fleck(en)*, which has the same group of meanings, e g *fleck-fieber*, "the spotted fever" (Ludw), though this was prob not the cerebro-spinal meningitis now called by that name To *knock spots out of* is US, perh from use of playing-cards as pistol targets

ich will den spott nicht auf mir sitzen lassen I will not suffer that spot, blur or blemish, in my reputation (Ludw)

spouse OF. *spos*, *espos*, *spose*, *espose* (*époux*, *épouse*), L *sponsus*, *sponsa*, lit promised, vowed, from *spondere* Cf *espouse*

spout First (14 cent) as verb Cf Du *spuit*, earlier *spuyt*, "sluce to let in or out water" (Hexham), cogn with *spit*² From 16 cent also of a "shoot" for corn and hence of a pawnbroker's lift for pledged articles Application to pretentious oratory, etc, is 18 cent, but *spout* is found in early 16 cent as illiterate form of *spule*, for *dispute*.

I forbad all spouting in sopistry,
Now they spout in spouting who may spout most
high (Heywood, *Spider & Fly*, xxix A)

Mr Hull, pawnbroker, committed suicide by hanging himself within his "spout"

(NED, from *Gent Mag* Oct 1835)

sprag [dial & US] Prop, brake. Origin unknown To "sprag the wheel of progress" was used by Capt W. A Redmond in H of C, Mar 25, 1919

sprain App. OF *espreindre* (*épreindre*), *épreign-*, to press, VL **expremere*, for *expumere*, though, as the E word is first recorded c 1600, retention of s- is anomalous For formation and sense cf *straw*, which has taken over the usual meaning of *épreindre*

spraints [*sport*] OF *espraintes*, "the dung of an otter, or other such vermine" (Cotg.), var of *espreintes*, p p fem pl of *espreindre* (v s)

sprat AS *sprot*, cf Du *sprot*, Ger *sprotte* (from LG) Orig sense was perh small fry, the sprat being regarded as the young of the herring This points to connection with AS *spryttan*, to germinate, sprout

sprawl AS *spræwlan*, cf Fris *spraweli*, ? cogn with *spread*

spray¹ Sprig, etc Cf AS *spræc*, mod dial *sprag*, also in Sw dial As earliest records (from 13 cent) have collect sense, young shoots, small growth, etc, ult. identity with *spray*² is possible, with ground-idea of what is scattered or sprinkled.

spray² Of water From 16 cent Cf LG *sprei* (noun), obs Du. *sprayen*, MHG *spræjen*, to sprinkle, ult cogn with synon Ger *spruhen*, *spreuen*, and with *spreu*, chaff

The sprie of the sea, which the winde blew about us like raine (Purch 1615)

spread AS *sprādan* WGer, cf Du. *spreiden*, *spreien*, Ger *spreiten* With *spread-eagle* cf F *aigle éployée* (her), lit splayed eagle. With *spread-eaglesism*, bombast (US),

allusive to the bird of freedom cf *jingoism* *chauvinism* *junkerism*
spree From c 1800 Earlier also *spra*
 Orig Sc ? Ident with *sprea* h f ray
 cattle rail alteration of *spreth* Gael
spridh cattle from I *spra* fa prey
spring In Langland in spec sense (v 1) other
 wise not recorded till 16 cent ? Altered
 from earlier *sprin* in same sense For fl.
 senses (*sprig* of robility) cf *scion*

Ho so smareth th *sprigge* (see *sprung*; *sprueth* hu
 child en (P 1 Flamm C vi 131)

sprightly From *spright* perverted form of
sprite (q v)

spring AS *sprigan* to leap burst f ith
 fly up etc Com Teut cf Du Ger
springen ON *springs* *Sprung* has also
 replaced the causal *sprenc* AS *spregan*
 (cf Ger *spreu* to sprinkle burst
 gallop etc) as in *sprin* lat (wrist least)
 and to *springs* a trap (nine new the ry etc)
 The noun AS *sprung* s syn esp of
 water developed sense of beginning as in
dayspring (see 1 Sam ix 26) whence
springtime earlier *sprungrin* tim (Trev 1
 65) *spring* of the year (Pal 1) now simply
spring (replacing *lent*) cf also *sprin*, *tid*
 used in 16 cent both for springtime and as
 opposite of *neap tide* Sense of growth
 shoot appears in dial *sprin* wood creeper
 (common in Bucks) and in *ofspring* See
 also *sprig* *sprin* a 1

springald [a chaic] From *sprin* with suff x
 all AS *spring* powerful which in late
 formations is pejorative (f *arth*) First
 element has prob sen e of growth root
 etc rather than of jumping (cf *trifling*
scion imp) Obs from 17 cent but revived
 by Scott Though not recorded by VED
 title 1440 it was a common name by
 13 cent and survives in surnames See *ne* a
Sprin le *Sprincet* etc

springbok SAfela *sprin* buck

springe [a chaic] Sqaere ME *spreye* ren
 AS *spre* n in to cause to jump cf *spring*
 OHG *spreinka* Ger *spreike* See *spre* a
 131 with wood oak as etim of Ham 13

sprinkle Earlier *sprenc* frequent f
sprenc (see *spring*) cf Ger *spreu* to s
 sprinkl from *sprenc*

sprint Earlier (14 cent) *sprent* f dart for
 ward rapidly who h lei e c h u l s a e d t
 past was pres a u l a t e d w i t
sprenc (see *spre* 131) Of Sc and Eng 1
 ON *sprent* f r e a u r f r i m App a

northern dial w r l intr need h to pro
 sporting use c 1800

A d i r t h a c h o v e n t a s h a r k d g h i l a t e r
 (D 122)

sprit Pl In ME chiefly naut (f f
spr 1) AS *spre* pol cf Du Ger s wet
 the latter has most Ger naat (team f wa
 14) n with *spreu*

sprite F *esprit* L *spiritus* (the var of
spirit in gen serv Hence *spirit* at
spright 1

Upon h set a d o w n i g t
 S y s f a c h u n l e h i l y r e p t E e r t

sprocket [a kn] Projection in various senses
 m, carpentering f r o 1 c f i l l p s
 prop brake

sprout AN *spru* in in 13 14 15
 sprouted ut W Ger f Du f n w
 Ger *spru* zu

spruce From earlier *pruce* from Pr
 Prus ia (see s) In many names f c r
 rodents brought to us by the H w m s
 charts (see *boa* f *hatter* f) f r e n t
 sense app from us f *spruce* f *stuce* in
 dress

H f w n o s e e m s e a r a t s E n g l a n d
 Or in a f r e d n o w s e e r e h a d s p r i t
 (see *Prus* 1)

sprunt [s f r] Wa t r u s e Du as p m
spry A dia word reist lu u l f m s
 Origin unknown

spud [slang] It a s 13 l i a s t u a n
spud w e e t s a l a r u m m u n d o 3 l
 (Hymn f u r) a s 1 e n t u r r e n
 (f c f ON *spr* 1) heat *spud* 1 e n p a r t e

spule See *spreu*

spume [f o f] Of s p m e L f o m s l u a n

spunk [slang] s t w e t t e r e s l
 On g s p a r k s t u s t f i d l
 s p u n k f a l l w a t e r f a l f e l a d G e r
 f u l s p a r k f t n o n g p r o f t a r e
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 b a i l e W i t a s s u r a w d d
 s p u r g a s e c f a l u d f e i s t u

Latin *spura* f u r f a n f u r f a n n e
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square toes an old man, square toed shoes were anciently worn in common, and long retained by old men (Grose)

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Some had their braines dasht out, some their heads all to squasht (*var* quashed)

(Stubbes, *Anal of Abuses*)

squash² Gourd From N Amer. Ind (Narragansett) *asquutasquash*, from *asq*, uncooked

squat OF *esquatir*, from *quatir*, to press flat (whence *se quatir*, to crouch), VL **co-*

active from coactus p.p. of cogere to compress etc (co-a ere) Trans in ME and used by Wyc for L. *conquassare* (2 Sam xxii 8) current sense is from reflex Squatter was orig (18 cent) US of an unauthorized occupier of land From Austral sense of cro-vn tenant come Joe squatter archy. *sauri locustae*

squatter Verb Inuit of flapping splash movement

squaw Amer Ind *squa:is* qua woman
with many other forms in various Algonkin
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squeak limit of Ger *quicken* to shriek
like a pig (Ludw.) Hence *squeak* slight
chance in allusion to thinness of sound as
now in *narrow squeak*

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squeamish Altered from earlier *qua nous*
squeamous esquam no is AF *escamos*
 Earliest sense fastidious esp in diet
 ? From AS *sceam* shame whence *sca*
misse causing shame and ML *chri*ous
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square toes an old man, square toed shoes were anciently worn in common, and long retained by old men (Grose)

squarrose [*bot*] L *squamosus*, scurfy.

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Some had their branes dash't out, some thur heads all to squasht (*var* quashed)

(Stubbs, *Anat of Abuses*)

squash² Gourd From N Amer Ind (Narragansett) *asquutasquash*, from *asq*, uncooked

squat OF *esquatir*, from *quatr*, to press flat (whence *se quatr*, to crouch), VL **co-*

staccato [mus] It, p p of *staccare*, for *distaccare*, to detach Cf opposite *legato*, lit bound For fig use (e g of musketry) cf *crescendo*

stachys Plant L, G *στάχυς*, prop ear of corn

stack ON *stakki*, haystack, cogn with synon Russ *stog* Also applied to mass of chimneys, columnar rock, for latter sense cf Faroese *stakkur*

stad [SAfr] Native village Du (see *stead*) Cf *kraal*

staddle [dial] Support, platform for rick, etc AS *stathol*, cogn with *stand*

stadholder, stadtholder [hist] Chief magistrate of Du Republic, title conferred on William of Orange (1580) Du *stadhouder*, lit place-holder, locum tenens, lieutenant, viceroy Cf Ger *statthalter* (till Nov 1918 of Alsace-Lorraine) and see *stead*

stadhous, stadthouse [hist] Du *stadhuis*, town-house, townhall See *stead*

stadium L, G *στάδιον*, rendered *furlong* in AV

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The Germans call a regiment, and all that belongs to it, the colonel's staff (*den regiment oder colonel-stab*), for with that soldiers are to be ruled

(NED 1700)

staffage [afr] Accessories Ger, from *staffieren*, OF *estoffer* (*étoffer*), to pad

stag AS *stagga* Orig sense prob male, as in US *stag-party*, cf dial senses of young horse, bull, boar, cock, etc, also ON *steggi*, male-bird, Icel, tom-cat, whence E dial *steg*, gander In slang also informer, outside broker

stage OF *estage* (*étage*, story of house), VL **statucium*, from *stare*, to stand In ME floor, raised platform, relative height, etc In theat sense from 16 cent (cf *pageant*), with extended senses corresponding to those of F *scène* Idea of horizontal, for orig perpendicular, extension, as in *stage of a journey*, *stage-coach*, by *easy stages*, appears c 1600 and is due to use of the word in OF & ME in sense of *stadium* (which it may even in this sense represent phonetically) *Old stager*, now felt as belonging to "the profession," is in Foe

(1570) in sense of old inhabitant, "fossil", cf OF *estagier*, resident, MedL *stagaius*, aged monk permanently lodged in infirmary,

stagger For earlier *stacker* (Chauc), ON *stakia*, frequent of *staka*, to push, stagger; cf Du *staggelen*. To *stagger belief* is perh. due to Burke

Stagirite Aristotle, born at *Stagira*, Macedonia

stagnate From L. *stagnare*, from *stagnum*, pool Cf. dial *stank*, pond, OF *estanc* (*étang*)

staid For *stayed*, p p of *stay*². Cf. *sedate*, *demure* (q v), F *raissés*, Ger *gesetzt*, all in similar sense

stain Aphet. for *distain*, OF *desteindre* (*déteindre*), prop to unstain, lose colour or tint (q v), but used with *sur* in a sense approximating to E Sense of losing, removing, defacing, colour is also earliest in ME, and this is still the prevailing sense of the noun (cf, *stainless*)

I stayne a thyng, I change the colour of; it with shedyng any thyng upon it je destayns (Palsg)

stair AS *stæger*, flight of stairs, staircase This is still the sense of Sc *stair*, while in E a pl form has been current from 14 cent, cogn with AS *stigan*, to ascend (Com Teut, cf. Du *stijgen*, Ger *steigen*, ON *stiga*, Goth *steigan*) Cf Du *sleiger*, stairs. *Staircase* is 17 cent Formerly also of stone steps, as still on Thames (*Wapping Old Stairs*)

staith [dial] Landing-stage, embankment ON *stöth*, cogn with AS *stæth*, bank, and with *stand*; cf Ger *gestade*

stake AS *staca*, post "stuck" in ground; cogn with *stick*^{1,2}, cf Du *stuak*, also OF *estache*, It *stacca*, Sp *estaca*, from Teut. In early use of post to which criminal was bound for execution, esp by burning With to *stake*, hazard (Palsg), cf cogn Du *staken*, to fix, place, cf. F *mettre en jeu*, whence *enjeu*, stake See also *suecep* In at *stake* there is a tinge of the burning or baiting metaphor (v1) Earliest sense of verb to *stake* is to mark out a boundary (cf US to *stake out*, *pull up stakes*)

Have you not set mine honour at the stake,
And butted it with all th' unmuzzled thoughts
That tyrannous heart can think

(*Tu elstl. Night*, iii 1)

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being much used in naut lang, e g to *stand by* (*after, off and on*, etc), and *standby*, orig attendant ship For sense of costing see *cost* *It stands to reason* is for earlier *stands* (is consonant) *with reason* In to *stand in awe, in need*, the person was orig *dat* and *awe, need*, nom, cf to *stand one in (good) stead*, and, for a similar change of construction, see *like* Earliest trans sense was to face, confront (an opponent), which passes into that of endure, sustain, e g the price of a drink To *stand a candle on the floor (a child in the corner)* is mod (Dickens) *Standpoint* is also mod, after Ger *standpunkt*

Of him tham stod selcut giet agh (*Cursor Mundi*)

If ye will have it to be made here, it will stand ye in 6 marks or more (*Plumpton Let* 1476)

standard OF *estandard*, *estendart* (*étendard*), royal banner, from *estendre*, to extend, cf *It standardo*, Sp *estandardte*, also Du *standaard*, Ger *standardte*, from OF or Sp But strongly influenced, esp in secondary senses, by *stand*, e g its first occurrence in E, with ref to the Battle of the Standard (1138), has a contemporary explanation from *stand* Development of E sense of official exemplar of weight, measure, quality, etc, whence many extended uses, is app also due to *stand* (cf a *standing example*) *Standardize*, orig an engineer's word, is now overworked

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(*Ev News*, May 29, 1918)

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staphylo- [*med*] From G *σταφυλή*, bunch of grapes

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When th village [St ille bosch] wa first built th e wa variety f man fa tur attempted th e b t th was speed ly disco raged It thereto e soon bec e th y l m only fo id age —and unde these wak the even ng of life i pent p efully cool I I tri t happily as peopl ar pposed t i et a m r dvan ed period f llt her than i a y th r part of th colony (Lady Bama ds Ssf Jou 79)

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The kel with th y tems (N & Aed 475-97)

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Thaz hf was gfulst f n th mo stanke ther salld (T : a Joh x 3)

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stufen US slang sense ori of price
 was perh suggested by Du *st if* stiff (Lut
 cf *tald*)

steep* Verb Of late appearance (c 1400)
 Cf Sw *sipa* Dan *størbe* to soak (barley
 for malting) 7 cogn with *stai p* (q v) and
 AS *stlāþ* vessel

A *steepie-chase* had orig a viable *teeple* as goal. With *sheepjuck* (19 cent) of *lumberjack* (US & Canada).

steer¹ noun AS *stē* + bullock Com Tent
of Du Ger *stēr* bull G th *stū* cogn
with ON *stjort* and perh with ^{pos}
In US and Colonies for male cattle in
gen

steer¹ Verb AS *stieran* from " rider
(in shoosman) Com Teut f Du *stien*:
Ger *stieren* ON *stira* Goth *stairan* to
establish F rh on_e (guiding) staff of
G ora p e cross Sh p e were steered from
the *steera* e before the deck w a e l was in
tradu ed

steve (nau) To point upward or not
straight forward (of bo sprit) From
Du *skieren* to point prow (stern) of ship
See *scm*

stegano stego- From C origin to cover
ste nberger Hock from S. where near Wies
baden

steinbock Ger. as steinbok (q.v.)

steinbock Ger. alpine ibex
steinker See st. gerk

stele [a tɥ] 石碑 (inscribed) slab F
stile G στυλ

stellar Late L. *sh la* is from *sch* star
stellenbosch [nil s-m] To relegate to place
where in competence is less harmful From
Sallerbosch Cape Colony said to have
been used for this purpose in Kaffir wars
Cf *L. limex* (neol.) to relegate to *Limex*
This is the rejected (j) ur-nabstn) explana-
tion but just below suggests an earlier
ironic allusion Cf to *so to Bath*

When the flag of independence was first built
there was an eye of a picture attempted
there but the peedily occurred it
that for soon became the year only for old age
—and under these weak the even of life is vent
peace of cool and truth pp! a people
are opposed to it more advanced period of
it her than any other part of the colony
(Lady Barnard *See Journal*)

stellio Lizard L from sella star from
marking

stem Noun AS *stemma* *stefn* Com Teut
cf Du *stam* Ger *stamm* ON *stamm* *stafn*
the last only in naut sense of end post of
hij In latter sense Du & Lc have
steyen borrowed by Ger Both senses are
very rare in 1 between AS and 16 cent
Naut *stem* was org at both ends of ship
(v1) cf F *trambot* sternpost, from Teut.
Hence also verb to *stem* (the tide currents)
wh h has been confused with *stem*?

The knowledge systems (New Acts 1995-97)

stem² Verb ON *stemma* to check cf Ger
ste men to temper or stop the course
 of a thing (Ludw) co-ⁿ with *stimmer*
 See *stem¹*

steronism want From *stern* after *levelson*
stench AS *stenc* cogn with *stink* (cf
druck drinn) Not orig limited to un-
pleasant smell Cf OHG *stank* (1.1)

That is we get the four longest tanks there
6144 (T 12) John 21 3

stencil. Exc for isolated occurrence (170,)
 1) *stencil* is a 10 cent. word which makes
 a connection with rare ME *stencil* to adorn
 with spangles etc very unlikely. This is
 OF *stencil* (*stencil* to sparkle) from
 VL *stencil* (see also) (see also) I
 suggest obs Du *stencil* formula, formula
 1) *stencil* our query also consent les peniers
 (Trium L & Diet 153) or *stencil* Lyhus
 cake (hul) The connection between a
 shoe last and a stencil is that both serve to
 multiply a fixed pattern of I *stencil*
 to stamp trace (a *stencil* etc) from L
stencil (see also) ? Ut cogn with *stencil*

stenography From G *σταιός*, narrow From c 1600

stentorian From *Στένωρ*, G warrior with powerful voice (*Iliad*, v 785)

step AS *stæppan*, orig strong, with past *stōp* WGer, cf Du *stappen*, Ger *stapfen*, esp in ref to footprints, cogn with *stamp* For fig senses of noun cf *grade*, also F *pas*, *démarche*

step- AS *stīop-*, cogn with *āstýpan*, to be-reave, make orphan, cf synon OHG *stufen*, *irstufen* Orig of children, and then, by an easy transition, of parents (for converse case cf *grandchild*) Com Teut, cf Du Ger *stief-*, ON *stýp-* Johns regarded *stepmother* as the only current compd of the group

stephanotis Mod, from G *στέφανος*, crown

steppe Russ *step'*, of unknown origin

-ster AS *-estre*, fem agent suffix, corresponding to masc *-ere*, cf LG Du *-ster* Use as masc suffix is prob due to trades orig carried on by females (*barter*, *brewster*), the only word preserving orig sense being *spinster* With addition of *-ess* is formed double fem suffix (*sempstress*, *songstress*) From 16 cent used (? influence of *-aster*) in jocular and contemptuous formations (*punster*, *rhymester*, *trickster*)

stercorary From L *stercus*, *stercor-*, dung
stere Cubic metre F *stère*, from G *στερεός* (v 1)

stereo [*tyb*] Short for *stereotype* (v 1)

stereo- From G *στερεός*, solid Hence *stereoscope*, invented and named (1838) by Wheatstone, perfected (c 1860) by Brewster, *stereotype*, F *stéréotype*, invented (c 1798) by Didot For fig use of *stereotyped* cf *cliché*

sterile F *stérile*, L *sterilis*, cogn with G *στéρος*, Sanskrit *stair̥*, barren cow, Goth *stairō*, barren woman *Sterilize*, in med sense, is late 19 cent

sterlet Small sturgeon Russ *sterlyad'*

sterling Orig the E silver penny of the Norman dynasty Prob. late AS **steorling*, from *steorra*, star, with which some of the early Norman pennies are marked (cf *copeck*, *crown*, *rose-noble*, *angel*, etc) The excellence of the E coin led to wide continental currency, hence OF. *esterlin* (c 1100), MedL *sterilensis*, *sterlingus* (12 cent), It *sterlino*, MHG *sterling* Erron derived, as early as c 1300, from the *Easterlings* (Hanse merchants), and in early Sc associated with *Stirling* A pound

sterling was orig. a pound (weight) of *sterlings* Fig senses are opposite of *counterfeit*, *foreign*

Deux centz livres d'esterlinges

(*John of Gaunt's Reg* 1372-6)

stern¹. Adj AS *stierne*, *styrne*; cogn with Ger *starr*, stiff, G *στερεός*, solid, rigid, and with *stare*

stern² Noun. ON *stjörn*, steering, from *stýra*, to steer Sense of steering gear, helm, survived till 17 cent With *sternson* cf. *stemson* In *stern chase*, "if he (the enemy) be right ahead of you" (Capt John Smith), perh sometimes associated by landsmen with *stern¹*

And withe that the Spynyard shotte by them on sterne, and stayed and came by them agayne
(*Voyage of the Barbara*, 1540)

We altered course to S. E. parallel to them, and settled down to a long stern chase
(Sir D Beatty, March 3, 1915)

sterno- From L *sternum*, G *στένον*, chest, breastbone

sternutation. L *sternutatio-n-*, from *sternutare*, frequent of *sternuere*, to sneeze, cogn with G *πτερνυσθαι*

stertorous From L *stertere*, to snore

stet [*tyb*] L, let stand

stethoscope F *stéthoscope*, invented and named (c 1819) by Laennec, from G. *στήθος*, chest

stevadore Sp *estivador*, from *estivar*, to stow a cargo, L *stipare*, "to stop chinkes or cleftes" (Coop)

stew¹ [*archaic*] Brothel From OF *estuve* (*étuve*), "a stove, hot-house, hot bath" (Cotg), cf It *stufa*, "a stove, a bath, a whot house" (Flor), Sp *estufa*; cogn with *stove¹* (q v) The public hot-air baths acquired a reputation like that of our massage establishments some time ago Cf also *bagno* For later senses see *stew²* With to be in a stew cf to be in a sweat, but perh rather from later cooking sense (*stew²*, cf to make a hash)

stew² To boil slowly. Developed (15 cent) from *stew*, to bathe in hot vapour, juice (see *stew¹*) To *stew in one's own juice* is a variation on an earlier figure (v 1)

In his owne grece I made hym frye
For angre and for verray jealousye (Chauc D 487)

stew³ [*archaic*]. Fishpond, tank (Chauc A 350) OF *estun* (*étun*, case), trough or tub in which fish were kept for kitchen purposes Of obscure origin, perh ult from *stow*

steward AS *stigeward* major-domo caterer
lit sty ward *sty*¹ (q v) being used in vider
sense than now For wide range of senses
cf *marshal sergeant* etc From Sc form
stewart came the royal house sprung from
Walter (the) Stewart who married (1315)
Marjorie de Bruce daughter of kin
Robert

stibium [chem] Black antimony L from
G *στίβος* *στίβη*

stichomythia Dialogue in alternate line
C *στίχων* *στίχων* from *στίχος* row line (cf
acrostic) *μυθος* speech myth

stick¹ Verb AS *stician* to pierce remain
fixed hence (in ME) to (cause to) adhere
Has absorbed cogn dial *steek* which corre
sponds to Ger *stechen* to pierce sting
stitch Cf Du *stikken* to embroider Ger
sticken to stick (fast) put *sticken* to em
broider Goth *sti gan* to thrust conn
with *sling sticel* also with *stigma insti*
gale dist n_ouish etc To *stuck* (endure) *st*
appears to be a mod variation on to *stand*
st With Austral to *stick up* (coach bank)
cf US to *hold up* *Stuck* *st* is 19 cent

Like a st k p the w man tard (VED 1 2)
He [D mine Sampson] bec me totally p ble
of proceeding in his t d d discourse d w s
ev r after de gnated as a st chit mu ster
(G Y M n e r g h il)

stick² Noun AS *sticca* cogn with *lick*¹
Naut for mast as in to *up stick and run*

That sort of altern t wh h is commonly called
a cleft t ck (Cowp r)

stickle For earlier *stickle* to arrange con
trol (cf Yorkes surname *Pickles* from
pickille) frequent of obs *st hit* AS
stihlan cogn with Du *stichlen* Ger
stiften to set in order establish Oldest
sense of *stickle* (Pal g) is to see fur play
between combatants and Flor n os *stick*
lers to render Montaigne's *personnes t erces*
(u 27) in duels with which cf *umpire*
The early lexicographers associated it with
the *stick* or wand used for parting com
batants (cf archaic Ger *stanz* or *stingler*
stickler second in duel from *stanz* *e* staff
stick)

du re to arbitrat *sti kl* (Cotg)

stickleback From AS *sticel* prick sting
from *stick*¹ Pop form *liddlebat* *liddlebat*
illustrates moveable character of *s* (q v)
and occ confusion between final d ntal
and palatal (cf *scabbard*)

stiff AS *stif* WGer cf Du *stijf* Ger *stief*
cogn with I *stipes* stake stem With

stiffnecked cf Ger *hartnackig* obstinate
whence surname *Harnack* Both corre
spond to L *dura cervice* (Lutz) (σ *λπο*
ρυαγγ) s lit transl from Heb *Stiff upper*
lip is US

stifle¹ stifle Joint between femur and tibia
of hind leg of quadruped esp horse R
corded c 1320 Ort in obscure OF
eslital boot whence Ger *stiefel*

stifle i th part of th h leg h th d ances
towards d rs belly (Ge t Dier)

stifle² Verb Earlier (14 cent) *stifle* either
frequent of *stiff* *st* from cogn OF
estiffer (*donffer*) to stifle sm ther
choake (Cotg)

A monk fil down f l eg nto wate d was
tuffed (st fild L flor t)
(T v 449)

Stiggins A oholie hypocrite (*Pick* *ick*)
stigma L G *στίγμα* mark brand (of a
famy) from *στέ* to puncture Hence
stigmat to brand In RC Church also
of miraculous marks reproducing the
wounds of Christ

stile style AS *sti el* from *stiga* to ascend
(cf *stair*) To help a do over a stile is in
Heywood (1562)

Fleet h under goe w y w th the game when th
est ceed helpi g over a stil a mul behind
(P *scham*, 634)

stiletto style It a little poynard dagger
poynado bodkin needle or pinne or
stabler (Flor) Dim of *style* (q v)

still VJ AS *stille* WGer cf Du *stijl*
Ger *stille* from the root expressing fixity
to which *stijl* belong Sense of dead only
in *stillborn* *still life* the latter after Du
stilleven whence also Ger *stilleben* cf
synon I *nat re morte* Hen e adv *stijl*
preserving something of orig sense in
stock still also in poet use for con tantly
usu a Shaks echo (g *Ten p* 1 2) With
poet *stijl* (18 cent) cf Shaks *to iv*

still² Noun From archaic verb *stijl*
aphet *stijl* *stijl* (q v) Hence *stijl* *stijl*
now house keeper's store-room

stilling [dial] Sappxrt for cask Du
steltis "a still n_o stand gruntree
(Sewel) from *stijl* *en* to place (see *stale*)

stilo See *stilo*

stilt Of L orig of Du *stijl* Ger *stiele*
Orn (14 cent) plough handle crutch

stilton Cheese from Vale of Bel *st* (Lai)
made famous (18 cent) by a coaching inn
at Stilton (Hunts) the owner of wh h
came from the Belvo r country

stimulus L, goad Orig med Cf *stimulate*, to spur on, *stimulant*, excitant, with alcoholic sense from 19 cent

stimy [golf] See *stymie*

sting AS *stingan*, to pierce, cf ON *stinga*, ult cogn with *stick*¹, cf synon F *piquer*, Ger *stechen*, both orig to puncture

stingaree Fish US & Austral, for *sting-ray* (Capt John Smith), from *ray*²

stingo From 17 cent From *sting*, as having a "bite"

stingy App from *stinge*, dial form of *sting*

It has in dial the sense of crabby, irritable, and current sense may be partly due to association with *stint* For softening of -g- cf *dingy*, *tinge* For specialization of sense cf *miser* Ger *frech*, insolent, orig greedy, shows opposite sense-development, cf Du *wiek*, "niggardish, stingy" (Sewel)

stunk AS *stincan*, to smell, as in *swôte stincan*, to smell sweet (see *stench*) WGer, cf Du Ger *stinken* For offensive sense, which appears already in AS, cf *smell*, which tends in the same direction In both cases this is orig due to context, to *stink* (*smell*) of

stint First (c 1200) as verb, to desist, come to an end, later trans, to discontinue, check, etc AS *stynian*, to blunt, dull, cogn with *stunt*¹ (q v), cf ON *styttia* (**stynta*), to shorten, ² also Ger. *stutzen*, to stop short, also to dock, crop, lop, etc Sense has been affected by obs *stent*, limit, allowance, aphet for *extent* *Ex-tented*, for *stinted*, occurs in *Coventry Leet Book* (1480, p 445)

limiter to limit, bound, stint (Cotg)

If the summe which the debtor oweth be above the stint, he shall not be released (Coryat, 1 280)

stipend L *stipendium*, from *stips*, *stip-*, wages, *pendere*, to weigh, pay A *stipendiary* magistrate is distinguished from the "great unpaid"

stipes [bot] L, stem, stalk

stipple Du *stippelen*, frequent of *stippen*, to speckle, from *stip*, point, cogn with Ger *stippen*, to stitch, embroider

stipulate From L *stipulari*, "to require and demaunde a thing to be given to him, or done for him with ordinary words of the law" (Coop) Connection with L *stipula*, straw, is rejected by mod authorities, perh too readily, for the derivation of leg expressions from symbolic acts is common in primitive lang (cf F *rompre la paille*, used of making a formal decision)

stir AS *styrnan*; cf. ON. *styr* (noun), cogn with Du. *storen*, Ger. *stören*, to disturb, ² and ult with *storm* Noun-sense of uproar, commotion, is partly due to dial *stour* (see *storm*).

stirk [dial] Bullock AS. *stirc*, *styre*, calf, cf Du dial *sterke*, Ger *stärke*, maiden heifer, Bavar *sterch*, breeding sheep (swine)

stirp Stock, lineage L *stirps*, *stirp-*, "the stemme of a tree, a stocke in kindred" (Coop)

stirrup AS *stigrāp*, mount rope (see *stair*, *stile*), cf Flem *steegreep*, Ger *stegreif*, ON *stygriep*, also Du *stygbeugel*, Ger. *stiegbügel*, with second element cogn with *bow*¹ Orig. a help for mounting, primitive races riding without stirrups With *stirrup-cup* (F *coup de l'étrier*) cf Ger *aus dem stegreif*, impromptu

stitch AS *stice*, puncture, stab, cogn. with *stick*¹, cf Ger *stich*, stitch, sting, pricking Oldest sense in *stitch in the side*, for which *stitchwort* is a remedy

stithy [archaic] Anvil ON *stethi*, cogn with *stand*, whence E. dial *stith*, the lengthened *stithy* being influenced by *smithy*, for which it is used by Shaks (*Hamlet* iii 2) Obs from 17 cent and app revived by Scott

stiver [archaic] Small coin Du *stuur*, ² cogn with ON *stýfa*, to cut off (cf *dout*) Now only in *not a stiver*

stoa See *stoic*

stoat ME *stole* (15 cent) Origin unknown stoccado [archaic] Altered from It *stoccatà*, "a foyne, a thrust, a stoccado given in fence" (Flor), whence also F. *estocade* From *stocco*, "a tuck, a short sword," of Teut origin, cf Ger *stock*, stick

stock AS *stoc*, trunk, log, pillory Com Teut, cf Du *stok*, Ger. *stock*, ON *stokkr* For genealogical sense cf L *stirps*, F *souche*, Ger *stamm* As emblem of lifelessness in *stocks and stones* (Aelfric, *Deut* xxviii 36, *Vulg lignum et lapis*) Laughing-stock is by analogy with earlier *whipping-stock*, whipping-post The *stock-dove*, wood pigeon, is named from nesting in hollow trees Used of many supporting frameworks, e g *on the stocks* (orig in ship-building), and for the massive part of an implement *Stock, lock and barrel* is app a mod variation on *stock and block* (17 cent) As name of flower short for *stock-gillflower*, with woody stem, cf *stock*, stiff cravat, etc (17 cent) For sense of property, store

(peculiar to E) cf *fund* lit foundation. Hence *line stock* and spec Austral application to cattle (*stock yard whip rider*) Adj use like that of *staple* is due to attrib use of noun e.g. *stock merchandise (a garment)* With *sichish* dried coal cf *Du stohvisch* Ger *stockfisch* the name being variously explained

stockade Γ *estacade* (archaic var *estacade*) Sp *esta* ada from *estica* stake from Teut Cf *palisade*

stocknet Γ *stocking net* Cf *boddy net*

stocking From archaic *st ik* hose divided into *upper stock* and *lower stock* the latter being the *stocking* Similarly F has *haut de chausses* breeches *bas de chausses* stockings or netherstocke (Cotg) whence mod *bas* For use of *stock* in this sense cf Ger *strumpf* *stocken* for *hose* *erst umpf* hose stump hose trunk and see *trunk hose*

stodge To fill up cram From 17 cent. Perh suggested by *st ffor stow*

stoop [S lf] Raised verandah Du *co n* with *tef* Hence US *stoop*

stone L G *stōnos* from *stōnos* the Porch where Zeno lectured at Athens (c 300 BC) In Wyc (*Acts* xvii 18)

stoke Back formation from *stoke* Du from *stoken* to poke feed a fire from *stok* stick

stole Vestment L *stola* G *στολή* cogn with *σάλας* to array cf Γ *stol* (OF *estole*) Used in 1st & AS (*Mark* xii 38) in spec Church sense

stole [Hist] In *Groom of the Stole* high royal officer For *stool* in sense of *close stool*

For *crig* of the Queens st l f m London to Oxford and from O *ford* t *La gl* v x jd (Pm y P *st E* p of El *f York* 150)

And when my hennou abt I red saies it sh l be thou my worshipfull rascall (the gr ne f has close stool) aies it shal n t be thou (F *ste d Hue* is 1)

Bid Esse Percy and yo r q undam groom O th stool to w it s in the Tances room (Pym's J *d* 64)

stolid OF *stolide* L *stilis* ult cogn with *stilis*

stomach Γ *est m* L C *στομαχ* cogn throat gullet from *stoma* a mouth In I also fig for pride and indignation inclination etc (cf *bowels heart k dnev liver*) as in archaic *stomachful* puffed etc Bbl *foud stomach*

I ha doon my d vour t know my Lady W l gra s stou ke (Paston Let ii 21)

I know I ha e th body of a weak feeble woma
but I ha e the hea t a d stomach of a k g--and
fak g f England too
(Elu beth at Tlb ry 15²³)

stomato From G *στωμα* mouth
stone AS *stan* Com Teut cf Du *steen*
Ger *stein* ON *steinn* Goth *stains* cogn with G *st* pebble With *stane blint* -*dent* etc in which *stone* gradually becomes mere intens (*stone-broke*) cf (er *steinalt steinreich* etc The *ston* u ight was orig a stone (cf origin of *calculate* *yard* etc) The *stonechat* is named from its note u gesting the knocking together of pebbles For *stonecrop* AS *st cropp* see *crop* With metaphor in quotes 2 3 cf G *πρην* *stew* v

I have a count ry wh ith f th wheight ton that the wooll w ed w th d s that th true be kept th t th sh p brings
(Paston Let 1469)

em er tools p er t attempt all m anes pro all co ree trev all w yes (Cotg)

I will a oston u m ed th t l one a enay k ock you f th r s right go deignes on th t d and preserv hu (I er ry F per 1639)

stook Of corn Cf Flem *stuck* (er dial *stache* (OHG *sukka*) ? ult cogn with *stand*

stool AS *stol* eat esp throne Com Te t cf Du *stoel* Cer *stuhl* ON *stoll* chair seat Goth *st* is throne cogn with OSLA *stla* Chn e of sense in E is due to adoption of chair from F
B twee tu t les with th fal (G w)

stoop Verb AS *st pian* to bow bend cf Flem *tupe* ON *stipa* cogn with *teep* Sense of swoop (fal) from 16 cent

stoop [L5] See *storp*

stoop and roop [5] Completely neck and crop Cf early Sc *stout a d rout* Cer *stouff und st el*

stop AS *st pōn* (in *forstoppan* to plug up) WGer cf Du *stoppen* Cer *st pfen* An early loan from VL **stipare* to plug up from *stipula stipula* tow G *stopp* *stopp* hence also F *stopper* (OF as *stoppa*) It *stoppe* e Sp *estopar* As AS *stoppan* unrecorded and *fo stoppan* occurs once only it seems likely that the E word is an early naut loan from Du or LG All meanings spring nat rally from ground sen e as in *stopgap* Intrans use appears 16 cent no d bl f r reflex See also *e stop*

storax Cum res n L C *στοραξ* Cf *stirax*

store First (13 cent) as verb, to supply, furnish, earlier also *astore*, *enstore*. OF *estorer*, from L. *instaurare*, "to newe make or beginne agune, to reparaure" (Coop), cogn with G *στραυός*, post, stake Cf sense-development of *stock*, with which the noun *store* often runs parallel, e.g. *store cattle to sel* (no) *store bi*, with which cf mod *to take* (no) *stock in*. In AF. we find *estor mont* contrasted with F *livre-stock*.

His lordes sheepe, his neet, his dayerye,
His cavyn, his horre, his store [live stock], and his
pultreye,

Was hoonly in this reyes governynge,

(Chaucer A 597)

storey See *story*²

stork AS *storc* Com Teut., cf Du. *stork*, Ger *storch*, ON *storkr* ² Ult. cogn with Ger *starr*, stiff

storm AS *storm* Com Teut., cf Du. *storm*, Ger *sturm*, ON *stormr*; cogn with *stir* Cf OF *estour*(in), onset, from Teut., whence E dial *stour*, disturbance, etc *Storm-troops* (neol) renders Ger *sturm-truppen*, *stosstruppen* (shock-troops) NED. quotes mil sense, furious onset, first from Oliver Cromwell, no doubt a Dugald Dalgetty word from the Thirty Years' War *Storm and stress* was orig used by Lewes (*Life of Goethe*, 1855) to render Ger *sturm und drang*, the title of a play by Klinger (1776), taken as symbolical of a new literary movement to which the earlier works of Goethe and Schiller also belonged

Storthing Norw parliament (now *storting*), from *stoa*, great, powerful, ON *storr*, great, whence Sc *stour*, vigorous, etc See *thing*.

story¹ Narrative AF *estorie*, OF *estoire*, L *historia*, whence learned F *histoire* In ME not differentiated from *history* (*our island story*) Cf *storied*, ornamented with scenes or sayings from history and legend As euph for lie from 17 cent

Dedes that wolde deie, story e kepeth hem evermore
(Trav 17)

story², **storey** Of house App ident with *story*¹, though sense-development is obscure NED suggests that the word may orig have referred to tiers of "storied" windows or sculptures corresponding to the different floors The etym seems to be proved by several records of AL (*historia* in same sense from 12 cent onward, while F *story* is not recorded till c 1400

stoup [archaic] ON *staup*, bucket Com Teut., cf AS *stēap*, Du *stoop*, Ger dial

stauf Later sense of drinking vessel prob from Du Revived by Romantics and as Church word, the latter for obs. *slop*, representing cogn. AS. *stoppa*.

stout OF *estout*, proud, fierce, from Teut., cf Du. *stout*, Ger. *stolz*, ON *stoltr*, proud, these are prob. early loan from L *stultus*, foolish, a sense also of *stolz* in MHG ME sense of strong, vigorous, became euph for fat c 1800 (cf F. *fort*, similarly used, esp in fem) Orig sense survives in *stout-hearted*, *stoutly*.

stout very strong malt-drink (*Die Cart Circle*).

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st l nag cob (Chauc A 615) Orig sense is herd and the word is cogn with AS *stod* place (in place names) and with *stand* Ger *Stuttgart* means herd yard

studding sail Earliest is Sc *stortens alo* (v1) ² from Du *stooten* to push urve etc or LG *stoten* cogn with Ger *sto sen* The regular ME term was *bonnet* (found in most Europ lugs in same sen e) OF (Wace 12 cent) has *estouin s ouire* and it seems possible that naut *stinsel* may represent a dim of this and that *stu tin sail* is a meaningless elaboration. The OF word survives corrupted in *bonnette en dunt* studding sail (Falconer)

For main speid th gall asse pat furth bar t yt
sails (Complay t of Scotland 1549)

student From pres part of L *studire* to be zealous from *studium* ea, or attention study whence OF *estudie* (*étude*) and E *study* With use of latter for room (from c 1300) cf F *étude* lawyer's chambers It *studio* a studie or place to studie in (Flor) not recorded in E till 1819 Orig sense persists in *studied* (in ult careless ness etc) ME *student* represents OF *estudiant* (*étudiant*)

stuff OF *estoffe* (*éttoffe*) L *stupra* *stupr* tow G *sterven* For wide senses of those of matter F *flouper* to stop with tow *flouffer* to choke stifle are of kindred ori gin Orig sense persists in to stuff up holster (cf F *stoffr*) to stuff up while stuffy corresponds to F *flouffr* Cf It *stoppa* tow *stoppa* stuff Sp *estopa* tow *estopa* padded fabric also Du *st f* Cer *stiff* from OF The remarkable sense development of the noun (*that's th stuff to give em*) is very similar to that of Ger *zeug* orig e equipment b it now u ed of any thing *Sterner stuff* is after *Jul Caesar* in *Stuffy* had tempered is US (18 cent) Cf *st p*

The gap that has been caused by the 1 secti u f R sia has been filled by the much st rict t ff we have rec ed from Ameria

(General Sn ts Jul 24 1918)

stuggy [dia] Var of *stocky* stumpy and strong See *stock*

Like enough we could meet them man for ma and show them what a cross buttock means, be c use we are so stuggy (Lorna Do ch v)

stultify From L *stultus* foolish

stum Unfermented grape-juice Du *stom* lit dumb cf Cer *stumm* dumb orig checked in speech cogn with *hammer*

and *stem* Ground en e of checkin- arresting appears in Ger *stun* *stun* im petuous reckless

stumble MF *st melen* com with above *Stumblen* block was coined by Tynd to render *11 g off ritualis* (C *επονομα*) and u ed by later translators for *ful scandalum*

Sal hor j ducat m gi ponatus of ind 1
f atr l wa dalam (Rom v 1)

stump Of tree etc From 14 cent Cf Du *stomp* Ger *tunpf* ON *tu p* (from *t*) Orig sense what is left of ampted limb felled tree appears in Ger *tu niel* when e te *stun* *eln* to mutilate *St f speech* to *tump th* country are l s a tree stump being the natural perh f th orator in country regions To *tumped* at a loss was orig US perh in ref to ploughing newly cleared land With to *stump up* ² cf to *plant down* ² or to *fork out*

stump For drawing F *est re* from *estomper* app Du *stompen* to blunt (v s)

stun ME *stan en* *stonen* OF *est* (*stonner*) to astonish (q v) cf Cer *stas nen* to amaze from Swiss F *stinner* VL *ex tonare* to thunder strike had stronger sense up to 1 cent With intens *stunning* cf *stip in* and synon F *épi t* from *épat r* to flop flatten See *bo lre prelo*

F uk sant pl dre i a lo grand po rre
tut h) si f r v are Grand d m th lort q d
bay [t] ill tot e troné a terre

(b w p f t l l a)

Stundist Russian sect (1801) From Ger *stunde* hour lesson the movement or nating among Ger colonists. Cf AS *sun t* point of time Du *stont* hour time ON *stund* period prob com with *st d*

stunt To check growth Cf AS *u d d* stupid but mod sense rather from cogn ON *stul* short See *stunt*

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It's the army sid of the efficiency stunt
(H G W E s F m s)

Poets are a stunting corps. In p se the tu t f
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(J S. 2 t m o 191)

stupe [med] Cerical dressing L *stupa* *stupa* tow Cf *stupous* (entom)

Sense of mark arises from that of movement
(*stroke of the pen*)

And what man that is wounded with the strook [of
the sword]

Shal never be hool, til that yow list of grace
To strolc him with the plat [flat] in thilke place
Ther he is hurt (Chauc I 160)

The oars were silver,
Which to the tune of flutes kept stroke
(*Art & Cloop*, ii. 2)

stroll Earlier *strowl*, *strol* A cant word
introduced from continent c 1600, hence
prob of Ger origin Cf Ger *strolch*,
vagabond, from Swiss-Ger *stolchen*, also
strollen

stroma- From G *σπρῶμα*, anything spread,
from *σπρῶνναι*, to spread

stromb- From G *σπρῶβος*, spiral

strong AS *strang* Com Teut, cf Du Ger
streng, strict, stern, ON *shangr*; ult cogn
with *string* Orig compared *strenger*,
strongest (cf *old*, *elder*, *eldest*) Going *strong*
is from racing For *stronghold* see *hold*¹
Strong-minded (18 cent) is app due to
misinterpretation of F *esprit fort*, free-
thinker

strontium [*chem*] Named (18 cent) from
Shontian, Argyll, where found

strop Older form of *strap* AS *strop*, with
Du & Ger cognates WGer, loan from
L *struppus*, garland, fillet, thong Cf OF
estrophe, perh immediate source of ME
word

strophe G, from *σπρέφειν*, to turn Orig
of movement of chorus, hence applied to
lines sung during movement

strow Archaic var of *strew* (q v)

structure F, L *structura*, from *struere*,
struct-, to build

struggle ME *strogelen*, in Chauc (E 2374)
Of obscure origin Palsg (p 707) has
sciuggell Perh largely suggested by *strong*,
strife, and obs *tuggle*, from *tug* *Struggle*
for life (Darwin) has been adopted into
many Europ langs, e g F *struggle-for-*
l'effeur (Daudet, 1889), man determined to
get on

Struldbrug Mortal condemned to immor-
tality Coined by Swift (*Gulliver's Travels*).

strum Imit, cf earlier *thrum*, *drum*

strumous [*med*] From L *struma*, tumour,
cogn with *strues*, heap, *struce*, to build

strumpet ME *strompet* (*Piers Plowm*,
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icle (c 1450) has *streppett* in same sense

strut¹ Verb ME *strouten*, AS *strūtan*, to

stick out stiffly, cf. Dan *strulle*, Ger.
strotzen, to swagger, look big, cogn with
AS *thrūtung*, anger, arrogance, and ult
with *throat* (q v.) (cf. F *se rengorger*, to
"bridle," from *goige*, throat) Thus *strut*
referred orig. rather to the air or attitude
than to the gait, current sense appearing
in Anglo-Ir of 16 cent.

she strotzet ember she struts it em strotzender
weiberrock a strutting, or flaunting, petticoat
(Ludw.).

strut² Timber support App from *strut*¹,
but it corresponds in sense with Du *stut*,
"a prop, support, stay" (Sewell), Ger
stutze, "a stay, prop, support" (Ludw.),
which are cogn with ON *stythja*, to sup-
port, AS *studu*, post, buttress Cf also
Ger *stutzen*, "to strut" (Ludw.), whence
stutze, a fop, masher, which only add to
the puzzle

struthious [zool] Of the ostrich (q v), L
struthio

strychnine From G *strychnos*, night-shade.

stub AS *stubb* (also *stylbb*), cf LG *stuppe*,

ON *stubb*; cogn with L *stipes*, G *στῆψος*
stubble OF *estouble* (*étouble*, *éteule*), VL

**stupula*, for *stipula*, "stubble, or straw left
in the field after corn is reaped" (Coop.).
cf It *stoppia*, also Ger (orig LG) *stopfel*,
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For of thy percelly yet they fare the wors,
That they han eten with thy stubbel goos
(Chauc. A 4350)

stubborn ME *stoburn*, *stiborn*, app from
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stub The -n is prob ex-crescent Orig
sense was often stronger, e g ruthless, im-
placable, etc

Plain matters of fact are terrible stubborn things
(Budgell, 1732)

stucco It, OHG *stucchi*, crust, coating, usu
piece, whence Ger *stück*, piece, cf Du-
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stud¹ Nail, etc AS *studu*, post, support
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subaltern Orig adj subordinate Late L *subalternus* succeeding in turn (see *subalternate*) Mil sense from 17 cent

subaudition [*gram*] Implication supplem mentally App adp ptc l by Horne Tooke from synon L *subaudition*

subclavian [*anat*] See *clavicle*

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subdolous From L *subdolos* from *do u* cunning *Subdoler* (v i) is a nonce word With another pr fessl nal glance s bdl nt but correct (Q *Foe* 1 a 11)

subdue **subduct** To withdraw remove L *subducere* *subduct* from *ducere* to l ad

subdue ME *sodue* (see *sub*) OF *soudure* L *subducere* (vs) app confused in VT with L *subdere* to subdue from *dare* ? or with *subdu* *Subdued* in fig sense i perh due to Colendge

subfusc. L *subfuscus* (*sufuscus*) from *fuscus* grey dusky

subject From pres part of L *subjectre* to lie below Cf *adjacent*

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subjugate From L *subjugare* from *jugum* yoke

subjunctive L *subjunctivus* (*modus*) mood of subjoined clauses rendering (*πονη* *γ* *αν*)

sublime F L *sublimis* lofty perh from *limen* in sen e of Intel Cf m use of vert (L *sublimare*) orig of raising int vage it to be later precipitated i mu h lder (Chauc. C 774) For *Subl* m d r h see *F* m d

L m *sublū* et lo *sublū* sūt i vānus q' v se touchent (Fonten R 164)

Dus blm undel dly q' v pā

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A G r m m i f l a k h a v e n t e d a s u b m e r g e t t e d (Paul Brad lat 186)

submit L *sub* (*re* to send (put) under Intrans sen e spring from re ex (f p h v 22) cf F *submitte* to subdue u r l e e to be submit i e Ori trans ense in to submit (an argument project et)

subordinate From Late L *subordinum* from ord n re to ord n In u ord n om from *Γ* is first rec'd in Fluk (Fen *Fe* 1010 n)

suborn I *subornare* orig to exp p etc from *ornare* t a n n Only secondary sense of firming a (false) witness t p a s e d in o L

subpoena L *subpoena* un penalty i words of wit c m n r in presence

A f e the p e n a the w i t t e r t o r n e d m (F m i m l e t 1

subreption (*leg*) Concealment of fact a l s i b r e p t i o n from *sub* e e from *apere* to watch

subrogate (*leg*) To substitute See *sub* e e

sub rosa App a Renaissance e n l g e h e e r o s

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substance F, L *substantia*, from *substare*, to be present, lit stand under, used to render G *οὐσία*, lit being Hence *substantial*, *substantive*, in gram sense (*Piers Plowm*), for Late L (*nomen*) *substantivum*, self-existing, as opposed to adjective

Ibi dissipavit substantiam [G *οὐσίαν*] suam vivendo luxuriose (*Vulg Luke*, xv 13)

substitute From L *substituere*, *substitut-*, to appoint under, from *statuere*, to appoint, set up

subsultory Of earthquakes From L *subsultare*, *subsult-*, to take sudden leaps, from *saltare*, to leap

subsume [log] ModL *subsumere*, after *assume*, *presume*

subtend L *subtendere*, to stretch under Cf *hypotenuse*

subter- L, under, from *sub*, as *inter* from *in*

subterfuge L *subterfugium*, from *subterfugere*, to flee under

subterranean From L *subterraneus*, from *sub* and *terra*, ground Cf *Mediterranean*

subtle Restored spelling of ME *sotil*, *sutel*, OF *soutil* (*sutil*), L *subtilis*, for **subtilis*, from *texere*, to weave (cf *fine-spun*, -drawn), cf It *sottile*, Sp *sutil* Earlier also *subtile*, direct from L, whence techn words in *subtil-*, with gen sense of attenuation

subtract From L *subtrahere*, *subtract-*, to draw away, from *trahere* Infantile *subtract* was once literary It is due partly to *abstract*, partly to F *soustraire*, VL **subtrahere* (see *sub-*)

If like proportionals be subtracted from like proportionals (Barrow).

subulate [biol] From L *subula*,awl

suburb OF *suburbe*, L *suburbium*, from *sub* and *urbe*, city Cf *suburbicarian* (eccl), of parishes round Rome, *Suburban*, in disparaging sense, due to Byron (*Beppo*), is in curious contrast with 17 cent *suburban*, riotous, disorderly

subvention F, Late L. *subventio-n-*, from *subvenire*, to help, lit to come under Cf *subsidy*

subvert -L *subvertere*, to overthrow, lit turn from under

subway Hybrid coinage (19 cent.)

succade [archaic] Candied fruit, etc Also *succate*, *suckel* Very common as early trade-word Cf OF *succade*; MedL *succatum*, from L *sucus*, sap This word has perh contributed to dial *sucker*, lollipop

succedaneum L, neut of *succedaneus*, succeeding, acting as substitute

succeed F *succéder*, to follow after, L *succedere*, from *sub* and *cedere*, to move Later sense of accomplishing aim (also found in archaic F.) is due to ellipsis of adv Cf *success*, F. *succès*, now only in sense of *bon succès* So also Ger *erfolg*, success, from *folgen*, to follow *Succession* has kept etym sense, as in *apostolical succession* (19 cent), *succession of crops* (18 cent), also *successive*

The voyage of Master Benjamin Wood into the East Indies and the miserable disastrous success thereof (Purch)

Nothing succeeds like success (Helps)

succentor Precentor's deputy Late L, from *succinere*, to accompany, from *sub* and *canere*, to sing

succès d'estime F, favourable reception of play, etc due to high repute of author

succinct Lit. girded up L, p p of *succingere*, from *sub* and *cingere*, to gird

succory Altered, on Du. *sukkeri*, from *sycory*, early var. of *chicory* (q v)

succotash Mess of vegetables. N Amer. Ind (Narragansett) *msiquatash*

succour. Verb is OF *socorre*, *socorrir* (= *secourir*), L *succurrere*, lit to run under, from *sub* and *currere* (cf *subsidy*, *subvention*) Noun is back-formation from ME. *socors*, *succors*, felt as pl, OF *socors* (*secours*), MedL *succursus* There was perh also a tendency to make noun and verb uniform, as in vulg. to *summons*, which shows opposite working of analogy

succubus Altered, after *incubus* (q v), from Late L *succuba*, trumpet, and applied to find in female form having intercourse with men

That fend that gooth a nyght,
Women wel ofte to begile,
Incubus hatte [is called] be ryght;
And sleeth men othir while,
Succubus is that wight (Triv. 1410)

succulent L. *succulentus* from *sucus* sap
succumb L. *succumbere* from *sub* and *-cum*
bore to lie Till 19 cent regarded as Sc

Succomb is used by Foot in his farce of the
Knights b t has alw ys been account d as poet
lary Scottish (Sunder 178)

succursal F *succu sale* (30 *elher*) from
ModL *succursus* succour In F & L are
of branch business

suck AS *sucan* *suck* compd of *s* (1 v)
and *like* so that *sucklike* is plon t Du
suck (earlier *suck*) Ger *suck* (OHG 73)
ON *suk* Goth *sukleiks* Iorls et l of
which

suck AS *sucan* also *sigan* latter f rim is
cogn with Du *sugen* Ger *sugen* ON
suga also with L *sugere* OIr *si im* an l
ult with *soak* *Suckle* is back formation
from *suckling* (cf Du *sugeling* Ger
sugling) which is older than dict records
(*Prompt Parv*) since it was a surname in
13 cent *Sucking dove* is allusive to *Mid's*
N Dream (12)

suction L *suctio* n from *sucere* *suct* to
suck

sud See *Suds*

Sudan See *Soudanese*

sudarium Cloth with which St Veronica
wiped the face of Christ on the way to
Calvary I from *sudar* sweat Cf *sud*
lory sudorific

sudd Veg table obstruction in White Nile
Arab from *salla* to obstruct

sudden F *soudain* VL **sulstanus* f *subs*
laneous from *sulire* to go stealthily Spelt
soda n up to 17 cent. (cf *sullen*)

sudbo sodelnly upon a sodayne (Loom)

sudorific See *sudarium*

suds Orig (16 cent) dregs esp (in F Angl)
oore left by flood of archaic Du *sulle*
palus lacus (Hil) Ger *sud* (oder *sod*)
a sud a seething (Hilw) sef *sod*
soap sud¹ (sb) it m nelen to boil
weeth (9 v)

sue AI *suer* from *tonu* stem *su* of OF
surre (*surre*) VI *sequi* for *sequi* to
follow Orig to follow in gen sense also
used for *ensue* *prissue* for *whi* hit is some-
times aphet See *suit*

Suked pe sand p r u k ell (Wye 1 Pd 1)

to pursue for your p rion (Plumpton Let 12)

suede F in *gants de Suede* Swedish f *sueda*

suet Dim of AF *sue* *seu* OF *sua* (1 v) f

L *sebum* tallow etc when c l t

tallow fat sweet & greasy t m k
earles (Hil) Sp *sue*

suffect n m m k u l A l t i m a l i s t l

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placed earlier *self-murder*, with which cf Ger *selbstmord*

suit AF *suite*, OF *sieute* (*suite*), VL **sequita*, following, series, from **sequere*, to follow (see *sue*) Cf MedL *secta* and see *set*² Leg senses, whence fig that of wooing (*suitor*), go with *sue* To the dress sense, complete "set" of armour, garments, belongs chief current use of the verb, to harmonize, as in archaic to *suit with*

En cele temps [1321] multz des gentz de mesters en Loundres furent vestuz de suite [i.e. adopted livery] (*Tr Chron of Lond*)

What? I love, I sue, I seek a wife

(*Love's Lab Lost*, III 1)

suite Later adoption of F *suite* (v s) in spec senses in which *suit* was used up to 17-18 cents, cf to *follow suit*, *long suit*

sulcated [*biol*] From L *sulcatus*, from *sulcus*, groove, furrow

sulky From 18 cent, orig in sense of keeping aloof, whence name of vehicle for one person only (US 1756), with which cf synon F *désobligeant* and the contrasted *sociable* (tricycle) Origin unknown ? From obs *sulk*, furrow, L *sulcus*, with suggestion of "lonely furrow" (cf *groovy*)

sullen Earlier *solein* (cf *sudden*), pop form of *solemn*, of which it has taken over the secondary sense, morose, gloomy Influenced also by ME *solein*, unique, solitary, app AF from L *solus*, alone For later senses cf *sulky* With the *sullens* cf the *dismals* (*dumps*) Shaks describes the curfew as *solemn*, Milt as *sullen*

agelast is that never laugheth, sadde, soleyne

(Coop.).

vultuosus of a grave and solemn countenance (ib)

sullen acerbus, agelastus (Holyoak)

vultuosus of a sullen, grim countenance (Litt)

Put on sullen black incontinent (*Rich II*, v 6)

Customary suits of solemn black (*Hamlet* 1. 2)

sully F *souiller*, to soil² (q v) First in Shaks

sulphur Restored from ME & OF *solfre* (*soufre*), L *sulfur*, *sulphur* (prop *sulpur*), cf It *solfo*, Sp *azufre* (with Arab. def art) Replaced cogn AS *suefl*, with which cf Ger *schwefel*, Goth *suiþls*, etc

Sulpician Member of congregation of secular priests founded (1642) by priest of parish of Saint-Sulpice, Paris

Sultan F, Arab *sultān*, king, cf It *sultano* (whence fem *sultana*), Sp *sultán*, and see earlier *Soltan* *Soltana* *russin* is a 19 cent.

trade-name, but the word was also used of 18 cent confections

sultry From obs verb to *sulter*, app dial form of *sweller* (q v) Now often playful for fig senses of *hot*

sum F *somme*, L *summa* (sc *res*, *pari*), from *summus*, for **supmus*, superl from stem of *super*, *superior*, cf It. *somma*, Sp *suma* Orig sense of amount in *sum-total* (MedL *summa totalis*), *sum* and *substance* (Shaks), to *sum up* Hence to *do sums* was orig to practise addition only To *sum up*, in sense of giving an epitome, was earlier to *sum*, and perh owes something to F-*résumer*, prop to take up again

sumach Tree In ME used of the leaves as prepared for tanning F *sumac*, Arab *summaq*, whence also It *sommaco*, Sp *zumaque*

summary MedL *summarius*, from L *summarium* (noun only), from *summa*, *sum* In leg sense, implying omission of unnecessary formalities, first in adv use (Palsg)

summer¹ Season AS *sumor* Com Teut, cf Du *zomer*, Ger *sommer*, ON *sumar*, cogn with Sanskrit *samā*, half-year, year, OIr *sam*, summer Summer, winter, the orig divisions of the year, are connected with many more allusions than *spring*, *autumn* (see *Lent*, *harvest*) A young lady's age is reckoned fig by summers, an old man's by winters Summer-time, in latest sense, was first adopted May 21, 1916

summer² [*archaic*] Beam F *sommier*, orig pack-horse (cf *gantry*), from *somme*, burden, Late L, G *σάμμα* Cf *breastsummer*

summit F *sommet*, dim of OF *som*, *son*, L *summum*, neut of *summus*, highest (see *sum*)

summon OF. *somondre* (*semondre*), VL **summonere*, for *summonere*, from *sub* and *monere*, to warn, admonish Summers 1

OF *somonse* (*semonce*, rebuke), VL **summonsa*, for *summonsa* Vulg to *summons* was once literary

summun bonum L, highest good, in ethics (Cicero)

sump [*dial & techn*] Swamp, pit, etc LG *sump*, cogn with *swamp*; cf Ger. *surpf*

sumptan Malay blow-pipe Malay, from *sumpit*, narrow ? (lit cogn with *surbacane*)

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supplicat [*univ*] Petition for degree L, he supplicates (v s)

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support F *supporter*, L *supportare*, from *sub* and *portare*, to carry Oldest sense (Wyc) is to endure, put up with, now regarded rather as a gallicism

suppose F *supposer* (see *pose*) Like all compds of *-pose* it has taken over the senses of L *-ponere* Current senses of *supposition* are chiefly due to adoption of *suppositio* in MedL to render G *ὑπόθεσις* **supposititious** From L *suppositivus*, from *supponere*, *supposit-*, to substitute, lit put under

suppress From L *supprimere*, *suppress-*, lit to press under, from *primere*, to press

suppurate From L *suppurare*, from *sub* and *pus*, *pur-*, pus

supra- L *supra*, above, cogn with *super* and ult with *sub*

supreme L *supremus*, superl formation from *super*, over, cf F *suprême*. Early use chiefly in connection with the *supremacy* of Hen VIII over the E Church F *suprême* is from L.

sur- F *sur-*, OF also *sour-*, L *super-* (q v)

surah [neol] Fabric ? For *surat*
 sural [anat] Of the calf of the leg L *ura*
 surat Cotton fabric. From *Surat* Bombay
 surcease [archaic] Altered on *cease* from F
sursis pp of *surseoir* to surcease
 pause intermit leave off give over delay
 or stay for a time (Cotg) L *supersede* to
 supersede (q v)

surcingle OF *surcen le* from *cengle* (sangle)
 girth L *cingula* from *cin ere* to gird
 surcoat [hist] OF *surcolle* See *sur coat*
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 not or sowneth not that maketh no
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 ἀλγος (kuchid) speechless unutterable
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sure F *sûr* OF *sûr* L *secus* secure
 (q v) Gradual change of sense in ellipt
 Well I'm sure! To be sure is curious for
 senses of *surely* cf *security*

surf Late 17 cent usu *surf of the sea* and
 recorded I believe by no gen E dict.
 before Dyche and Pardon (1792) though
surf of the sea is in the *Cent Dict* (1,05)
 Replaced earlier *suff(e) of the sea* which
 occurs passim in Hakl and Purch. The
 r is prob due to influence of *surface* (q v)
sea surge and *surge of the sea* occurring in
 practically the same sense in Hakl and
 Purch. Orig ense is app the pull of the
 water (v1) cf synon F *ressac* lit back
 pull rendered *surf* by Romme (1,36)
 Origin unknown

We w o now so neere th shore that th counte
 suff of the se would rebound again t th shippes
 sd (Hakl xl 406)

The sea th ew me against th bea h every s q
 washed mee into the sea again
 (David Mil ldt too s o in Purch.)

There runn ing in fine w ather b t till surf or
 uff a seamen call it (Rob ts, boy 1730)

surface F from *face* after L *superficies*
 from *facies* face

surfet OF *surfet* (surfait) pp of *surfaire*,
 to overdo L *super* and *facere*

surge From F *surgir* from L *surgere* to
 rise whence also F *sourdre* to spring up
 (of water) with OF *stein soug* *su g*
 Cf *source* and see *surf*

se fish sea vagu (12ab)

Th c ptal commanded them t keepe it (th
 boat) on fwe are of the great rge th went by
 th shore (Hakl xl 311)

surgeon AF *surgien sa ign et* for F
chirurgien chirurgian (q v)

surly From 16 cent *surly* in sense of
 haughty imperious Earlier s h im-
 perious (Man f Locat) s h (Spem-
 ser) formed from *si* by analogy with
lord y kigh etc cf Ger *arrogisch* arro-
 gant from *ker* *er* In Shaks it always
 means arrogant imperious Later sense
 development has been like that of *suble*
 See quot from Cotg v *quie*

Th t surly and imperious league (his i amed
 Imper s s (Holla d Pt y)

The ly s rges du Hart, loegurid pl s ewum-
 t the w ters fall (Spil 44)

surmaster Secnd master f St Pauls
 School It looks rather like an error
 adaptation by Colet of F *ossama* *e*

Two teacher perpetuon 11th master
 dth tother L d t e u h e e surm t
 (De Col 2 251)

soul-m t an der master or n ch e in a
 school (Cotg)

surmise OF pp fem of *surmettre* to
 accuse lit to put on lay to one's charge
 from L *mitter* This is orig F sense (c
 1400) passing (16 cent) into that of sup-
 posing conjecturing lit *surmise* from
 heats Son et on *Chapman's Homer*

My most li enemy hath fely surmis ed mee t
 bee a f yned person (Merion Warbuck)

surmullet Red mullet F *surmul* from
sur red fish (see *survél*)

surname From *name* after F *us om*
 whence also MF *surm* n of Meill.
supernomen *supra nomen* It *supra nomen*
 Sp *soltz nomen* I r incorr *urnime* f
 s i s i n

surpass F *surpasser* to overpass F r
 archa ad use of *surpassing* cf *et ed g*
 and see *pass*

The very tree at pax ed with gold
 s rassing bear nd hie (Jomman)

surplice Of *soufre* s f f Wall up
pel cium (sc. test nent me) *ren f e* a
 fur garment from *pelis* skin cf lit a
 full cio Sp *surpeli* s s s s alad beca
 worn over furs in unheated medieval
 churches.

surplus F from *su* and *plus* more
 surprise First a noun F pp f m of
surprendre lit to undertake from F *pr*
he liss to better Cf *apprise* *surprise*
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supplement L *supplementum*, from *sup-plēre*, *sub* and *plēre*, to fill Cf *complement*.

suppliant F, pres part of *supplier*, L *sup-phicare*, whence also *supplicate*, for which ME had also *supply*. See *supple*

supplicat [*univ*] Petition for degree L, he supplicates (v s)

supply OF *supplier*, var of *suppleier* (*sup-plēer*), irreg from L *supplēre*, *sub* and *plēre*, to fill Cf It. *supplire*, Sp *suplir*; also F *emphir*, to fill, L *implēre*

support F *supporter*, L *supportare*, from *sub* and *portare*, to carry Oldest sense (*Wyc*) is to endure, put up with, now regarded rather as a gallicism

suppose F *supposer* (see *pose*) Like all compds of *-pose* it has taken over the senses of L *-ponere* Current senses of *supposition* are chiefly due to adoption of *suppositio* in MedL to render G *ὑπόθεσις*

supposititious From L *suppositivus*, from *supponere*, *supposit-*, to substitute, lit put under

suppress From L *supprimere*, *suppress-*, lit to press under, from *primere*, to press

suppurate From L *suppurare*, from *sub* and *pus*, *pur-*, pus

supra- L *supra*, above, cogn. with *super* and ult with *sub*

supreme L *supremus*, superl formation from *super*, over, cf. F. *suprême* Early use chiefly in connection with the *supremacy* of Hen VIII over the E Church

F *suprême* is from E

sur- F *sur-*, OF also *sour-*, L *super-* (q v).

surah [neol] fabric ? For *surat*
 sural [anat] Of the calf of the leg L *na*
 surat Cotton fabric From *Surat* Bombay
 surcease [archaic] Altered *an cease* from F
sursum p p of *surseoir* to surcease
 pause intermit leave off give over delay
 or stay for a time (Cotg) L *supersele* e
 to supersede (q v)

surcingle OF *surcingle* from *cen le* (sa gle)
 girth L *cingula* from *cin ere* to gird
 surcoat [hist] OF *surcot(e)* See *sur coat*
 surd L *surdus* deaf; also that speaketh
 not or soweth not that maketh no
 noyse (Coop) Math sense of irra-
 tional is due to use of L *surdus* to render
 Arab *qanun* deaf as in *qathar qanun* surd
 root the Arab being translated from G
αλογος (Euclid) speechless unutterably
 irrational

sure F *sûr* OF *sur* L *secur* s secure
 (q v) Gradual change of sense in ellipt
 Well I'm sure! To be sure is curious For
 senses of *surety* cf *security*

surf Late 17 cent usu *surf* of the sea and
 recorded I believe by no gen E d t
 before Dyche and Pardon (179) though
surff of the sea is in the *Gent Dict* (1703)
 Replaced earlier *stuffle* of the sea whi
 occurs passim in Hakl and Purch The
 r is prob due to influence of *surge* (q v)
sea surge and *surge of the sea* occurring in
 practically the same sense in Hakl and
 Purch Orig sense is app the pull of the
 water (v1) cf synonym *Fressac* lit buck
 pull rendered *surf* by Romme (1798)
 Origin unknown

We were now so near the shore that the count
 surf of the sea would rebound against the ship's
 s d (Hakl xl 406)

Th se threw me against the beach e ery surf
 we had mee into the sea ag in
 (Da id M ddition 1610 i Purch)

There running in fi e we ther but litt s if or
 surf as se men call it (Roberts, Voy 5 s 1716)

surface F from *face* after L *superfici* es
 from *facies* face

surfeit OF *su fet* (su fail) p p of *surfaire*,
 to overdo L *super* and *facere*

surge From F *surger* from L *surgere* to
 rise whence also I *sourdre* to spring up
 (of water) with OF stem *surrg* *sur g*
 Cf *source* and see *surf*

s s f sh su vagu (i hg)

The captain e men d d th m to keepe it [the
 boat] o l for feare of the great surge that went by
 the shore (Hakl. x 311)

surgeon Al *surgeon* su i en etc f r f
chirurgier *chirurgieon* (q v)

surly From 16 cent orig in sense of
 haughty imperious Earlier *serly* im-
 perious (Mansp Locab) *serle* (Spens-
 ser) formed from *sur* by analogy with
lady kingh etc cf Ger *herren* arrogant
 from *herren* In Shaks it always
 means arrogant imperious Later sense
 development has been like that of *stiffen*
 See quot from Cotg s v *pass*

That's urbe and a perous cleavage of ti surnamed
 Imp rious (Holland Flans)

Th urly urges [tu b r t l orged pl s ecome]
 (the wat r s fall (Syl) f k)

surmaster Second master of St Paul's
 School It looks rather like an erroneous
 adaptation by Colet f f is *styre*

Two tech s per p l, con cal f th m t r
 a l th t th r al l t u her urn ter
 (Dea Cal t 1512)

s b m r e an under w ster or h in a
 sel o e (Cotg)

surmise OF p p fem of *surmet* e to
 a case lit to put on lay to one charge
 from L *mittere* This is orig F sense
 1400) *passing* (16 cent) into that of sup-
 posing conjecturing H l l u surmise is from
 heats *Sonnet on Chaf 174* H m r

My mortall e emi b th l bel surm ed mee
 bre a fayn d person (Fr k Warbeck)

surmullet Red mullet I *surmul* from
sur reddist (see *sorter*)

surname From *na e* after F *sur nom*
 whence also MF *surnom* cf MoLL
supernomen s *pranomen* It so n s w m
 Sp *sobrenombre* for incorr *surname* cf
surnom

surpass I u p s s r t o e r p a s for
 archaic adv use of *sur f* cf *exceeding*
 an i see *pass*

Thy ery streets sepa re m th gold
 Surp m g l a r a th e Jerusalem

surplice Of *sou fel* s *pelis* V all w her
fel *clau* n (sc *vestment*) i m m p r m a
 fur garment from f s skin cf It *pe-*
pell cio b *sobref* *lia* n called because
 worn over furs n unheated medi al
 churches

surplus I from *su* at l f d m re
 surprise Eret as noun F p p tem of
surprendre lit to overtake from f *pre-*
dehere to rise cf *appre* e c m r u

surrebutter surrejoinder [m] l H m r s
 reply to defendant s r r u r r r q d r See
 red it rejoim

surrender OF *surrendre*, to hand over (see *render*) Cf MedL *super reddere*, also *sum reddere*, corresponding to AF *sus-rendre*

surreptitious From L *surreptivus*, for *sub-reptivus* See *subreption*

surrogate L *surrogatus*, from *surrogare*, for *subrogare*, "to substitute, to make a deputy, to put in another man's room" (Coop), from *rogare*, to ask, appoint

surround OF *suronder*, to overflow, Late L *superundare*, from *unda*, wave Current sense (from c 1600) is due to erroneous association with *round*

Prees et pastures et terres semer, ajoignautz as ditz rivers, sont grandement destourbez, surondez, gastez, et destruitz (*Liber Albus*, temp Rich II)

to surround or overflowe rondt-om vloeyen, overvloeyen, ofte omgingelen (Hexham)

surtout [archaic] F, over-all Tout is VL **tollus*, for *totus*

surveillance F, supervision, esp in *surveillance de la haute police*, from *surveiller*, from *veiller*, to watch, L *vigilare*

survey AF *surveier*, OF *surveier*, from *veier*, *veoir* (*voir*), to see, L *videre* Cf *superwise*, *oversee* Older than *survey* is *surveyor*, as official title (15 cent)

survive F *survivre*, L *supervivere*, to overlive *Survival of the fittest* was used by Spencer for Darwin's *natural selection*

susceptible Late L *susceptibilis*, from *suscipere*, to receive, lit undertake, from *sub* and *capere*

suspect F *suspecter*, from L *susplicere*, *suspect*, lit to look up at, from *sub* and *specere* Earlier (14 cent) is adj *suspect*, regarded with suspicion As noun dates chiefly from F use at time of Revolution, as in the *loi des suspects*

suspend F *suspendre*, L *suspendere*, to hang up, from *sub* and *pendere* *Suspenders*, braces, is US In *suspense* was orig leg, in abeyance *Suspension bridge* dates from 1821

sus per coll Abbrev, in jailer's book, for L *suspensio per collum*, hanging by the neck

suspicion Respelt, on L *suspicio-n-* (see *suspect*), for ME *suspecoun*, OF *sospeçon* (*soupçon*), L *suspicio-n-*

inspire [poet] L *inspirare*, from *sub* and *spirare*, to breathe; cf F *soupirer* (OF *sospirer*)

sustain OF *sostenir*, VL **sustentare*, for *sustinere*, from *sub*, under, *tenere*, to hold,

cf It *sostenere*, Sp *sostener* For sense-development of *suffer* Orig sense of upkeep appears in *sustenance*, *sustentation*

usurration L *susurratio-n-*, from *susurare*, from *susurrus*, murmur, whisper, of imit origin

sutler [hist] Du *zoetelaar* (earlier *soeteler*), cogn with Ger. *sudeln*, to befoul, in MHG to cook badly, from *sieden*, to seethe, boil Cf relation of L *lixā*, "a scullion, drudge, or slave to carry wood and water in an armie, or to a kitchen" (Coop), with *lixare*, "to seeth or boyle" (ib) Sc form in quot below is app. due to confusion with *scullion*

The skuddilens [orig *lixae*] and kitchine boys

(Leslie's *Hist of Scotl* 1596)

suttee Hind, Sanskrit *satī*, virtuous woman, fem of *sat*, good, wise, etc, lit existing, orig pres part of *as*, to be

suture F, L *sutura*, from *suere*, *sut-*, to sew
suzerain F, coined (c 1300) from *sus*, up, by analogy with *souverain*, sovereign *Sus* is L *susun*, *sursum*, for *subversum*, earlier *-vorsum*, from *sub* and *vertere*, to turn

svelte F, It *svello*, pp of *svellere*, to drag upwards, VL **exvellere* (cf F *élancé*, slender)

swab From a LG root suggestive of swaying and flapping, whence ME *swabble*, cf LG *swabben*, to splash, Sw Norw *svabb*, mop, Du *zwabber*, "swabber, the drudge of a ship" (Sewel) For contemptuous or in-jective use cf origin of *scullion*

swaddle Frequent of *swathe* Earliest (12 cent) in *swaddle-band*, later replaced by *swaddling clothes* (Coverd *Luke*, 11 7), cf AS *swethel*, bandage, etc

swag From 16 cent of swaying, tottering motion, as in *swag-bellied* (*Oth* 11 3) App cogn with *sway*, cf. synon Norw dial *svaga*, *svagga* Earliest sense (1303) is that of bulging bag, which, though not again recorded till 19 cent, seems to account for the burglar's *swag* and the Austral bushman's bundle

He said he'd "done me wery brown" and nicely "stow'd the swag"

—That's French, I fancy, for a hat—or else a carpet-bag (*Ingoldsby*)

swagger First in Shaks (*Mids N Dream*, 11 1) Though it has the form of a frequent of *swag* (v s), sense suggests rather connection with Sc *swack*, to fling, brandish, obs Du *swacken*, "vibrare" (*Kil*) Cf *stagger* Adj use arose at Camb

Swahili [ling] Lang of Zanzibar and neig
bourhood From Arab *sauāhil* pl of *sahil*
coast

The S abeli to gue whi h is the l g a f a ca of
th east of Africa as H usa is of the west
(James P4 it *Not s & Quer* es Apr 2 898)

swain ON *stein* boy attendant cogn
with synon AS *swan* which it has re
placed Cf *boalswain corswain* App
obsolescent in Spenser s time and revived
by him in sense of rustic shepherd esp
pastoral sweetheart

Hym boes [behave] serv hym s if th t h s na
sw yn (Chauc A 4027)

swallow¹ Bird AS *snealuc* Com Teut
cf Du *swaluw* Ger *schwalbe* (OIG
snealua) ON *stala* It reaches Crecece a
season earlier than these islands hence
ap spring in the G proverb—*μαχ λιδω*
απο πωε

swallow² Verb AS *suelgan* Com Teut
cf Du *swelgen* Ger *schwelgen* to fast
ON *suel a* Orig strong with pp *swol en*
which has influenced pronunc

swami Hind *swami* master lord Sanskrit
swamin Orig Hindu idol but used in L
of theosophical wonder worker

swamp Orig (Capt John Smith) in ref to
Virginia Of LG origin (ee *sumpf*) and
ult cogn with AS *swamm* (Du *swam* Ger
schwamm) sponge cf C *σπογγος* spongy
porous

swan AS *swan* Com Teut cf Du *swaan*
Ger *schwan* ON *staur* (poet) app at
first appl'd to the musical s an
(*NED*) and cogn with Sanskrit *s anah*
(it) wounds and L *sonare* to sound Cf
relation of Ger *hahn* cock to L *canere*
to sing The singing of the swan before
death is alluded to by Chauc but *swan*
son was adapted (? by Carlyle) from Ger
schwanengesang the singing of a swan
the contentedness and fine sayings of a
dying person (Ludw) Se *Aes hylus*
Agam 1445 *Swan hopping* is a corrupt
of *swan up* the taking up of swans to
mark their beaks with sign of ownersh p

To j s en p plant des d mu es heures d un
bea ge le q s et nt en di Cest le cha t d i
cyene (B flon)

swank A midl & SW dial word a) pted
early in 20 cent ? Cf Sc *swa k* active
s *unkin* strapping *swankie* mart fellow
of LG origin and ult cogn with Ger
schwenken to brand sh flour h from

schwir en to swing ? Or simply a per
version of synon *swagger*

swap swop A low word (Joins) Orig
to strike make rapid motion also used of
striking (hands in token of) a bargain
(v i) whence current sense In the ballad
of Chevy Chase it occurs as var of *swack*
(see *swagger*) in ref to swords Of imit
origin Cf F *toper* Ger *t p* similarly
used of striking a bargain

Sw t swap w so aware w th tr w
(*NED* 4 et i)

swap or stak ctu (P mpt P r i)
Th y will th beg th m b ad, t } or make a
s i th m pri at (P rch)

It wa t best t w p horses when cros ng
tream (Al h m L ac ln)

sward AS *sua l* skin bacon rind Com
Teut cf Du *zuword* bacon rind Ger
schua le the sward or rind of a th ng
(Ludw) ON *störtr* calp whale skin
Current sense due to ME *swa d* of the
ea th AS had also *swearth* whence dial
swarth in both senses

sw d f f k onan (Prompt Parv)
t of flag or sw d of erik espes (b)

swarm¹ Of bees AS *swarm* Com Teut
f Du *zwe m* Ger *schwa m* ON *varm*
Usu connected with S n knt *swar* to be
noisy but *NED* suggests a possible
ground idea of confused or irregular move
ment and ult connection with *swerte* cf
Icel *stirni* *swa fla* to dash luther and
thither Norw dial *swarma swarra* to be
giddy trigger Ger *schwärmen* to wander
rave become frenziedly enthusiastic See
also *swarm*

swarm To climb Orig (16 cent) naut
with var *swarte* (s) Perh ult cogn
with *swarm*

swart AS *swert* Com Teut cf Du
swart Ger *schwa s* ON *swart* (oth
swarts) This is the true Teut word f r
bla k which has now replaced it in E It
is used by early 16 c r s f r filicks
Swart is 16 cent

swash App mut of blow cf *swash da k*
Chiefly in *swa k* *chaw* a compd of the
Skate per type cf s h ME s mames
as *Cake k* f r *Frak fear* Ger *Hawen*
schild etc and see my *Swarm* mes (1
xii)

f *he-monda ges* a swash mountel see 11
swash-luckler hornbl w preter (Cotg)

swastika [*neol*] Gammadion, fylfot Sanskrit *svastika*, from *svasti*, well being, from *sū*, good *as*, to be The emblem is of prehistoric (even palaeolithic) antiquity
swat¹ To hit Chiefly US, from I. dial.
I^{sp} in *swat that fly* (1911)

swat² See *swot*

swath, swathe AS *swaþ*, track, trace, used in ME of space covered by sweep of scythe Cf LG *swad*, furrow, measure, Du *zwaad*, swath, Ger *schwaad* The form *swathe* is partly due to *swathe*, band (v 1).

swathe AS *swathan*, from *swaþ*, band, occurring only in dat pl as gloss to John, xi 14, cf *swaddle* ² Cogn with *swath*

sway From c 1500 LG *swājen*, to be moved hither and thither by the wind (whence also Sw *staja*, Dan *sva*), cf Du *zwaaien*, to totter, also trans, as in *den rijstaf zwaaien*, to wield the sceptre, which shows origin of *sway*, rule, empire Distinct from ME *swegle*, to move, sink

swear AS *swerian* Com Teut, cf Du *zweren*, Ger *schwören* (OHG *swerian*), ON *swerja*, cogn with Goth *swaran* See *answer* For secondary sense of using bad language, orig invoking sacred names, cf *oath*, and also double sense of F *jurer* With archaic *I'll be sworn* cf *I'll be bound*

sweat As noun replaces ME *suote*, AS *swāt*, by analogy with the cogn verb, AS *swētan* Com Teut, cf Du. *zweeten*, Ger *schwitzen*, ON *sveta*, cogn with L *sudor*, G ἵδρω, Sanskrit *svid*, to sweat *Sweater*, profiteering employer, appears to be due to an error of Kingsley's (*Allan Locke*) In earlier use it was applied to a workman doing overtime The garment originated c 1880 ² at Camb *Old sweat*, soldier, is for earlier *swad* (c 1750), of unknown origin

In sudore vultus tui vascens pane

(*Vulg Gen* iii 19)

The most sweated toiler in the world, the working-man's wife (*Daily Chron* Feb. 17, 1919)

swede For Swedish turnip. *Swede* is obs Du *Swede* (*Zweed*); cf Ger *Schwede* This is prob a back-formation from AS *Swēðhōd* or ON *Swiðhōthr*, Swedish people, from AS *Swēon* (pl), ON *Swiār*, with which cf L *Suiones* and archaic *Suogothic*, used by early philologists for OSwedish With *Swedish drill* cf *sloyd*

Swedenborgian Of *Emanuel Swedenborg* or *Svedberg*, Swedish mystic (†1772)

sweep ME *swepen*, altered, perh by influence

of past *swefe*, AS *swēop*, from *swopen* (see *suoop*), AS *swāpan* (trans & intrans.), whence Sc *soop* (esp in curling). For intrans senses of cogn ON *svipa*, to move swiftly, Ger *schweifen*. With (chimney-) *sweep* for (chimney-) *sweeper* cf *shoeblack*, both prob from street cries *Sweepstake*, orig. he who sweeps up, win, all the stakes (cf *to sweep the board*), is recorded much earlier than the simple *stake* (in sense of wager, etc) It was also a ship-name (in Pepys), dating back to *Nav. Accs.* of 1495, and, as a surname, is recorded as early as 1379 (*Yorks Poll-Tax*) Current sense from 18 cent.

sweet AS *sūte* (adj), from *suōt*, sweetness Com Teut; cf Du *soet*, Ger *süss*, ON *sāt*, Goth *sūts* (for **suotus*); cogn with L *suavis* (for **suadvis*), G. ἡδύς, Sanskrit *svādū* *Sweetbread* (16 cent.) is of doubtful origin, the second element may be AS. *brāde*, roast meat, and the first may be related to synon LG *sweden*, Ger dial *schweder*, *sweser*, Du *zweeten*, earlier *zweesrik*, "sweet bread of veal" (Sewel, 1766), also *zweeserlens*. The last (app = sisterkins) is also applied to the testicles, as was *broederlens* in archaic Du The two glands of the pancreas form a pair united by a ligament With *sweetheart* cf earlier *dear heart* in same sense *Sweetmeat* preserves earlier gen sense of *meat* To be *sweet on* is 17 cent

Delicacie his swete toth hath fostred (Gower)

The two noblest of things, which are sweetness and light (Swift, *Battle of Books*)

swell AS *swellan* Com Teut, cf Du *zwellen*, Ger *schwellen*, ON *svella*, Goth *uf-swallems* (noun) See also *sill* Hence *swell*, "a well dressed man" (Grose), "a man who by excessive dress apes a higher position than he actually occupies" (Hotten), thus, a puffed-up individual Orig. sense appears in *swell-mobsmen*, with which cf synon Ger *hochstapler*, lit high rascal *Swelled head* (cf *too big for one's boots*) was earlier *swell-head* (app US), but see quot below, in a much earlier sense

swelled head a disorder to which horses are extremely liable, particularly those of the subalterns of the army This disorder is generally occasioned by remaining too long in one livery-stable or inn, and often arises to that height that it prevents their coming out of the stable door The most certain cure is the *unguentum aureum*—not applied to the horse, but to the palm of the master of the inn or stable (Grose)

swelter Frequent of obs *swell* AS *swellan* to perish cogn. with AS *swelan* to be burnt from *swol* burning cf dial *swael* *swale* to burn singe Com Teut. cf Du *swael* *swel* sultry *sweltry* (Sewel) Ger *schwel* "sweltry (Lud v) O\ *swala* fume smoke See *sultry*

After a welting day some sultry shower
Doth in the marshes heapes of tadpoles pore

(S I Col 103)

swerve AS *swerfan* to s rub scout Com Teut. cf Du *swerfen* to swerve or swarve wander stray (Sewel) OHG *swerban* to swerve O\ *swerfa* to scour Goth *swairban* to wipe (in compis) Pelation of senses is difficult to trace but we have something like it in *swEEP* See al o *swarm* 4.

swift Rapid AS *swiſt* cogn with *swifan* to move sweep Hence name of bird

swift [naut] To make taut etc Cf O\ *swiſta* to reef Du *zuichten* in *het zeil zuichten* to take in the sail (Sewel, 1766) Ger *schweichten* (from LG) Dan *swigle* perh ult cogn with *swiſt*

swing From 16 cent drink liquor > Cf Norw Dan *stik* tap for cognates of which see *swich* In the earliest examples in *VED* *tap* would make equally good sense (v i)

Long accustomed to the olde swowe swayg of Mosest
law (Udall)

swill AS *swiſla* to wash (trans) Hence *swill* hog wash As verb app associated with Du *swel en* to swallow down to *swill* (Sewel) for which see *swalk* 2

Those that the sea h th swill d (Oyl l. 1)

swim To float in w at r AS *swimman* Com Teut. cf Du *swemmen* Ger *schwimmen* O\ *synja* Goth. *swim* (pret) See also *sound* 3 In the *swim* (v i) is from angling sense of *swim* part of river from fishing point of view (cf *birds of a feather*)

swim In *swimming in the head* etc > From AS *swel na* dizziness cf Du *swym* O\ *swime* ob Ger *schwe mel* ult cogn with Ger *schwinden* to disappear *schwindeln* to be giddy O\ idea is that of vacuity cf F *s'clanous* to vanish faint ult from L *sanus* empty But *VED* treats this word as ident with *swim* (f i Ger *schwimmen* blurred)

schwindel, schwim l oder *schwindel* f dizziness, or swimming of the head (Ludw.)

swindler (Ger *s hwindler* picked up (1 02) from Ger Jews in London Re borrowed by Ger ant other lang from I From *s hwindeln* (ee *saim*) *Swindle* is a back formation (cf *beg cad e pellic*)

This name deriv'd from th Germ *n e hwin d* (-u) to totter to be e dy to fall these arts be ng generally pra tised by persons on th totter just ady to break (Gross)

swine AS *swin* Com Teut. cf Du *swin* Ger *schwein* O\ *swin* Goth *swein* O\ a l) from *su* cf L *us suinus*

swing AS *swin an* Cf O\ Sax *swingen* (Ger *schwen en* cogn with (Ger *schwenken* to waver with which cf Du *swenken* to swing Full *swing* is prob from bell ringing hant to *swin* (hang up) a *h n* mock suggests that to *swing a cat* (1664) may be for orig *cat* With *Capt in Swine* (h st) leader of rick burners (1830-32) cf *Captain Moonlight* and see *Ludite*

It reton p e hes in a litt con e tal you a h r dly wing cat round in (T Brown 1900)

t ar to be h nged (Grose)

I'll burn them prec ous stacks dwn, blow to I
Yours most ac ely Captain (I Goldsby)

swinge [a chase] To thrash ME *swenge* AS *swen in* causal of *swi* (cf *swi* *swi* e) Now chiefly as adj eg *stir n* a majority (cf *thump ng swantin* etc) *swingle* For beating flax From *swi g r* *swinge* cf Ger *schwengel* *swingle-tree*. Also in *swin e tree* (cf *carria e*) f second element of which cf *boot tree cross t ee* etc.

swink [ar h n] Tool AS *swen* also verb *swincan* cogn with *sw n*

swipe First as noun ME *swipe* stroke cogn with *swEEP*

swipes [in] Thin beer Ong naut Cf synon. Norw *stik* p cogn with Norw dial *stik* pa to sprinkle

se ps purser's tpe small beer so termed on board th king sh ps (Grose)

swirl Ong Sc Cf Norw dial *swirl* from synon. *swirra* cogn with Ger *stik* e to whiz warl For association between sound and movement cf *swirl*

swish Imit. of sound of rod *swifte* etc Swiss F *Su sse* for *houme d* S use man of Switzerland Often with implied sense of door keeper mercer ry soldier (see *Guard*)

Point d argent, por t d Suisse (F *grosch*)

switch Of late appearance (Shaks) App from Du *zwik*, peg, spigot, earlier *swick*, "scourge, swich, or whip" (Hexham), also "small pearcer to give vent to a barrill of beere" (ib) This is LG *swik*, from Ger *zwick*, var of *zweck*, aim, orig. wooden pin in centre of target, cogn with *zwischen*, to pinch, and with E *twitch* The peg sense suits the mech applications of *switch* These are chiefly US, though *switch* occurs in connection with coal-mining in 18 cent E Cf similar use of *point* in E railway lang, and of *aiguille*, needle, in F For fig senses cf *shint*, *side-track* A *switch-back* was orig (US) a zig-zag mountain railway with abrupt reversal of direction It seems doubtful whether the sense of pliant wand, scourge (Kil), can belong to the same word In any case an E *sw-*, for Ger *zw-* (= E *tw-*) is abnormal, and can only be explained by substitution of this sound in LG Cf relation of E *twig* to Ger *zweig*, prob cogn with above

swither [Sc] To hesitate ? Cf AS *swethian*, to retire, dwindle, etc

The Pope, the swithering neutrals,
The Kaiser and his Gott (Kipling, 1917)

Swithun, Saint Bishop of Winchester (9 cent)

This night with us being called St Swithun's day, at night it rained, the old saying is it rains 40 days after (Josselin's *Diary*, July 15, 1662)

Switzer [archaic] Ger *Schweizer*, from *Schweiz*, Switzerland, OHG *Schwīz*, orig name of one canton (*Schwyz*)

swivel Orig naut (14 cent), from AS *swīfan*, to revolve, cogn with *sweep*

swiz [slang] Schoolboy perversion of *swindle*

swizzle [slang] "In North America, a mixture of spruce beer, rum, and sugar was so called The 17th regiment had a society called the Swizzle Club, at Ticonderoga, A D 1760" (Grose) ? Arbitrary from *swig*

swoon First (13 cent) in *swooning*, ME *swowenyng*, app from AS *geswogen* (whence obs *aswoon*), p p of a lost verb The revival of dial *swoonid*, with ex-crescent -d, is app due to Coleridge

It [the ice] cracked and growled, and roared and howled,

Like noises in a swoond (Ancient Mariner)

swoop * AS *swāpan*, to sweep (trans), to rush, dash Cf intrans senses of *sweep* (q v), which has replaced ME *swope* in gen senses

swop See *suap*

sword AS *sweord* Com Teut, cf Du *zwaard*, Ger *schwert*, ON *sverth* (but Goth has *hairis*)

swot [school slang] "This word originated at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, in the broad Scotch pronunciation of Dr Wallace, one of the professors, of the word *sweat*" (Hotten, from *Notes & Queries*, 1 369)

sybarite G *Συβαρίτης*, inhabitant of *Σύβαρις*, in Italy, famed, like Capua, for luxury

sybil Incorr for *sibyl*

sycamine [Bibl] In AV (*Luke*, xvi 6) for G *συκάμινος*, perh from Heb *shiqmān*, pl of *shiqmāh*, sycamore (q v) It is not known what tree is really meant by the G word

sycamore Earlier *sicomore* (Wyc), OF, L, G *συκόμορος*, as though from *σῦλον*, fig, *μόρον*, mulberry, but prob folk-etym for Heb *shiqmāh* (v s)

syce [Anglo-Ind] Groom Hind *sāṭis*, from Arab, from *sāsa*, to tend a horse

synchocarpous [bot] From G *συχνός*, many together, *καρπός*, fruit

sycophant G *συκοφάντης*, informer, lit fig-shower, said to have meant orig one who laid information as to (forbidden) export of figs from Attica From *σῦλον*, fig, *φαίειν*, to show Perh rather successful tree-shaker (see *pagoda*)

sycosis [med] Skin-disease G, fig-like ulcer (v s)

syenite [geol] L *Syenites* (sc *lapis*), from *Syene*, now Assouan (Egypt)

syl- For *syn-* before *l-*

syllable F *syllabe*, with -l- inserted as in *participle*, *principle*, L, G *συλλαβή*, from *συλλαμβάνειν*, to take together.

syllabus See *sillabub*

syllabus A ghost-word due to misprint in 15 cent ed of Cicero—"indices quos vos Graeci (ut opinor) *syllabos* appellatis" (*Ad Atticum*, iv 4), where correct reading is *sittibas*, acc pl of *sittuba*, G *σιττίβη*, piece of parchment used as label-tag of MS First in Blount and evidently regarded as landred with *syllable* Cf *collimate*

syllipsis [gram] L, G, as *prolepsis* Cf *zeugma*

Mr Weller took his hat and his leave (*Pickwick*)

syllogism L, G *συλλογισμός*, a reckoning together, from *λογίζεσθαι*, to reckon, from *λόγος*, word, reckoning

sylph Coined by Paracelsus (16 cent)
? with suggestion of *sylvanus* and *nymph*
Cf *gnome*

sylvan Incorr for *siltan* Hence *Sylvanus*
Urban pseudonym of editor of *Gentleman's*
Magazine (18 cent)

Sylvan Urban had not a more defensible correspondent (I judge by)

sym For sym before labial

symbol I *symbole* L C *συβολ* taken
watchword from *συβαλλ* to agree lit
cist together Applied (3 cent.) by Cyprian
of Carthage to the creed *Symbole* m in
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symmetry Γ *symmetric* Γ C $\sigma_{\mu\nu}$ $\tau_{\mu\nu}$
from μ ν measure

sympathy Γ *sympathie* L (original
from πύθος feeling Cf *compassion* fl no
feeling The current over working of *sympathetic* in intellectual jargon is due to
Ger *sympathisch*

symphony Γ *symphōnie* L C σι/φια
(from *phōnē*, sound)

symposium. L. C. σ/ρσν con-
gathering of the educated lit a drinking
together (G roots drinking from root of
πν to drink) Esp as title of one of
Plato's dialogues whence current sense

symptom F sympt me L C symptoms
from quantity to fall together happen

syn G 1 together OAttic { corn
with L. *cu n com com*

synaeresis [sr m] C contraction from a to take

synagogue Γ Λ C or ayoy; ass mly
bringing together from ayov to drive
lit trans of late Heb *keneseth*

synchronize C σνγνσν & r from νσ &
time

syncope C *ory* =, from *ory* + *re* to dash together

syncretism [*philos*] *E syncreti smē* the join-
ing or agreement, of two enemies again t
a third person (Cotg) from C *syn-* + *crēt-*
lying from *pyrē* to look a certain
See Tit 1 12

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equal \bar{F} and \bar{F} is in σ and $\bar{\sigma}$).

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The symbol of the Presbyterian Church is a cross and we have gathered at it as a people to give thanks for the life of General Assembly.

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T, to a ² For earlier to a little Cf Ger *genau bis aufs tüttelehen*, exact to the dot on the 1

ta Natural infantile sound of gratitude
Recorded from 18 cent

taal Du, language, applied in E to the
SAfrDu patois See *taal*

tab A dial word of obscure origin, often interchangeable with *tag* ² Ult cogn with Du *tepel*, nipple, Ger *zippel*, lappet, etc., and with It *zaffo*, "ear" of a tab (from Teut.) Latest (mil) sense, esp in ref. to red tabs of staff (v 1), is quite mod.

crampon de cuir a loope, or tab, of leather
(Cotg)

The army had not ceased chucking over this gun of red tabdom (*Daily Chron.* Jan 22, 1919)

tabard [hist] OF *tabar(t)*, cf It *tabarro*, Sp *tabardo* Orig coarse sleeveless upper garment worn by peasants (Chauc A 541) Later knight's surcoat (whence *Tabard Inn*) Her sense from 16 cent
Origin unknown

tabaret Striped fabric Trade-name from
tabby Cf *tabinet*

tabasco Pungent sauce From *Tabasco*, Mexico

tabby F *tabis*, earlier *atabis*, striped taffeta, from Arab '*attāhīy* (quarter of Bagdad where it was manufactured), whence also It Sp *tabi* Cf. *calico*, *fustian*, *muslin*, *swat*, etc Hence *tabby-cat* (17 cent), earlier described as *tabby-coloured* or "streakt"

tabby an old maid, either from Tabitha, a formal antiquated name, or else from a tabby cat, old maids being often compared to cats (Grosch)

tabernacle F, L *tabernaculum*, dim from *taberna*, hut, booth (see *tavern*) Earliest (13 cent) in OT sense

tabes [med] L, consumption, wasting
tabinet Fabric Earlier also *tabine* App from *tabby*

table F, L *tabula*, board (also for games), writing tablet, list, picture, etc, cf It *tavola*, Sp *tabla*, also Du Ger *tafel* (see *tafferel*), AS *tabule* To turn the tables (upon) is from reversing the position at backgammon, earlier called *tables* (Chauc) *Table-land* is first recorded (Dampier) as name for *Table Mountain*, at the Cape, so may be adapted from Du *Table-rapping*, *table-turning*, date from 1850-60 Spec sense of *table-talk* dates from Luther's *Colloquia Mensalia* (1567)

tableau F, picture, dim from *table*

table d'hôte F, host's table

tablet F. *tablette*, dim of *table* Earliest (14 cent) in E in ref to the two Mosaic tablets of stone

tabloid Trade-word for concentrated drug, coined on *tablet* For recent fig. uses cf. *permican*

In a report published on the 13th inst. occurred the word "tabloid," the origin of which is most interesting It was coined by Messrs Burroughs, Wellcome & Co, and was registered as their trademark in 1884 (*Ev Stand* Apr 19, 1920)

taboo, tabu Tongan *tabu* (adj.) Found in various forms (*tapu*, *tambu*, *lapu*) throughout the South Sea Islands First in Cook's *Voyage* (1777) and adopted as E verb before 1800 (Burke)

tabor OF *tabour* (*tambour*), of Oriental origin, cf. Pers *tabīrah*, *tabūrāk*, drum, Arab *tanbūr*, lute Proh imit See *tambour*

tabouret Stool F, lit little drum (v.s.)

tabula rasa L, scraped tablet Cf. *clean slate*, F *table rase*

tabular. L *tabularis*, from *tabula*, table (q v) Cf *tabulate*

tacamahac Resin and tree Obs Sp *tacamahaca* (*tacamaca*), Aztec *tecomahiyac*

tache [*archaic*] Buckle, link (Ex. xxvi 6) OF *tache*, aphet for *attache* Cf. *tack*¹

tachometer From G *τάχος*, speed, whence also scient. words in *tachy-* (adj *ταχός*)

tachy-case [neol] For *attaché-case*, small bag as carried by embassy *attache*

tacit L *tacitus*, from *tacere*, to be silent Cf *taciturn*, L *taciturnus*

tack¹ Fastening. ONF *taque*, doublet of *tache* (see *attach*, *attack*) Hence verb to *tack*, sew together, shift the tacks (naut) so as to change direction Cf fig to *be on the right tack* It is curious that Sp *puntear*, from *punto*, stitch, has the same two senses

tack² Food Esp in naut *hard-tack*, ship's biscuit, *soft-tack*, bread App short for *tackle*, used in same sense (v 1)

tackle Of LG origin Cf LG *takel*, rope, pulley, etc, earlier, equipment in general, cogn with *take*, in sense of laying hold This appears in the verb (wrestling, football, and John Willet) From 13 cent, chiefly naut, whence many, and various, fig senses Borrowed by several naut langs

"Rare tackle that, sir, of a cold morning," says the coachman (*Tom Brown*, i 4)

tact *F* *L. tactus* touch from *tangere* *tict*
Cf *Cer tact* time (mus.) We still say of
 a *tactless* man that he has a heavy touch
 tactics *Renters G* *va tactica* lit matters
 of arrangement from *tactare* *v* *r* *r* to
 arrange *Cf* *synlar*

tadpole¹ Young frog *MI tadpole* lit
 toad head (*f* *ll*) The numerous dial
 names all allude to the head

tadpole² Pol. scheming nonentity *Tadpole*
 and *Taper* are characters in *D. raelis*
Coningsby (1844)

The wretched old party game of *r d n i blues*,
 tadpoles and tap s (*f*) *F News* July 5 12 7)

tael Chin money of account orig the *tan*
 or ounce of standard silver *Port Malay*
tahit weight

taenia [*arch & biol*] *L G* *taenia* fillet
 ribbon

taffarel taffrail [*naut*] Orig *f* *unct* picture
 lister (*c* 1700) flat part of stern usu orna-
 mented with picture or carving *Du*
tafereel dim of *tisel* table picture *Cf*
 synonym *naut* *F* *tableau* *Taff rail* (19 cent)
 is altered on *rail*

taffeta *OF* *taffetas* ult from *Pers* *tāfshak*
p.p of *tāfshan* to shine also to twist spun
cf *It* *taffeti* *Sp* *tafshin*

taffrail See *taffrel*

taffy Earlier form of *toff e*

Taffy Welshman *Cf* *Padly Sandy Sawney*

Taffy was once a Cott. mighty of *W. les*
(R mp Songs, 1639-4)

Taffy a *W. lhm* a or *D v d* (*D d L. n C. w*)

tafia Rum distilled from molasses. De-
 scribed in 1722 as native *Wind* name (see
atalafia) but also found in *Malay*

tag¹ End point Orig (14 cent) *pend nt*
 point of digged garment *Perh* altered
 from obs *dig* (*Piers Plowm*) under influence
 of *lack*¹ in sense of sharpened point ? or
 from *LG* and ult cogn with *Ger* *sache*
 point *tag* Some senses are associated with
tab Hence *tag* *rag* and *bobtail* (*Pepys*)
 earlier (17 cent) *ta andra* *kg a* *Shaks*
 has *tag* for rabble (*Cor n i*) Another var
 is *tag* *rag* and *ct t t t*

tag² Game of touch ? Ult from *L* *tan, ere*
Cf *tig*

taguan Flying squirrel Philippine name

tail Caudal appendage *AS* *ter el* *Com*
Teut but not in gen use in *m d* *Teut*
 langs *cf* *LG* *tagel* ropes end etc *OHG*
sagel tail *ON* *tigl* horse-tail *Goth t i*
 hair Orig sense was prob hair hairy tail

From 13 cent. in sense of train of followers
 with which *cf* mod cricket use Sense of
 inferior part residue appears in *tail ngs*
 with which *cf* *mudd ngs* In connection
 with *pasha* it refers to the number of horse-
 tail banners which indicate his rank

S me I *arned* *writ* *rs* *ha e* compared a scorpi-
 t an epigram bee se as th st p f th we-
 pon ly th in th t v l so th for and virt e of
 p gram i in th conc on (*Top=ll*)

tail [*leg*] Limitation in inheritance of tree
 hold *F* *taille* tax assessment from *tailer*
 to cut *cf* *AF* *fee* *taille* *MedL* *feod m*
titulum See *entail*

taylor *F* *tailleur* tailor cutter (of anything)
 from *tailier* to cut (see *tally*) See quot
s v turn

taint Aphet for a taint (*q v*) *Cf* to ha c a
 touch of Some senses slightly in-
 fluenced by obs *taint* colour tint (*q v*)
Car si v taint et la plus et la b e
(Berke g d p d)

Cold and w t *lad-i g h* i so tainted th ir peop
(New E gland V meriol)

La pr miere tteut que nous don nes la verité
(Boss i)

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Taiping [*hist*] Chin revolutionary (1830-
 65) Chin *taiping* lit great peace the
 leader having assumed the title *T*
pin uang prince of great peace and
 aiming at the establishment of a *Tai*
ping chao great peace dynasty

take *ON* *tita* gradually replacing *AS*
nimin in *ML* cogn with *Goth* *takan* to
 touch (see also *tackle*) and with root *to*
 of *L* *tan ere* to touch (*cf* *tan* the ish)
 The enco-de elopment is remarkable e.g.
 the combination to *take up* has 52 varieties
 of meaning It is one of the elemental
 words of the language (*AED*) The de-
 velopment of many of the senses can be
 understood by a comparison with *F*
prendre Poet *p p taen* is *MF* *p t n* for
3 taken

My modv w pyth and takyth on mer v l wly
(F d m Let 37)

takin Horned ruminant from Tibet Native
 name

talapoin Monkey orig Buddhist monk
(l c u) Port. *talapao* *Ol* *equan* *tala pen*
 my lord Purch has *talapoye*

talar Lon. robe *L* *tala s* from *talus*
 ankle

talbotype [*phot*] Patented (1841) by *H F*
Talbot

talc F, It *talco*, Arab *talq*, from Pers, cf Sp *talco*, Du Ger *talk*
tale AS *tahu*, speech, number Com Teut, cf Du *taal*, speech, Ger *zahl*, number, ON *tala*, speech, number For double sense cf cogn *tell*, also Ger *zählen*, to count, *erzählen*, to relate, recount So also OF *conter*, L *computare*, now artificially differentiated into *conter*, to relate, *compter*, to count With *old wives' tale* (Marlowe) cf F *conte de bonne femme* For degeneration of sense cf *story*¹ To *tell tales*, betray, is 14 cent

Thereby hangs a tale (*Shrew*, iv 1)

And I will my nese Annes have a pare bedes of corall gawdidd with gold & my boke of the talys of Canturbury (*Will of Sir Th Cumberworth*, 1451)

talegalla WGuinea brush-turkey F *talé-galle*, coined (1828) by Lesson from Malagasy *talèva*, coot, and L *gallus*, cock

talent F, L *talentum*, money of account, G *τάλαντον*, balance, weight, sum In most Europ langs, having in OF and other Rom langs sense of will, inclination, which is also common in ME Current fig sense is from *Matt* xlv 14-30 AS had *talente*, from L pl

tales [leg] Jurymen, orig those added on emergency L, pl of *talīs*, such, in *tales de circumstantibus*, such of those standing round See *Pickwick*, ch xxxiv

taliacotian operation [med] Surgical reconstruction, esp of nose. From *Taghiacozzi*, surgeon of Bologna (†1599)

talion, law of Adapted from F *loi du talion*, L *talio-n-*, from *talīs*, like An eye for an eye, etc Cf *retaliate*

talipot Palm Hind *tālpāt*, Sanskrit *tala-pātha*, leaf of the palmyra or fan-palm

talisman Sp, or It *talismano*, Arab *tilsam*, G *τέλεσμα*, lit payment, in Late G religious rite, etc, from *τελέω*, to accomplish, from *τέλος*, end, initiation Cf *telegraph*

talk Early ME frequent formation on *tale* or *tell*, cf *lurk*, walk *Talkative* (15 cent) is a curious hybrid *Talkee talkee* is negro redupl

tall AS *getæl*, swift, prompt, cogn with OHG *gizal*, swift, cf Goth *untals*, uncomppliant Orig sense may appear in Chauc (v 1) For later developments cf *buxom*, *deft*, *pretty*, *proper*, and many other adjs applied to persons Usual ME sense survives in archaic *tall fellow of his hands*,

used by Holland to render L *promptus manu*, cf *tall ship*, common in Hakl & Purch Current sense appears in Palsg She made hym at hir lust so humble and talle (Chauc *Compl of Mars*, 38)

Tall words and lofty notions (*NED* 1670)

tallage [hist] Tax OF *tailage* from *tailler*, to cut, whence MedL *tallagium*, cf F *taille*, "a task, or tax; a tallage, tribute, imposition" (Cotg) See *tally*

tallboy High chest of drawers (18 cent), tall drinking glass (17 cent) App *tall boy*, as playful name, perh partly suggested by surname *Tallboys* (F *taille-bois*)

tallet [west-country] Hay-loft Welsh *taflod*, *taflawd*, Late L *tabulata*, boarding See *table* and cf OIr *taibled*, storey

tallith Fringed shawl or scarf worn by Jews at prayer Rabbinical Heb from *lāla l*, to cover

tallow ME *talgh* (14 cent), LG *talg*, tallow being extensively imported from the Baltic Hence also Du. *talk*, Ger Sw Dan Norw *talg*

tally AF *talher*, F *tailler*, to cut (cf *tally*², *sully*, etc) The noun, in sense of double notched stick used for "scoring," one half being kept by each party, is prob older in E Hence *tallyman*, selling on tick With F *tailler* cf It *tagliare*, Sp *tajar*, VL *taliare* Usu derived from L *talea*, rod, slip for grafting My own opinion is that VL *taliare* is from *talīs*, like, and that the orig idea was to cut into equal lengths or portions Cf *retaliate* For orig sense of noun *tally* cf synon Norw Dan *karvestok*, Ger *kerbholz*, lit carve-stick, -wood, and see *score*

tally-ho F *taïaut* (Mol), OF *thalau*, with many vars Prob a meaningless exclamation Cf *yorks*

talma Cloak From *Talma*, F tragedian (†1826) Cf *roquelaure*

Talmud Body of Jewish trad law Late Heb *talmūd*, instruction, from *lāma d*, to teach

talon F, heel, VL **talo-n-*, from *talus*, ankle, cf It *talone*, Sp *talón* Sense of claw, orig, heel-claw of falcon, is developed in E only

The grete clees [of a hawk] behynde yt shall call hom talons (*Book of St Albans*)

talus F, slope, OF *talū*, VL **talutium*, from *talus*, ankle, taken in sense of heel (*talon*) Orig in fort, later in geol

tamandua. Ant eater Port from Tupi (Brazil) Earlier is *tamandro* (Purch 411-20)

tamarack Amer larch Native Ind name in Canada

tamarau Drumnative Ihalipine buffalo Native name

tamarin Marmoset F from Carib dial of Cayenne

tamarind Cf F *tina in* (OF *tina inde*) It. Sp *tama inde* MedL *tama intus* Arab *tan* kind of date of India whence *tin a ind* (Mirco P. 10)

tamarisk Late L. *tamariscus* var of *tama is* *tamari* whence F *tamaris*

tamasha [400.0-Ind] Entertainment function Urdu Pers Arab from Aral *masha* to walk

tambouki [54fr] Gra 4 of *tam u land* from tribal name

tambour F drum also in *tambour de Pasque* tambourine Vocalized form of *Labor* ? partly due to L. *tympanum* Also of drum shaped embroidery frame and as techn term of arch *Tambourine* is F *ti bo rim* prob the Provençal drum but used in F for the *tambour de Pasque* Ben Jonson has *tamburine* prob by association with *tambour*

tame AS *tam* Com Teut cf Du *tim* Ger *zähm* Oñ *tamr* G th *tamjan* (verb) cogn with I *domare* G *zähm*

Tami [ling] Chief Dravidian lang of S F India Sanskrit *Dravida* *Dravida*

Tammany [US] From pol associations of *Tammany Hall* New York centre of Democratic activity orig head-quarters of Society of St *Tammany* tutelary saint of Pennsylvania the name being taken from that of an Indian chief with whom Penn the Quaker negotiated for grants of land (17 cent)

tammy Fabric Prol for obs *lamin* F *lamina* (OI *estamin*) whence ME *stamin* Lit from L *stamen* thread

tammy² tam o shanter Low land bonnet as worn by hero of Burns poem Hence *ba h and tam* Oxford undergra llette (1920)

tamp [techn] To ram F *tamper* OF *estamper* of Teut origin (*stamp*)

tamper Var of *temper* (qv) in sense of working in clay whence fg sense of meddling Cf F *trampler dans une affaire* to be mixed up in a business

A fork and a hook to be tampr g i claud (Tusse)

Hee w uld eeds be h dling and temperi g with the w apous of h s s i guest (H liand s Pl 3)

tampion tampon tampkin See *ton pion*²

tan AS *tanin* (cf *tanens* tanner) cf MedL *tanna* & F *tanner* Of Celt origin from Bret *tanu* oak cf Corn glis *tannen* il v The earliest *tan* was oak bark (cf name *Ba ker i e tanner*) Cf *tanu* The latest (1920) sense *black and tan* members *ta x lary* P yal Irish C instab lary s yr b liet ng extempore unif rin if the f ree being army khaki with black leather belt

tanager Bird ModL *tana ra* (Linnaeus) for Tupi (Brazil) *tin ara*

Tanagra Terra-cotta statuette from *Tanag a* in Boe tia

tandem l at length

i d m two- be l i eba-e buggy or odd l a by t horses ne before the othe th is il gth (Grose)

tandstickor Sw *tandst* kor pl of *tardsticka* match from *tinda* to h it *tick* splinter thus approx *tinder stick*

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talc F, It *talco*, Arab *talq*, from Pers, cf Sp *talco*, Du Ger *talk*
tale AS *talū*, speech, number Com Teut, cf Du *taal*, speech, Ger. *zahl*, number, ON *tala*, speech, number For double sense cf cogn *tell*, also Ger *zählen*, to count, *erzählen*, to relate, recount So also OF *conter*, L *computare*, now artificially differentiated into *conter*, to relate, *compter*, to count With *old wives' tale* (Marlowe) cf F *conte de bonne femme* For degeneration of sense cf *story*¹ To *tell tales*, betray, is 14 cent

Thereby hangs a tale (*Shrew*, iv 1)

And I will my newe Annes have a pare bedes of corall lawd with gold & my boke of the talcs of Canturbury (*Will of Sir Th Cumberlorth*, 1512)

talegalla WGuinea brush-turkey F *talegalle*, coined (1828) by Lesson from Malagasy *laliva*, coot, and L *gallus*, cock

talent F, L *talentum*, money of account, G *τάλαντον*, balance, weight, sum In most Europ langs, having in OF and other Rom langs sense of will, inclination, which is also common in ME Current fig sense is from *Matt* xxv 14-30 AS had *talente*, from L pl

tales [leg] Jurymen, orig those added on emergency L pl of *talīs*, such, in *tales de circumstantibus*, such of those standing round See *Pickwick*, ch xxxiv

talacotian operation [med] Surgical reconstruction, esp of nose From *Tagliacozzi*, surgeon of Bologna (†1599)

talion, law of Adapted from F *loi du talion*, L *talio-n-*, from *talīs*, like An eye for an eye, etc Cf *retaliate*

talipot Palm Hind *tālpāt*, Sanskrit *talapāṭha*, leaf of the palmyra or fan-palm

talisman Sp, or It *talismano*, Arab *tilsam*, G *τέλεσμα*, lit payment, in Late G religious rite, etc, from *τελέω*, to accomplish, from *τέλος*, end, initiation Cf *telegraph*

talk Early ME frequent formation on *tale* or *tell*, cf *huk*, walk *Talkative* (15 cent) is a curious hybrid *Talkee talkee* is negro redupl

tall AS *getæl*, swift, prompt, cogn with OHG *gizal*, swift; cf Goth *untals*, uncompliant Orig sense may appear in Chauc (v1) For later developments cf *buxom*, *deft*, *pretty*, *proper*, and many other adjs applied to persons Usual ME sense survives in archaic *tall fellow of his hands*,

used by Holland to render L *promptus manu*, cf *tall ship*, common in Hakl & Purch Current sense appears in Palsg

She made hym at hir lust so humble and talle
 (Chauc *Con pl of Mars*, 38)

Tall words and lofty notions (*NED* 1670)

tallage [list] Tax OF *tailage* from *taillier*, to cut, whence MedL *tallagium*, cf F *taille*, "a task, or tax, a tallage, tribute, imposition" (Cotg) See *tally*

tallboy High chest of drawers (18 cent), tall drinking glass (17 cent) App *tall boy*, as playful name, perh partly suggested by surname *Tallboys* (F *taille-bois*)

tallet [west-country] Hay-loft Welsh *taflod*, *taflawd*, Late L *tabulata*, boarding See *table* and cf OIr *taibled*, storey

tallith Fringed shawl or scarf worn by Jews at prayer Rabbinical Heb from *šālāl*, to cover

tallow ME *talgh* (14 cent), LG *talg*, tallow being extensively imported from the Baltic Hence also Du *talk*, Ger Sw Dan Norw *talg*

tally AF *tallier*, F *taillier*, to cut (cf *rally*, *sully*, etc) The noun, in sense of double notched stick used for "scoring," one half being kept by each party, is prob older in E Hence *tallyman*, selling on tick With F *taillier* cf. It *tagliare*, Sp *tajar*, VL *taliare* Usu derived from L *talea*, rod, shp for grafting My own opinion is that VL *taliare* is from *talīs*, like, and that the orig idea was to cut into equal lengths or portions Cf *retaliate* For orig sense of noun *tally* cf synon Norw Dan *havestok*, Ger *kerbholz*, lit carve-stick, -wood, and see *score*

tally-ho F *tañaut* (Mol), OF *thalau*, with many vars Prob a meaningless exclamation Cf *yoicks*

talma Cloak From *Talma*, F tragedian (†1826) Cf *roquelaure*

Talmud Body of Jewish trad law Late Heb *talmūd*, instruction, from *lāma d*, to teach

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The grete clees [of a hawk] bchynde .ye shall call hom talons (*Book of St Albans*)

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tamarisk Late L *tamariscus* var of *tamarix* *tamarix* whence *T tamaris*

tamasha (Arabic-Ind) Entertainment function Urdu Pers Arab from Aral *masha* to walk

tambouki (S Afr) Grass of *Tetradlea* from tribal name

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is evolved from earlier *taperius*. Hence also verb to *taper*. Cf *F fusell* taper (of fingers) from *fuscau* spindle

taper² See *ladpole*²

tapestry MC *tapesry* *tapisserie* etc *F tapisserie* from *tapis* (q v)

tapinocephalic (an.)rop. From *G* *tapinos* low κεφαλ head

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tar AS *teru* *teru* cf Du *La* *la* also Ger *teer* (from *LG*) ON *tyara* prob cogn. with *tree* With *tur tarpaun* sailor (17 cent) cf. earlier *tur-brech* and *F cut gow* *nud* In to *l se the ship* *f r a ta* perh. of *tar* ship is for *sheep* orig allusion being ? to use of tar as sheep-ointment ? or in marking sheep (with the latter cf *tarred with the same brush*)

And rath r this to lose ten sheepe th l at the charge of a half penny worth of tarre (Capt John Smith)

taradiddle "A nb or falsity (t rose) Flay ful elaboration of *ditte* (q v)

tarantass. Vehicle Russ from Tyoorkish tarantula MedL. from *Ta* *ris* Apulia *L. Tarentum* where the spider is found Hence *ta antism* dancing mania It. *ta antismo* and *tarantella* It. dance and melody supposed to be a cure for the peder's bite

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Cf *jolly* *le v*

tare¹ Plant. Orig (c 1130) a small seed Later (1384) in the sense of a kind of vetch and used in the second Wye. version (Maf viii. 5) for earlier co. b. *darnel* rendering *L. G* ζζαα. Origin unknown

But there f sette th malere t a tare (Ch oc. 4. 4 v.)

tare² { i ckt } Reduction (f r p *kw* vehicle etc.) from gross weight *F* *kos* *e*

diminution decay impurement wa. t r waste in merchandi e (Lotg) It. or Sp. *tara* Arab *farsh* from *farata* to reject. Now only in archaic *ta e and bet*

target Orig. hell. Dim of archaic *ter* *F* ON *ti ga* shield cogn. with OHG *argad* border cf OHG *arg* shield lit ed e) AS *arg* had *tarce* from *AN* The hard *f* target is due to OF *tar guche* or It *tragh* *ta* Sen. of shield like mark *f r* arch. *te* is *ent*

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tarlatan Fabric *F ta* *lat* earlier *ta* *nt* *tane* prob of Flnd. origin

tarmac Road material Registered name for *tar* *a* *st* *m*

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is evolved from earlier *taperwise*. Hence also verb to *taper*. Cf F *juseid* taper (of fingers) from *fuseau* spindle

taper² See *tadpole*²

tapestry ME *tapesry* *tapisserie* etc F *tapisserie* from *tapis* (q.v.)

tapinocephalic [anthrop] From G *tapinos* low κεφαλή head

tapioca Sp or Port Tupi Guaraní (Brazil) *tapioca* meal of cassava root from *tapi*

residue of to squeeze out Spelt *locka* *hough* by Capt John Smith

tapis Tupi (Brazil) *tapi*

tapis F carpet, Late L *tapetum* (for *tapele*) C *tapetior* dim of *tapas*

tapestry perh of Pers origin and cogn with *taffeta* cf Sp *tapis* also AS *teped* (Late L *tapetum*) Du *tapijt* Ger *teppich*

Older F sense was table-cover whence *sur* *la tapis* before the meeting

tar AS *teru* *teoru* cf Du LG *ter* al o Ger *ter* (from LG) OV *thara* prob cogn with *tree*

With *tar* *tarpaulin* sailor (17 cent.) cf earlier *tar-br ech* and F *cul goud onnd*

In to lose the skin for a ha porth of *tar ship* is for sheep orig. allusion being ? to use of *tar* as sheep-ointment ? or in marking sheep (with the latter cf *tarred with the same brush*)

And rather thus to lose ten sheeps than be at the charge of a halfe penny worth of tarre

(Capt John Smith)

taradiddle 1 fib or falsity (Grose) Play ful elaboration of *diddle* (q.v.)

tarantass Vehicle Russ from Tycoorish

tarantula MedL from *Taranto* Apulia L *Tarentum* where the spider is found

Hence *la ant sm* dancing mania It. *tarantismo* and *taramel a* It dance and melody supposed to be a cure for the spider's bite

taraxacum Dandelion MedL Arab from Pers *talakh chakhkh* bitter herb

tarboosh Fex Arab *tarbush*

tardegrade [tool] F L. *tard gradus* slow stepping

tardy F *tardif* from *tard* Late L *ta dus* Cf *joiv testv*

are¹ Plant, Orig (c 1330) a small eed La er (1388) in the sense of a kind of vetch, and used in the second Wyc version (Matt xii. 25) for earlier *rockle darnel* rendering L G *δάρων* Origin unknown

B tiber of sett the milere nat a tare

(Chaucer, A. 4000)

are² [archa c] Reduction (for packing vehicle etc) from *gross weight*. F *losse*

w & d.

diminution decay impairment want or waste in merchandize (Cotg) It *er* Sp *tara* Arab *farsh* from *ta aka* to reject. Now only in archaic *fare a d tr*

target Orig shield Du of archa *ta ge* F OV *ta er* shield cogn with OHG *z z* edge border (cf OHG *rand* shield hit ed e) AS *alc* had *ta ge* from OV

The hard *g* of *target* is due to OF *ta guette* or It *tar h t a* Sen e of shield like mark for archery 18 cent

targum Collection of Arum OT ver ions paraphrases etc handed down orally after Captivity and reduced to writing c 100 A D

Chaldee from *tar em* to interpret Cf *d acoman*

tariff It *tariffa* arithmetic or casting of accounts (Flor) Arab *tarif* explanation definition from *arafa* to make known cf Sp Port *ta rta* *Ta ff Refers* was orig (c 1590) LS and a movement towards free trade

tarlatan Fabric F *ta latane* earlier *tarna tane* prob of LInd origin

tarmac Road material Registered name for *la macadam*

tar O N *th* whence Norw *thorn t rn* A dial word introduced into E b the Lake Poet. (cf *g l n felp*)

tarnation US for *darnation* i.e. *darn* 18 In influenced by *la nal* eternal

tarnish F *ternir ternir s* (c 1200) from *tern* dull dingy ? from OHG *tarman* to hite darken cogn with AS *d r ian* (cc *darn*) For vowel cf *corn sh*

taro Plant Polynesian (Capt Cook)

taroc tarot Playing-card F *la v* It **tarocco* (pl *ta occchi*) of unknown origin

tarpaulin l ed by Capt John Smith as equivalent to *aunin* second element is prob ME *palhou* canopy a p p form of *pa shou* with which cf Norw *Dun Sw f u lun* canopy and cogn forms in L

L To derive *tarpaulin* from synonym Lincolnshire *pa u' rg* is like den un *to's co* or *pa u' rg* from Lincolnshire *ba ra* and *tater* ? Unless the Lincolnshire *u onl* an early loan from S and (s)

tarpon Jew fish Cf Du *tarpon* Prob from some native Amer name

tarragon Plant (used for flavouring vinegar) Lt Arab *farsh n* which is prob G *δράκων* lit. dragon the plant has no been early associated with *δράκων* *r ipum* *d a n u c i l u s* Cf MedL *trac nia* *sp F* *estragon* It *tara ne* etc

tango S'imer dance (vi)

A negro dance from Cuba, introduced into South America by mariners who shipped jerked beef to the 'stilles, conquered the entire earth in a few months (Ibañez, *Four Horsemen*)

tangram Chin puzzle The Chin name is *ch'i en'iao tu*, seven ingenious plan, and tangram is app an E or US coinage on *agram*, *cryptogram*, etc.

tanist [hist] Successor apparent to Celtic chief Ir Gael *taraiste*, lit parallel, second
tank Orig Anglo-Ind, pool, cistern, a very common word in Haki & Purch, Port. *tanque*, L *stagnum*, whence F *étang* (OF *estanc*), Sp *estanco* Some authorities regard *tan* rather as a native word (Guzerati, Malurattu), with which the Port word accidentally coincided (for a similar problem see *palaquin*) Tanks first went into action at Poirières ridge, Sep 5, 1916

It was decided Feb 1916 that one hundred Tanks—the name was adopted for the sake of secrecy—should be built (*Times Lit Sup* Jan 22, 1920, reviewed; Sir G Stern's *Tanks* 1914-18)

tankard Cf OF *tanquart*, archaic Du *tanc-furt* MedL *tancardus* I take it to be a joc metath. (due to the fame of the Crusader Tancred), of L *cartharus*, "a tankerd" (Coop). G. *κάρυπος*, suggested by the pers name *Tankard*, once common and still a surname (also *Tancred*, *Tanqueray*) This is OHG *Thancward*, lit thought keeper. With this conjecture cf. *rac*, *jug*, *toby-jug*, *bellarmine*, *goblet*, *fun-fun*, etc From L *cartharus* come OE *canthar*, "a great jugge, or tankard" (Cott). It *cartharus*, "a tankerd" (Flor) A similar metath. is seen in Norw Dan. *hopper*, *tax*, for earlier *poller*

tanner [shing] Sinner (c 1800) Orig unknown

tannin F *tanin*, from *tan* tan

tance Insectivorous mammal F, from Malagasy

taney OF *tan-ye* aphet. for *atoneye*, Late L. G *atoneye* immortality from *at-*, *at-*, *at-*, death. Lither in ref to *at* virtue or persistence of flowers (cf *at* *at*, *at*, *at*)

tantalize From punishment of *Tantalus*, king of Phrygia son of Zeus, who was condemned to remain starved in water up to his ears and with fruit hanging just above his mouth *Tantalus*, spirit-stand which looks agreeable but is not, is late 19 cent. *Tantalus* (Helen) was named

(1802) by Ekeberg from its incapacity to absorb acid when immersed in it

The fugitive pippin, swimming in water not the purest, and bobbing from the expanded lips of the juvenile Tantalus (L. Goldsby).

tantamount. Orig as verb, AF. *tantamount*, to amount to as much, cf It *tantomontare*. His not denying tantamounteth to the affairs of the matter (Tuller)

tantara, tantarara Imit of flourish of trumpet or roll of drum Cf L *tarantaria* (Linn)
tantivy Orig adv, at full gallop Imit of huntsman's horn Hist application to Tory High Churchmen temp Charles II and James II is due to a caricature of 1680-1 described below

From thence to London it rode tantivy

(*The Ramp*, Dec 26, 1659)

About half a dozen of the tantivies were mounted upon the Church of England, booted and spurred riding it, like an old hack, tantivy to Rome

(North's *Tales*)

tantony [archaic]. For *St Anthony* Esp in *tantony pig*, Saint Anthony being patron of swineherds Stow connects the saying esp with the hospital of *St Anthony* London Cf *tawdry*

If any gave to them bread, or other feedings, I would they know, watch for, and drive follow whining till they had somewhat given them, where upon was raised a proverb, "Such an one will follow such an one, and whine as it were a *St Anthony* pig" (*Survey of London*).

tantrum Also (16 cent) *tantrum* Origin unknown Cotg. has *transtrar* in case of *tantara*

Taoism One of the three religions of China (cf *Buddhism* *Confucianism*). From *tao*, path, right way, as in *tao te king*, book of reason and virtue, containing the teachings of Lao-tsze (6 cent BC)

tap¹. For liquids AS *tappa* Com Teut. cf Du. *tap* (see *latter*), Ger *zapfen*, ON. *tappi* Orig sense prob. plug (see *latter*)

For transition of sense cf. *crap*, *cock*

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tarras See *trass*

tarry. In ME also trans, as still in archaic to *tarry one's leisure* The phonetic history of the word is that of obs *tary*, *tarre*, to vex, persecute, egg on, etc., corresponding to AS *tergan* and OF *tarier* But there is no approach in these to the sense, which is exactly that of OF *targier*, VL **tardiare*, from *tardus*, late This does not suit the phonetics

Tarshush, ship of [Bibl] Large merchant-ship such as those of *Tarsus* in Cilicia Cf *argosy* (qv), earlier *Aragousey shippe* (*Privy Council Acts*, 1545-6)

tarsia It, "a kind of painting, in laying or setting in of small pieces of wood, ivory, horn, or bone as in tables, chesse-boordes and such" (Flor)

tarsus [anat] G *ταρσός*, flat of the foot between toes and heel Hence *tarso-* in scient words

tart¹ Adj AS *teart*, severe (of punishment, etc.), only found once in ME in a passage of doubtful meaning, but common from 16 cent in lit and fig senses ² Cogn with *tear*² (as *bitter* with *bite*) The gaps in its list want filling up

tart² Noun F *tarle* (13 cent), MedL *tarta* (c 1100) Connection with OF *torte* (*tourte*), Late L *torta panis*, kind of loaf (*Vulg.*) ³ Lit twisted bread, is doubtful, though both It & Sp have *torta*, tart, pasty, in early use (Flor, Minsh) Connection of Late L *torta* with *toquere*, *tort-*, to twist, is also doubtful, the Rom forms pointing to orig *ō*, not *ō*

tartan¹ Fabric ME & OF *tarlarin*, MedL *tarlarinum*, rich material imported from China via *Tartary*, also called *tarterne* in ME Occurs several times as *tartar* in *Sc Treas Accts* of 15 cent For later application to a coarser material of *buckram*, *camlet*, etc ² Partly due to F *tiretaine*, a mixed fabric, OF var *tertaine*, with which cf 16 cent Sc *tertane* *Tartaryn*, *tartayne*, *tyrtaine* all occur in will of Lady Clare (†1360)

Item, for v elne of tartar to lyne a gowne of cloth of gold to the King (*Sc Treas Accts* 1473)

For 113 elnis of heland tertane to be hois [hois] to the King's grace (ib 1538)

tartan² [naut] Mediterranean vessel F *tar-tare*, It (Sp) *tarlana*, ? from Arab *tarīdah*, whence also ME *tavette* Cf MedL *tarida*, *tareta*, "navis onerariae species, cadem

quae tartana vocitata, ut quidam volunt" (Duc.)

tartar [chem] F *tarthe*; cf. It Sp *tartaro*, MedL *tartarum*, MedG *τάρταρον*, ? of Oriental origin, cogn with Arab *durdi*, *tartar*, Pers *durd*, sediment, dregs

Tartar MedL *Tartarus*, app. altered, on *Tartarus*, hell, from the orig ethnic name, which is *Tātān* in Pers Most of the Europ langs have both *Tart-* and *Tat-* forms First used (13 cent) in 1cf to the hordes (Mongols, Tartars, Turks, etc) of Jenghiz Khan The lang is Turanian. With to catch a Tartar cf F *tenir le loup par les oreilles*, "to bee in danger, (for if you hold him he bites you by the fingers, if you let him goe he will goe neere to devoure you)" (Cotg.) See Terence, *Phormio*, 506.

This noble kyng, thus Tartre Cambyuskan
(Chauc F 28)

Nor will I in haste My dear liberty buter,
Lest, thinking to catch, I am caught by a Tartar
(Song, c 1700)

Tartarus Hell L, G *Τάρταρος*

Tartu(f)fe Hypocrite F., title-rôle in Molière's comedy (1664), cf It *Tartufo*, character in It comedy, prob from *tartuffo*, truffle

tasimeter From G *τάσις*, tension, from *τείνω*, to stretch.

task ONF *tasque*, for OF *tasche* (*tâche*), metath of *tare*, tax (or VL **tasca* for *taxa*) This metath is common in F, e.g. *lâche*, OF. *lasche*, VL **lascus*, for *laxus* (*lactus*) *Task* has also the sense of *take* in ME and to *take one to task* is very similar in meaning to to *tax one* (with)

tass [archaic] Cup, goblet F *tasse*, cf It *tazza*, Sp *taza*, MedL *tassa*, all from Arab *tass*, *tassah*, basin, Pers *tast*, goblet

tassel¹ Pendent ornament OF *tassel*, *tassel*, orig little heap, dim of *tas*, heap (whence ME. *tass*, heap, bunch), of Teut origin OF *tassel* also means clasp, prob from the practice, often referred to in OF, ME & Prov, of making the fastenings of a mantle of a tress of hair The equivalents in the Europ langs all mean bunch, tuft, e.g. F *houpppe* (Du *hoop*, heap, bundle), Ger *quast*, orig bundle of leaves, twigs, It *fiocco* (see *flock*²), Sp *borla* (see *burlesque*).

tassel² [archaic]. As in *tassel-gentle* See *tercel*

tasset [hist] Kind of kilt of overlapping armour plates OF *tassete*, dim of *synon*

tavern F *taverne*, L *taberna*, "a little house or lodging made of boards" (Coop), ? cogn with *tabula*, plank, ? or with *trabs*, beam. Cf *tabernacle*

taw¹ To prepare (leather) AS *tāwian*; cf Du *touwen*, OHG *zaujan*, Goth *taujan*, to do, make Ground-sense app to prepare, etc., for restriction to leather cf. *curry*¹, and Ger *gerben*, to tan, lit to make ready, "are" Cogn with *tool*

taw² A marble, alley² Skeat suggests *tau* (q v), used for T-shaped mark, and compares the golf *tee*¹, but both of these are rejected by the NED Earliest sense of *taw* (Steele) is app the marble, not the mark Also *tor*²

tawdry Aphet for *St Audrey*, i.e. *Etheldreda*, AS *Æthelthryth*, patron saint of Llv Orig in *St Audrey's lace* (Palsg) Bede tells us that Etheldreda died of a tumour in the throat, which she regarded as a punishment for her early love of necklaces The immediate source of the word is from *St Audrey's fan*, held in her honour, at which necklets were sold, a practice very likely going back to the legend mentioned above. Cf obs *bartholomew ware*, from *St Bartholomew's Fair*, Smithfield For sense-development we may compare *gorgeous*, and, for the treatment of the first element, *Tooley St*, for *St Olave St* See *saint*

You promised me a tawdry lace and a pair of sweet gloves (*Wint Tale*, iv 4)

tawny F *tanné*, pp of *tanner*, to tan (q v)

In OF the vowel was nasalized (cf *paun*¹)

taws, tawse [Sc] Earliest (Gavin Douglas) of whip for spinning a top Treated by Sc writers as pl From *taw*¹

tax First (13 cent) as verb F *taver*, L *taxare*, to censure, reckon, value, etc., in MedL to impose a tax In ME *tax*, *task* (q v) are synon Its use in *Luke*, ii for G ἀπογράφειν (*Wyc discryve*) is due to Tynd Archaic *taxed cart* was a vehicle, for agricultural or business purposes, on which a lower duty was charged

taxi For *taximeter* (q v), *taxi-cab* Also used, by airmen, as verb

Softly she nosed to the ground, taxed her distance and stopped (*Corbett-Smith, Marné and after*)

taxidermy Mod, from G *τάξις*, arrangement, *δέμμα*, skin

taximeter F *taximètre*, from *taxe* in sense of tariff, rate of payment Introduced in London March 1907

taxonomy [scient] Classification. F *taxonomie*, irreg from G *τάξις*, arrangement

tazza It See *tass*

Tchech, Tschekh See *Czech*

telin Russ, rank

tea. Du *thee*, Malay *te*, *teh*, Chin dual *t'e* (Amoy), for Mandarin *ch'a*, whence Port *cha*, Russ *chai*, Pers Urdu *chā* (10 cent), Arab, *shay*, Turk *chāy*; cf *chah*, tea, in E mil slang The Port form, also found earlier in E and other Europ langs, came from Macao, the Russ came overland from China The Du form has, owing to Du traders being the chief importers (16 cent) from the far East, prevailed in most Europ langs (F, *thé*, It *tè*, Sp *te*, Ger *tee*). It having also *cid* The earlier E pronunc was indifferently *tay*, *tee* (cf *sea*). *Storm in a tea-cup* is 19 cent for 17 cent *storm in a cream-bowl*, cf L *fluctus in simpulo* (ladle) *excitare* (Cic)

That excellent, and by all physicians approved, China drink, called by the Chineseans *Tcha*, by other nations *Tay*, alias *Tee*

(*Mercurius Polihicus*, Sep 30, 1658, ad.1)

I did send for a cup of tee (a China drink) of which I never had drunk before (Pepys, Sep 25, 1660)

Here, thou, great Anna! whom three realms obey,
Dost sometimes counsel take—and sometimes tea
(*Rape of Lock*, iii 8)

He thank'd her on his bended knee;
Then drank a quart of milk and tea (Prior)

teach AS *tēcan*, not found in other Teut langs, but cogn with Ger *zeigen*, to show, and G *δευνύειν*, also with *tohen*

Teague [archaic] Irishman From common Ir name *Tadhg*, later identified with *Thaddeus* Cf *Paddy*, *Taffy*, etc

teak Port *teca*, Malayalam *tēka* (amil *tēkku*)

teal ME *tele*, prob from AS, cf synon Du *taling*, *teling*

team AS *team*, in current sense, also progeny, etc, cogn with *tēon*, to draw (see *taut*) Com Teut, cf Du *toom*, Ger *zaum*, ON *taumr*, all in sense of rein, bridle This, app the ground-sense, is not recorded in AS., nor is the E sense found in other Teut langs

teapoy [*Anglo-Ind*] Small tripod table From Hind *tin-*, *tir-*, three, and Pers *pāi*, foot Cf *charpoy*, *tripod* Spelling has been assimilated to *tea*

tear¹ Noun AS *tēar*. Com Teut, cf OFris *tār*, (poet) Ger *zähre* (orig pl from OHG *zahar*), ON *tāri*, Goth *tagr*, cogn

with *L. lacrima* (OL *lacruma*) G *la pu*
Welsh *deigr*

tear Verb AS *teran* Com Teut cf Du
leren Ger *zerren* to destroy (al o *zerren*
to distort) Late ON *tēra* to use up (cf
wear and tear) Goth *gatairan* to destroy
com. with G *dein* to slay Past torn
(Bibl) has been altered to *tor* after p p
(cf *bare brake sure* etc) For intrans
sense to rush violently cf Ger *ausreissen*
to shew a fair pair of heels (Ludw) lit
to tear out

tease AS *tēsan* to tease (wool) WGer
cf Du *tezen* to pull scratch OJG
zeisan to tease (wool) For current fig
sense cf *heckle* F *attiser* to stir up (for
which see *entice*) has perh also helped the
fig sense of techn *teaser* fireman stoker
F *tiseur* (techn) In lit ense ML usu
has loose whence name *To er* and dog name
Touzer (cf *tousle*)

The t asers of the pl t wh would i t nos i ol
people t i (v rth *Ex men*)

teasel Large thistle used in teasing cloth
AS *tassel* with instrument suffix as in
shovel

teat F *telle* of Teut origin cf It *tetta* Sp
teta This replaced AS *titt* which survives
as *tit* *tit* in dial Cf Du dial *tit* Ger
tit All prob like *L. mamma* breast from
baby lang

tec (slang) Detective Cf *scr p² flu*
technical From G *τεχνικος* from *τεχνή*
art craft For F *technique* technique see
ics

tectonic Late L G *τεκτονικός* from *τε* *τε*
carpenter builder

Teddy bear Orig US named (c 1900) in
allusion to the President Theodore (Teddy)
Roosevelt (†1919)

Te Deum Init words of ancient F hymn
Te Deum laudamus Recorded in AS

teditious Late L *teditiosus* from *taedium*
from *taedere* to weary

tee The letter T used of various T-shaped
objects e.g. *tee square* Cf *ess tan*

tee Mark aimed at (curling bowls quarts)
Perh orig a T shaped mark (v s)

tee Golf App distinct from *tee* as *VED*
has *tear* noun and verb for 1673 For
back formation cf *tea* *be* *gee* *Chi ee* etc.
If the verb is older it may be obs *teise*
to bend a bow (OF *teser* L *tens* *re*) which
is used by Gav n Douglas of pulling a
spear back *re he clung it*

tee hee See *te hee*

teem AS *tieman* from *team* (q v) in AS
sense of progeny

teen [archaic] Affliction etc AS *teona*
hurt trouble cogn with ON *ti n* loss

teen AS *tyne* *tyne* from *ten* cf Du *ten*
Ger *zehn* L *decim* Hence in one's *teens*
Shiftin of accent to suffix in the E
comps (exc in mech cal counting) due
to wish to differentiate clearly from
ty (i July)

Twel ye they-at br king and Q reas,
Full tw l d then b d i d th teen
(Tk A mp Dec b 619)

teeny See *tiny*

teetotal Playful elaboration of *total* perh
suggested by *teetotal m* In anti alcoholic
sense said (on his tombstone) to have been
first used (1833) by Dicky Turner of
Preston a working man temperance agi
tator but the word must have been earlier
in coll use Quot below is the reported
opinion of a Kentucky br kwood man

These blagues ought to be essent ill s d p r
ic lary and teetill ol that id off of th
fa e tth whol arth (VED 183)

teetotum Earlier *Tatum* (Defve) orig the
lucky ide only of the instrument which
was also called a *totum* The four sides were
ori marked T (*totum*) A (*aus*) R (*de*
pon) N (*nish*) Three of the F *atton*
formerly *totum* a kind of game with a
whirl-bone (Colg) were according to
Littre marked T (*totum*) A (*aus*) R (*de*)
N (*nish*) Cf Du *asale* *lelt* a whirl bone
or *totum* (Sewel i C) lit all top

teg [d u] Sheep (each also doe) in second
year Origin unknown

tegument L *tegumentum* from *tegere* to
cover

te hee Init. of derisive titter

T hee q od h and clapt t e syndm s
(Cl oc 4. 3. 1)

teel [child] Obs name for *lime tree* OF
(replaced by *limb*) L *litha* a *teyl*
(Coop) From uel in *te* (*te* i *te*)
for Heb *thak* elsewhere read red oak F r
th s l u h has for *thakus* (so W) Q ver l
and R l)

teleesthesia Coined (1882) by Myers along
with *telepathy* from G *tele* + *esthesia* percep
tion Cf *arsitak* and *we tel*

tele G *tel* far off *Telegraph* (18 cent)
is an used of the somaphore when a
Telegraph Hollinmann localities *Tele* + *phone*
was also used of several sound in instruments
before being adopted for that invented

(1876) by Bell *Telepathy* was coined (1882) by Myers (cf *telaesthesia*) These are all imitated from the much earlier *telescope*. It *telescopio* (Galileo, 1611), which is in Milton Cf Ger *telefunken*, name of a wireless company, from *funke*, spark

telegra Vehicle Russ *teljēga* In Haki
teleo- From G *τέλεος*, perfect, complete, from *τέλος*, end Hence *teleology*, doctrine of final causes, ModL *teleologia* (Wolf, 1728)

tell AS *tellan*, cogn with *tale* (q v)
Ground-sense is to mention in order, hence double meaning (to count, recount) Com Teut, cf Du *tellen*, to count, Ger *zählen*, to count (*erzählen*, to relate), ON *telja*, to count, relate, cogn with Goth *talzjan*, to teach The counting sense survives in *all told*, *gold untold*, the *tellers*, in the H. of C, to be told off, *telling one's beads*, etc, and in to tell one thing from another Cf also a *telling shot*, one that counts

tellurium [chem] Discovered and named (1798) by Klaproth, from L *tellus*, *tellur-*, earth, in contrast to *uranium* (q v)

telpher Overhead line For *telephore* See *tele-*, *-phore*

Telugu [ling] Dravidian lang of India Cf *Tamil*

temerity From L *temeritas*, from *temere*, blindly, rashly

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So ill-tempered I am grown that I am afraid I shall catch cold (Pepys, June 28, 1664)

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template See *templet*

temple¹ Building AS *templ*, L *templum*, reinforced in ME by F *temple* ? Orig the section of earth and sky marked out by the augur for observing the flight of birds (cf *contemplate*), from an Aryan **temp-*, cogn with *tend-*, stretch The *Temple*, London, was orig the property of the *Knights Templars* (organized c 1118, suppressed 1312), who were named from occupying at Jerusalem a building near Solomon's Temple The *Good Templars*, teetotal body, were established (1851) in US

Le pavement du chemin par entre la Barre du Novel Temple de Lundres (NED 1314-15)

temple² Of head OF (*tempe*), L. *tempora*, pl of synon *tempus*, neut pl, as often, becoming fem sing in VL Sense, *tempora capitis*, ? imitated from G τὰ καίρια, lit the seasonable (places to strike an enemy), ? or as *temple*¹, with orig sense of stretched, thinnest, part, cf synon AS *thinwange*, Ger dial *dumung*, ON *thunwangi*, lit thin cheek, cogn with Ger *dünn*, thin, *dehnen*, to stretch, L *tenuis*, thin

templet In various techn senses, the form *template* being due to folk-etym App. from earlier *temple*, used of various mech devices (? thing stretched), AS *tmple*, L *templum*, *temple*¹, cf Rum *templar*, carpenter

tempo [mus] It, L *tempus*, time

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temporize Cf F *temporiser*, MedL *temporizare*, to put off the time, delay Cf *time-serving*.

Why, turne a temporist, row with the tide,
Pursew the cut, the fashion of the age
(Marston, *What you will*, II 1)

tempt OF *tempter*, L *temptare*, to handle, test, etc, intens of *tendere*, to stretch The OF learned form has given way to the pop *tenet* Earliest E. sense (13 cent) is to allure

Aft'r that thes thingis weren doone, God temptide Abraham (Wyc Gen xxii 1)

ten AS *tien* Aryan, cf Du *ten*, Ger *zehn*, ON *tíu*, Goth *taihun*, L *decem*, G, *deka*, Gael Ir. *deich*, Pers *dah*, Sanskrit *da-*

Upper ten is for *upper ten thousand* *Ten penny* nails were orig (15 cent) sold at tenpence a hundred

tenable F from *tenir* to hold VI **tenire* for *tendre*

tenacious From L *t nax tenac* from *tendre* to hold Cf *audacious*

tenant F pres part of *tenir* to hold (v s)

tench OF *tenche* (*tranche*) Late L *t nca* (Ausonius)

tend¹ To incline etc F *tendre* L *terēre* to stretch strive cogn with *tenui* thin C *re ēre* to stretch Current *tenacious* is after Ger *tenden* (cf Ger *tend* : roman novel with a purpose)

tend² To care for Aphet f r *attend* also for some early senses of *intend* See *tender²*

tender¹ Adj F *tendre* I *tener* *ten r* *Tenderfoot* is US for a green hand *Tender loin* is US for undercut and the Tender loin district of New York where are the chief theatres restaurants etc is so named as being the juiciest cut from the point of view of graft and police blackmail

tender² To offer F *tendre* tend¹ For ending cf *tender* from *tendre* This is prob due to the F infin being first adopted as noun as in *remainder rejoinder* etc (cf *legal tender*)

tender³ Of ship or locomotive From *tend* to attend So also of agent now only in US compds (*bar tender* *bridge tender* etc)

tendon MedL *tendo* n C *ev r* sinew tendon from to stretch confused with L *tendere* *Tendon* *tenon* *t* are also found as earlier forms

tendril Connected rather with F *tendre* to stretch reach (*tend*) than with *tendre* *tender* the characteristic of the tendril being its reaching and clinging character rather than its tenderness The equivalents in the Europ langs all contain the clinging or twining idea ModF has *tendon* (more usu *pampre*) but OF uses *tendon* in same sense (v i)

cap col les tendo d t vign (Est)

capr d s th tendr ll f a yn (Elvot 138)

La vig e pa ses tendron *aprelois t tuer m*
br sse t utes choses (Ambrose Paré 6 cent)

tenebrous F *ténébreux* L *tenebrosus* from *teneb* ae darkness

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tenet L he holds prob as unit word of MedL dissertations *Tenet* they hold occurs earlier in same sense Cf *exit habitat* etc

Pseudoxia epidemica or inquiries into very many crimes and commonly present truths (S r T Brown)

tenné [her] OF var of *tanné* tawny

tennis Earliest form *tenetis* (Gower) Also recorded in *Cronica di Firenze* of Donato Velluti (1370) as *tenes* and described as introduced into Italy (1325) by F knights App F *tene* imper of *tenir* called out by the server before play Of this there is no record but there is plenty of evidence for *accipe* or *excipe* as its transl The F name has always been *paume* palm² but foreigners would naturally call the game by the word they heard regularly employed

tenon Projection fitting into mortice F from *tenir* to hold

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They kept the aimless tenour of ill will

(Gray's Elegy)

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tent² Roll of bnt for insertion in wound earlier probe F from *tenter* to try test L *tentis* a (see *tenis*)

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tapestry from *tendre* to stretch L *tenere*

Hence *tenter* hooks by which cloth was stretched after being milled Part

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The new Thelema of a neurasthenic Rabclais of 1920 (*Athenaeum*, May 28, 1920)

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- thro See *through*
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 the *r*
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 (Syl 7)
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- Thug Hind *fla* cheat swindler used in
 stead of the correct name *p hamsigar*
 strangler
- thuja thuya Shrub G *θι* *θι* an Afr
 tree whence also *thyine* (Pet xviii 1)
- Thule L G *Θυλη* *τὴν* a land six days
 sail north of Britain (Polybius) whence L
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 fig for furthest point.

Thomist Follower of *St Thomas Aquinas*
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thorn AS *thorn* Com Teut, cf Du *doorn*, Ger *dorn*, ON *thorn*, Goth *thaurmus*, with Slav cognates *Thorn in the flesh* (2 Cor xii 7) renders G *σκόλω*, stake, pale

Piccolomme all the while sate upon thornes studying how to get away (Svdenham Poyntz, 1624-36)

thorough Var of *thorough* (q v) in stressed position *Thoroughfare* is found as verb in AS *Thorough-paced* was orig (17 cent) used of horses

Constantius was a thorough-pac'd Christian
(Fuller)

thorp [poet] AS *thorp*, *thorp*, village Com Teut, cf Du *dorp*, Ger *dorf*, ON *thorp*, Goth *thaurp* Current form (cf *-thorp*, *-thripp*, etc in place-names) is partly due to Norse influence Obs from c 1600, but revived by Wordsworth

those AS *thās*, pl of *this*, in northern ME gradually replacing *tho*, AS *thā*, pl of *that* It is thus a doublet of *these*, from which it is now differentiated in sense

thou AS *thū* Aryan, cf archaic Du *du*, Ger *du*, ON *thū*, Goth *thu*, L *tu*, G *σύ* (Doric *τυ*), Gael Ir *tu*, Pers *tū*, Sanskrit *tva*

though AS *thēah* Com Teut, cf Du Ger *loch*, ON *thō* (for **thauh*), Goth *thauh* Current form (ME also *thei*, *thagh*, etc) is from ON

thought AS *thōht*, *gethōht*, from *think*, cf Du *gedachte*, OHG *gīdāht* (whence Ger *gedächtnis*, memory) In ME often of the mental distress, whence to *take thought* a *fall* vi 31, Vulg. *solicitus esse*) With *sought* too particular cf *a sight too care-theoph*

God, d AS *thūsend* Com Teut, cf Du *theorbo*, Ger *tausend*, ON *thūsund*, Goth *horba*, Second element is cogn with among c-f ON *thūs-hundrath*, thousand), unknown to cogn with Sanskrit *tavas*, theorem L, sense prob large number, position to be being no gen Aryan word *pēu*, from *θεω* sense of *theoret*.

thrall ON *thræll*, cogn with OIIG *dregril*, servant, prop runner, and with AS *thrægan*, to run Dial *thrall*, stand for barrels, etc, is prob a fig use of the same word Cf mech uses of *jack*, i.e. servant

thrane [hist] G *θρανίτης*, rower in upper tier, from *θράνος*, bench The lowest tier rower was called *thalamite*, from *θάλαμος*, chamber, applied to a section of the boat

thrash, thresh AS *therscan*, *threscan*, to thresh (corn) Com Teut, cf Du *dorschen*, Ger *dreschen*, ON *threskja*, Goth *thriskan*, orig to tramp, stamp (whence OF *trescher*, to dance, It *trescare*); then, esp the treading of the corn, the use of the flail (q v) being learnt from the Romans Later flagellating sense, with artificial differentiation of spelling, from 16 cent We still *thrash out* a question, although we *thresh out* corn See *threshold*

thrasonical From name of braggart soldier in Terence's *Eunuchus* G *Θράσω*, from *θρασύς*, bold

thrawn [Sc] Twisted, distorted From *thraw*, dial form of *throw* For sense cf. *warped*

thread AS *thræd* Com Teut, cf Du *draad*, Ger *draht*, wire, ON *thrathr*; from a root to twist, "throw", cf Ger *drehen*, to twist With *threadbare* (*Piers Plowm*) cf Ger *fadenscheinig*, lit thread showing, and F *montrer la corde*.

threat AS *thrēat*, throng, pressure, cf AS *thrēotan*, to weary, cogn with Du *verdrieten*, Ger *verdressen*, to vex, ON *thryōta*, to lack, Goth *usthrutian*, to oppress, and ult with L *trudere*, to thrust
three AS *thrī*, *thrīo*, *thrēo* Aryan; cf Du *drie*, Ger *drei*, ON *thrii*, *thryār*, *thryū* (Sw *Dan tre*, Norw *tri*), Goth **threis*, *thrya*, L *tres*, *tria*, G *τρεῖς*, *τρία*, Welsh, Gael Ir *tri*, Russ *tri*, Zend *thri*, Sanskrit *tri*

threnody G *θρηνηδία*, dirge, from *θρῆνος*, lament See *ode*

thresh See *thrash*

threshold AS *thersc-old*, *-wald*, *-wold*, cf ON *threskjöldr*, OHG *driscūfi*, first element *thresh*, in orig sense (see *thrash*), second doubtful

thrice ME *thries*, formed from *thrie*, three, with adv genitive -s, after *ones*, once

thrift Formed in ME from *thrive* (q v.) Orig success, prosperity

thrill Metath of earlier *thril*, AS *thyrlian*, to pierce, from *thryel*, hole (cf *nostril*), cogn. with *thurh*, through, and ult. with *drill*.

ticket *F etiquette* label etc *OF estiquette* from *estiquer* to stick of Teut orig in US pol use is recorded c 1800 hence prob that *s the ticket* The (obs) *ticket porters* of London were so called from the badge which showed them to be licensed by the Corporation Spec sense of *ticket of late* written permission 'cross in Austral

tickle ? Metath influenced by *tick* of *hitch* (qv) But cf synon *L titillare* and dual *titille* (14 cent.)

How he tickles you trout and the gillies you hall see him take him by and by (Marston 41 & M 11 d v)

tick tack Redupl on *tuck* Cf *F tic tac* tic polonga Snake (Ceylon) Sinhalese *titi polonga* spot viper

tidbit See *titbit*

tiddler For *titillat* See *stickt back*

tiddlywinks Game orig (1870) form of dominoes ? Suggested by slang *tiddly wink* unlicensed drink shop (pub shop)

tide AS *tid* time as still in manu compd (*eventide* *lute tide* etc) and to *work double tides* though this is orig allusive to the two tides of each day Com Teut cf *Du tyd* Ger *ist* ON *tíð* all meaning *time* with which they are ult com From archaic to *tíð* (*betide*) happen comes *tíðin* (s) orig happenings but found in AS in current sense Cf Ger *zeitun* newspaper Application to sea has a parallel in LG *flut* Du *ty* (earlier *tyde*) from which it may have been borrowed the first clear exampl of *tide* (of the sea) being in Chauc In pleon *time and tide* which occurs much earlier *tide* has its orig sense To *tid over* is naut (v) A *tide waiter* n v some times fig for time server was a Customs officer who awaited ships coming in with the tide

To *tide over* t a place t goe over with the tide of bbe or flood (Capt Jol n Sm th)

tidivate See *titulate*

tidy Orig timely seasonable From *tíde* (qv)

I will do what I can *tidit* to stop ify into 3 u Majesty o st to (Lord We two 11 1568)

tie AS *ta* (noun) *ti an* (verb) cogn with ON *ta g* rope Ger *ziehen* to draw and with *tight* *four* *tie* etc Sen e of equality (sport) is evolved from that of connecting link { cf mod bracketted i e equal

tier Orig naut of oars or guns From *F tirer* to draw shoot OF has *lire* sequence but the *L* word (16 cent) *pali* represents

rather *F tir* shooting and was orig appld to a fire of ordnance row of gun Cf *It tiro* a tyre of ordnance (Flor)

Th s vd 111 p cam d th e tire of rdin on a d nd 1 en peeces v ryle (F e gh 301)

tierce *F tier* of tiers third *L t i t us* The cask called a *tie ce* the third of a pipe For fencing sense cf *carte qu rle*

tiercel See *te cel*

Tiers État [*hiel*] *F* third estate the Commons as opposed to the clergy and nobility

Queste q l r m l i t ? T t Qu a t i t i s ju d i) p r e t d a n s l o r d r e p o l i t i q u e r R u Qu dem de t i l d e e n r ? Qu que h o n e (Si 3-4)

tiff Temper Prob mut of small outburst Cf *huff* n ff

tiff tift [*tiat*] To drink Hence Anglo Ind *tiffin* lunch for *tiffing* For extension from drinking to eating cf *nunchoon better*

t ang au g d n k u n g o t i a l t u n e (Grose)

Th capt n tiffing aw y at the fl ds as becom hon t a l t (Tom L gl's Leg)

tiffany Fabric In AF occ used for Ept phany and also common in ME as a female name OF *tiphanie* *L G theophania* lit manifestation of God cf *F* dual (*B m*) *tiesten* January As name for fabric perh a joc allusion to etym sense of manifestation ? or associated with *daphnion*

Tiss arces t a d cyp es, whi h in test of appar il to co r a n i h i shew women nak i through th m (Holland s Pl 3)

tiffin See *tiff*

tig Game of touch Cf *t i t i* and ynon Ger *tick*

tiger *F t i r e* *L G tigris* prob of Oriental origin ? with orig sense of swift whence also river Tigris In most Europ langs Often used by early travellers for the jaguar panther etc As archaic name for groom prob from striped waistcoat or lierv

tight For earlier *th i t* ON *th r* water tight solid staunch cf synon (*er d i t* (from *LC*) Chan e of form is app due to association with *tant* (q) and obs *t i t i*

pp of *tie* whence also some later senses chiefly from naut lang Orig sense of dense compact appears in *water tight* so also a *tight ship* and hence a *t i t i l l e* *st i t i d* For slang sense of *dr n k* cf *st r u d* *st i t i* h o o l e, n o t b e d r u n u h o o l e w h y i n t g e r w i l d (Promp Farr)

before Bradshaw Time honoured is an echo of Shaks. (*Ri h II 1 1*)
timid F *timide* L *timidas* from *timere* to fear

timocracy F *timocratie* MedL G *τμωκρατία* from *τιμω* honour In Aristotle rule by propertied class in Plato rule inspired by love of honour

Timon Of Athens famous misanthrope

The latter-day Timon of Cheyne Row L *timon* (VFD 1846)

timoneer F *timonier* helmsman It *timoniere* from *timon* helm L *timon* waggon pole helm

A d t teach him the trade of a timoneer (Goudiers)

timorous OF *timoreus* MedL *timor* us from *timor* fear

Timothy (grass) Introduced from England into US by Timothy Hanson (early 18 cent)

tin AS *tin* Com Teut. cf Du *tin* Ger *zinn* ON *tin* For sling sense of money said to have been first applied to the thin worn silver coinage of the 18 cent recalled in 1817 cf *brass* Contemptuous *tinpot* was orig applied to music *Tin hat* helmet, was t hat. before the Great War
tinamou I artridge of the pampas F from native name

tinchel [S J] Circle of beaters in hunting Gael. *tinich oll circuit*

W li qu li the savage mountain cat
As their tinchel cows th g me
(Laly flake L)

tincture I *tinctura* from *tingere* tint to dye

tinder AS *tynder* cogn with *terdan* to kindle whence dial *tind* The verb is Com Teut. cf Ger *zünden* ON *tendra* Goth *tandjan* See *landsticker* Orig method of procuring fire by striking flint with steel has given the phrase to *strike a light*

N there's ut dyn lastern t put a it undur
a b sh l (Wyc Mat v 5)

tine Prong AS *tind* cogn with ON *tintr* Ger *zinne* pinnacle For loss of -d cf *woodbine*

ting Int of thin clear sound Cf *tinne* and redupl *ting tang*

tinge First as verb L *tingere* to dye

tingle Modification of *tinble* with which it varies in Wyc Orig idea of sound passing into that of sensation appears n to make

one's ears tingle L *tingere* has the same double sense

A ry that sh er'd to th t gl g stars
(Tennyson, *Morte d'Arthur*)

tink Int the redupl *tink tank* (cf *ti tane*) representing alternation of lighter and heavier sound

I am maad as t. somnyng a yntal t l yu. t l b t ens (Wyc. 1 Cor. 1. 1)

tinker This and Sc *tinkler* are found much earlier (12 cent.) than *tink tinkle* from which they are usu d rived an etym given in the *Promptuary* This is not an unsuperable objection as a word like *tinker* used as trade-name and surname would naturally get recorded more easily than an onomatopoeic word

tinkle Frequent. of *tink* (q v) Cf *tinle* with which it is ued indifferently in ME

Both his eers bulen tynclen [t ig t re]
(Wyc. 1 Cor. 1. 1)

tinsel F *étincelle* spark OF *estincelle* VL *stincella* metath of *cinnilla* ModF has in this sense *puirade* or *cinquant*

It's other t powder or set the k with sparkles
(C ig)

tint Earlier *tinct* L *tinct* s from *tinere* to dye Later form as art word due to It. *tinta*

tintinnabulation Comed (?) by Poe from L *tin* *tinabul* m bell int. redupl from *tinne* to resound tinkle

tiny From earlier (15 cent.) *tine* used as noun (small quantity) and adj and always preceded by *little* Aphet f r synon F *tantin tantinel* ev r so little corresponding in sense to L *tinellus* from *tin* s so much. For sense and regular use with *little* cf Sc *ween* (q v) Transition from sense of small quantity to that of small size is like that of Sc. *the but little* Terence uses *puer* to *ulus* in same sense as MF and Shaks. *It's tiny child* But if the etym I propose for *ween* is correct *tiny* may be rather connected with *ween* (q v)

tinny a ven bit. nev r so littl a lru bite
q l ty (Flor)

tittle so little and small ve y little, but they
(Litt)

tip Point extremity Cf synon Du *tip* Sv *tippe* Norv Dan *tip* also Du *tipfel* Ger *tipfel* In some senses perh a thinned form of *top* cf *tip-t* which may be redupl on either word First appears in *tiploe* (Chauc)

tike. See *tyke*.

tilbury [*archaic*] Vehicle Inventor's name Cf *shillebeer*.

tilde Sp, diacritic mark over *n* as in *señor* Metath from L *titulus* (cf *tittle*)

tile AS *tigele*, L *tegula*, from *tegere*, to cover, cf F *tule*, It *tegola*, *tegghia*. Early Teut. loan from L, cf Du *tegel*, Ger. *ziegel*, ON *tgl*. *Slate* (q v) is F, the orig Teut roof-cover being represented by *thatch* (q v.)

till¹ Verb AS *tilian*, to strive after, labour WGer, cf Du. *telen*, to breed, cultivate, Ger *zielen*, to aim, and see *till*² For specialization of sense cf F *labourer*, to till, lit to work AS *tilth* is now usu replaced by *tillage*

till² Prep & conj Northumb and ON *til*, corresponding in use to E. *to*, Ger *zu*, as still in Sc Orig a noun, cf AS *till*, fixed position, Ger *ziel*, end, aim, also AS *til*, serviceable, to the purpose See also *till*¹

till³ Noun Orig (15 cent) drawer or compartment in coffer for valuables, private documents, etc Origin obscure ? Cf F *tille*, boat-locker, which is perh of Teut origin and cogn with *thill*

tillandsia Plant Named by Linnaeus from *Tillands*, Sw botanist

tiller OF *teher*, *telher*, orig weaver's beam, *teher des tisserands*, MedL *telarium*, from *tela*, web; hence, stock of crossbow E naut use (= F *barre du gouvernail*) is 17 cent

Sor le *teher* a un quarrel assis (*Loherenes*).

arbrier the tillar of a crosse bow (Cotg).

till⁴ Of cart. Replaces (16 cent) ME *teld*, *telt*, AS *teld*, tent, cogn with Ger *zelt*, ON *tjald*, ? and ult with L *tendere*, to stretch (see *tent*¹) Current form is app due to ME *tilette* (v 1), OF *telele*, var of *teilete* (*toilette*), dim of *teile* (*toile*), cloth, L *tela*

Cartes with *tillettes* for shott with all apparelle (Nav Accts 1497)

tilt² To incline, etc In ME to overthrow App from AS *tealt*, unsteady, whence *tealthan*, to be unsteady Current sense perh orig from naut use

tilt³ Joust Identified by *NED* with *tilt*², which I believe to be an error First recorded c 1500, as noun, in sense of encounter, place of encounter (*tilt-yard*) I conjecture connection with OF *tillet*, *tillot*, from *tilleul*, lime², staves of lime-wood

having been used in the sport (v 1), perh. as splintering easily I have not found evidence that the *tilt* was orig the lance-shaft, but the correspondence of *full tilt* with OF *pleine hanste* (passim in *Roland*), *bouhort plenier* (*Tristan*), is significant, as both *hanste* and *bouhort* mean shaft of lance, and OF *bouhorder*, to tilt, is derived from the latter To run a *tilt* is for earlier *ahlt* (adv.). To *tilt at windmills* alludes to Don Quixote

tilatus, tilosus virgula thliacea, cujus usus maxime erat in hastiludis Cujus vero ligni interdum fuerunt ipsae virgulae discimus ex alis lit. remiss. ann. 1375 in Reg 107, ch. 50 "Iceulx Jehan et Girart prennent chascun d'eulx un blanc petit tilleul pelé, pour en behourder l'un a l'autre, et en eulx ainsi esbatant et bouhourdant, briserent plusieurs tilleux l'un contre l'autre" (Duc)

tilth See *till*¹.

timariot In *Bride of Abydos* (1 7). F, It *timariotto*, from Pers *timār*, sieg

timbale [cook]. From shape F, kettle-drum, bowl, app a mixed form from OF. *atabal* (q v.) and L *tympanum*, cf It *timballo*, Sp *tumbal*. See *timbre*.

timber AS *timber*, house, building material, trees suitable for the purpose Com Teut, cf Du dial *timmer*, Ger. *zimmer*, room (OHG *zimbar*), ON *timbr*, Goth. **timr* (in *timjan*, to build), cogn with G *déjeu*, to build, *δῆμος*, house. Cf. also Ger *zimmer*, to carpenter, *zimmermann*, carpenter In law *timber* is oak, ash, elm of twenty years' growth or more, with certain additions due to local use in building, e g in Bucks the beech is included.

timbre F, small bell, hence, tone, L *tympanum*, G *τύμπανον*, *timbrel*, *kettledrum* The F word also assumed the sense of bell-helmet, hence, crest, and finally, stamp, whence E *timbromania*, stamp-collecting **timbrel**. Dim of obs *timbre*, used by Wyc to render *tympanum* (v s)

time AS *tīma*, cogn with ON *tīmi* (whence Sw *timme*, Dan *time*, hour), and with *tide*, the immediate cognates of which represent its senses in the other Teut. langs. In E it has the double sense of extent and point (F *temps*, *fois*, Ger *zeit*, *mal*), and also stands for hour (F *heure*, Ger. *uhr*). Good (bad) *time*, now regarded as US, was once current E (cf. F *se donner du bon-temps*, and to have a fine time of it), but *high old time* is genuine US. (see however *old*). *Father Time* represents G. *χρόνος* The *Times* dates from 1788 The earliest railway *time-table* appeared 1838, a year

title *Of (titre) L. titulus* the title or inscription of a worke or acte (Coop)

And the title of his cause was writen (Wyc *M & x* 6)

tittling See *titt* Cf ON *tittlin* r sparrow

titmouse ME *titmouse* from *titt* and obs *mose* AS *mase* a Teut bird name cf *Du mees Ger meise* ON *messingr* also *F mésange* a titmouse or tittling (Cotg) from Teut Altered on *mouse* wh nce incorr pl *titmice* Cf Norw Dan *musist* black tit altered on *mus* mouse from earlier *musstille* Often shortened to *titt* whence *tomt* t

titter Imut cf Ger *kichern*

titlle L *titulus* title in Late L for any small stroke forming part of or added to a letter cf Port *til* accent Prov *titlle* dot of i Sp *tide* (qv) In Bibl use (Wyc *Matt* v 18) it represents Heb *qot* thorn prick C *pau* horn L *apex* rendered *pri* a in AS See *got*

tittebat See *stickleback*

tittle tattle See *tattle* App the redupl is on *tittle* to prate much older than *tattle* The NED quotes *tittler* from *Piers Plowm* but it was a surname a century earlier (*Hund Rolls*) The verb is prob imut cf *titter*

tittup To prance along First (c 1700) as noun canter Perh imut of hoof beat

titubate From L *titubare* to stagger

titular From L *titulus* title

tizzy [slang] Sixpence ? Argotic perversion of obs *tibury* sixpence so called from it s being formerly the fare for crossing over from Cravesend to Tilbury fort (Grose) Cf schoolboy *sus* for *swindle*

tnesis [g am] Separation of parts of compound C *tp* is from *τμ* to cut.

TNT Powerful explosive *tri nitro tolu* is from Ger *tolu* from *tolu* (qv)

to AS to WGer cf Du *te* Ger *zu* ON *has* *ti* Goth *du* cogn with L enclitic *do* (as in *quando*) G -*de* For all to brake (*Jud* *es* *ix* 53) see *all* to

to Obs prefix AS *to-* WGer cf OSax *te* Ger *zer* ult cogn with L *dis* See *all*

toad From AS *tīd ge* with no known cognates Cf *tadpole* Toady is for *wad-eater* orig mountebank att ndant of quick doctor pretending to eat (poisonous) toads in order to avertise h s master s infallible antidotes (see quot *sv* underst *affer*) F *crapaud* toad is used with similar allusion cf also F *araleur de couleurs* (adders) toady For *toadstool* cf synon

Du *piddestoel* from *padde* toad pad dock

Th Bea clerks Lo d West sorla d and M Jones his t t r r d t r wer our party (Duches of De *nat* r J ly 6 1770)

toast First (14 cent) as verb OF *loster* from L *torrere* *lost* to parch etc cf *lit* *loster* to toast to bloato to parch with heate (Flor) In ME used also of a slice of toasted spiced bread with which beverages were flavoured and from c 1700 of a lady regarded as figuratively adding piquancy to the wine in which her health was drunk

Go f t h m q r t t sack put a toa t t (Meyer *B* *see* l 3)

tobacco Earlier (16 cent) *tabaco* Sp from Carb of Havti according to Oviedo (1535) the name of the tube through which the smoke was inhaled but accord n to Las Casas (1552) a kind of cigar Later research suggests the possibility of its being a Guaraní word (Brazil) In most Frop langs A *tobacconist* was earlier (Ben Jonson) a smoker

To th c rupted *bacconesse* f th first use of this tobacco doeth cry w ll gree th foolish a d gro dlesse first entry th read int th king James (Jat *es* B)

Drunk d and *tobacconists* r ranked tog ther nd t improperly (Adm Monson 1624)

toboggan Canad Ind (Micmac) *tobakun* Spelt *tabaginne* in 17 cent F

toby¹ Jug Punch s dng both frst in Dickens unless a jug is meant in quot below From *Tobias* (cf *jeroboam tankard* etc) Earlier (17 cent) also buttocks as in *tickle one s toby* *Toby* *hislop* *fill pot* (To n Brown s *School days*) f r a brown jug goes back to the name of a character in O Keefe s *Poor Soldier* (1 52)

I am glad you had the Toby (Letter 1263 in *Notes & Queries* 12 5 18)

toby [archaic] In *high l t s* *the* *184* pr session of mounted F ghw yman and foot put respectively From *Shelta* *toby* read ? deliberate perversion of Ir *boithar* m d

toceata [mus] It from *toceere* to touch *toco* *toko* [slang] From Wind phrase *to* for *nam* punishment instead of food with ref to slaves *Toco* is said to be imper of Hind *tohra* to censure

toco- From G r or offspring *tocsin* F OF *iniquissim* *trou* *trou* *trou* touch (q) u n with second element from L *signum* used in Late I for bell

tip² Present From earlier verb to *tip* (c 1600), hand over, pass, orig a cant word, as in to *tip the wink* Here belong *straight tip*, *tipster*

tip³ To upset, tilt up Orig (14 cent) *type*, with long vowel (still in dial) Origin unknown, but cf synon *top*, *tope* (naut & dial) Here belongs *tip-cat*

tip⁴ To touch lightly ? Thinned form of *tap²* Cf dial *tip for tap* Here belongs *tip and run* (cricket), used during the Great War of Ger nav dashes at seaside resorts

tipit, tippit Provincial game For *tip² it*, hand it over, pass it on

tippet Orig dim of *tip¹* Cf Ger *zipfel* in similar senses

[He] bond the sorvs to his hede with the tyet of his hood (*Beryn*)

tipple From 16 cent, but *tipeler* is found as leg description in 14 cent (*NED*) and as surname is recorded early in 13 cent This proves early existence of verb, unless it is a back-formation like *cadge*, *peddle* Origin obscure, but ult connection with *tap¹* seems likely Cf Norw dial *tippla*, to drip slowly, drink in small quantities A *tippler* was orig an alehouse keeper For a converse sense-development cf *tobacconist*

tipstaff [*hist*] For *tippled staff*, truncheon with emblem of office, carried by constable, etc See *tip¹*

tipsy From *tip³*, but later associated with *tipple* For suffix cf *tricksy*, *popsy-wopsy*

tirade F, It *tirata*, volley, etc, from *tirare*, to fire See *tire²*

traille F, from *traille*, frequent of *trier*, to shoot See *tire²*

tire¹ To weary AS *florian*, to exhaust, wear away (trans & intrans) Ulterior hist obscure

tire² [*obs*] To tug, tear, etc F *trier*, to draw, cf It *tiare*, Sp *tiar* Hence *attire*, *retire* Of obscure origin, but perh connected with *tire¹*, as the verb has in the older Rom langs also sense of vexing, harassing

tire³ Dress, outer covering of wheel Aphet for *attire* In first sense confused with ME *tiar*, *tiara* For second sense cf Ger *radkranz*, lit wheel-garland Often incorr spelt *tyre*

perruquiere a tyre-maker, or attire-maker, a woman that makes pernwigs, or attires (Cotg)

The application of elastic bearings round the tire of carriage-wheels (*NED* 1845)

tiro L, young soldier, raw recruit. In MedL often *tyro* Hence *tirocinium* (Cowper, 1784), lit first campaign, novice experience

Tironian System of shorthand attributed to Cicero's freedman *Tiro*

titra-litra Imit of cheerful song (*Wint Tale*, iv 3, *Lady of Shalott*, iii 4) Cf OF *turlure*

tisane See *phisane*

Tishri Jewish month, called *Ethanim* before Captivity Late Heb *tishrī*, from Aram. *shārā*, to begin

tissue Earlier *tissu*, F, p p of OF *tistre* (replaced by *tisser*), to weave, L *texere* *Tissue-paper* (18 cent) was perh orig used, as now, to insert between layers of fine tissue (fabric), but synon F *papier de soie* suggests rather an allusion to the softness and delicacy of the paper itself

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tootle Frequent of *toot*

tootsy, tootsicum Baby word for foot (19 cent), prob evolved from *toddle*

In this, my unenlightened state,
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Will pumps henceforward decorate
My tiddle tiddle tootsicums?

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der topf-kreisel [-kreisel] oder *kreisel topf*, damit ein knabe spielt. a top wherewith a boy plays *Den topf, oder dopf, treiben oder peitschen* to scourge, or whip, your top (Ludw)

tail made like an auger, with which tail shewriggles betwixt the costs [ribs] of a ship and sinks it straight (Ben Jonson, *Staple of News*, iii 1)

torpid *L. torpidus*, from *torpēre* (v.s.). The *Torpidus*, Lent races at Oxf, were earlier the clinker-built boats used in the races, and these boats were orig the second, i.e. slower, boats of each college

The little gentleman did not join with the "Torpidus," as the second boats of a college are called (*Verdant Green*)

torquē From *L. torques*, twisted collar, from *torquēre*, to twist

torrefy *F. torréfier*, from *L. torrefacere*, from *torrēre* (v.1) and *facere*

torrent *F. L. torrens, torrent-*, orig pres part of *torrēre*, to burn, hence to boil, bubble, etc Cf *burn*^{1,2} and see *estuary*

Torricellian [*phys*] Of *Torricelli*, It physicist (†1647)

I went to v^e Philosophic Club, where was examined y^e Torricellian experiment (Evelyn, 1660)

torrid *L. torridus*, from *torrēre*, to parch, etc, ult cogn with *thirst*

Quinque tenent caelum zonae quarum una corusco Semper sole rubens, et torrida semper ab igni

(*Georg* 1 233).

torsion *F. L. tortio-n-*, from *torquēre*, *tort-*, to twist

torsk Fish Norw & Sw, ON *thorskr*, cf Ger *dorsch* (from LG), cogn with Ger *dür*, dry

torso It, stalk, cabbage-stump, trunk of body without head and arms *L. G. θύσσος*, thyrsus, wand

tort [*leg*] *F. MedL. tortum*, lit twisted, from *torquēre*, *tort-* Cf relationship of *wrong* to *wring*

White had suffered damage by reason of defendants' tortious and wrongful acts

(Mr Just. Astbury, Apr 30, 1920).

torticollis [*med*] Crick in neck *ModL*, from *collum*, neck (v.s.) Cf. earlier *F. torticollis*

tortilla [*Mex*] Cake *Dim* of Sp *torta* See *tart*²

tortoise Earlier (14-15 cents.) *tortu*, *tortuce*, *tortose*, etc; cf *F. tortue*, Sp *tortuga*, representing Late *L. tortuca*, ² twisted (see *tort*), ² from crooked feet of SEurop. variety The sibilant ending of *tortoise* may be due to *tortu's-shell* But the naming of the animal from so inconspicuous a feature as the feet seems unnatural, and some of the SEurop forms in *tar-* (e.g. It *tartaruga*, Sicilian *tartuca*) suggest -a- as orig vowel, with a later assim. to *L. tortus*

tortuous *F. tortueux, L. tortuosus*, from *torquēre*, *tort-*, to twist

torture *F. L. tortura* (v.s.). For sense-development cf *torment*

torula [*biol*] *ModL. dim* from *torus* (v.1)

torus [*arch & biol*] *L.*, lit bed, hence cushion, bulge, etc

torve [*archaic*] *OF, L. torvus*, "cruell and sturdy in lookes, grimme, sterne, terrible, fell" (Coop)

Tory. "One who adheres to the ancient constitution of the state and the apostolical hierarchy of the Church of England" (Johns) Ir *tóraidhe, tóraighe*, pursuer (in compds only), from *tóu*, pursuit Orig applied (c 1650) to dispossessed Irishmen who became freebooters, rapparees Hence, by Parliamentarians, to rebel Irish, papist soldiers of Charles I Pol nickname (cf *Whig*) dates from 1679-80, when the "Exclusioners" used it of the supporters of the Duke of York, afterwards James II Definitely established as name of one of the two great parties at the Revolution (1689).

See also *Conservative*

tosh [*school slang*] *NED* quotes from 1892 *Perh* from same word used at some schools (1879 in author's recollection) for penis A parallel will occur to those familiar with schoolboy lang

toss From c 1500 ² Cf Norw. dial *tossa*, to spread, strew Earliest in ref to the sea (Tynd *Matt* xiv 24, where Wyc has *throwen*) In current senses the upwārd motion is emphasized as compared with *throw*, *cast*, *fling*.

tot¹ Small child Earliest (1725) in Sc ² Cf ON *tultr*, as nickname for dwarf, whence Dan *tommel-tot*, Tom Thumb ² Hence also sense of very small glass (cf *tallboy*)

tot². To reckon up From earlier noun *tot*, short for *total* *Perh* partly due to obs *tot*, to mark an item as paid in sheriff's accounts, which is *L. tot*, so much

He [Admiral Sevmour] had the names of all the Lordes, and totted them whome he thought he might have to his purpose

(*Privy Council Ads*, 1548-9)

total *F. Scholastic L. totalis*, from *tolus*, all *Totalizator*, machine for registering bets (*pari mutuel*), is after *F. totalisateur*

tote [*US.*] To carry, transport. From 17 cent (Virginia) Cotg has *tauter*, "to lay a roller &c under a heavy thing, the better to remove it," and the existence

of an OF word in Virginia would not be unnatural

He took arou d with him on his r ibles old Uncle Mesrou his execution r who toted a salcker-snee (O Henry)

totem N Amer Ind (Algonkin) *acntem* hereditary emblem recorded in 1609 the t being supposed to represent the final sound of a possessive pron (cf Shaks *uncle for mine uncle*) Extended us in anthropolyg (*totemic totemism*) is app due to Lubbock

tother [dial] See *the that other*

Thel criedn the toon to the t ther

(Wye I i 3)

totter From c 1000 orig to swim esp from gillows ? Ult ident with dial *tol r* and Du *t utere* to swing ? Cf AS *tealtrian* and *till*

The e mal a pair of gal ws at th waters d h
If e ma som woll towl t m row
(S T II ward t)

She fattens them up t'll th y re fitted t sla glier
Then i es th m at Tib rnt litt and t t r
(K mp S g c 1633)

Troy nod t m high a d t tters to h r f ll
(Drvd n 4e h 184 t f l cult Ho
a e lnt T i a i 97)

toucan S Amer bird F (16 cent) Sp *t can*
Tupi (Brazil) *tuana* Guaraní (Brazil) *tuc* in
perh from cry But it is a curio s fact that
the J Ind hornbill is also called to *can*
which has been taken to be Malay *toucan*
carpenter from the bird s hammerin trees
with its bill For a similar pu ple cf *cayma*
touch F *toucher* cf It *toca* c Sp *to ar*
Prob from an unit *toc* ground use being
to strike cf *tocsin* and F *toquer* to touch
knock a Norm Pic form Chief senses are
developed in F *Touch* and go s app from
some catching game of the touch wood
type ? cf *tup* and *run* With *touchstone*
cf F *pierre de touche* With *touched* crav
cf earlier *trunked* in *its wits* and see
taut

If [th] Duk of Wharton h s t uch t the D h
de Rippe d t r th ee thou a d piat t s
(B task Jo 4 Apr 30 t 26)

touchy Altered on *touch* with suggestion of
sensitivity s from archaic *titchy* earlier
also *titchy* apheet fur OF *entech* d ent t d
from *teche* quality characteristic of ob-
scure orig n ? ident with Modf *tache*
stain and ult vith *token* *Entechid* had also
in Ol pejorative sense as thou h mal

entechid all conditioned and this sense
passed into F

si estret [Aucasi] *entechies* d bones *teches*,
q en lui n a ot ul mau so
(4 casus t V of t 3 cent)

cham leu d la pos d qu k on the spurte hence
also *tiche* th t will t end r t be t bed
(Cotg)

tough AS *tōh* WGer cf Du *taa* Ger
zsh US sense of street ruffian vas perh
su ested by noun use of *ton* h

toupee [archaic] F *toupet* t p-knot of per
v g S e topi

tour F (OF t n) from *toirn* r to turn
(q v) In 1, cent esp of the grand h
ti rough France Germany Swit erland and
Italy a conclusion of gentleman s educa-
tion Hence *tour* t (c 1800) F *tour* has
also sense of feat trick etc a in *tour de*
for e

tourmahne {m n} F ult Sinhalese *tora*
stalls cornehan cf Ger *t mal n* Du
toermaljn It Sp *turnal na*

tournament OF *to ne ement* t ur o em nt
from *tournoier* (to *noier*) from *toirier* to
turn Cf F *tournoi* from the same verb
v hence E *tourney*

tourniquet F from *to rner* to turn
tournure F shape bearing etc from
tourner to turn Cf *contour*

touse touze Frequent of archaic *touse* to
pull worry whence dog name *To ar* cogn
ith *tease* (q v) and with Ger *zausen*
to towze tew tug lug pull tumble
or rustle one about th hair (Ludw)
Cf *wolsausen* to touse wool (ib)

tout Ong to peep look out for in which
sense obs trol AS *utan occurs* earlier
The latter form survives in *Toothill*

tow Unworked fibre In AS only in compds
towcraft spinning *tow* h s spinning house
Identity of Ger *werg* tow with w h
work suggests connection of *tow* with
tim *tool* etc as be ng raw material for
work

tow Verb AS *to* a to draw Com Teut
cf Du *toen* OHG *zogen* ON *t a* cogn
with Ger *ziehen* to draw I d ce e also
with *te* *fig* t ul Here belongs Sc h
rope e p f r hanging vith which cf naut
t r m rope (from I t) As no n esp in
phrase in t w often fig

toward(s) AS *t weard* (ee *wa d*) In AS
also as adj whence common ME sense of
promising docile *towardly* (opposite of
foward) hence fa ourable as still n un

toward The -s of *towards* is the adv genitive as in *against*, *thence*, etc

The exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe (*Lph* 1:19)

towel Archaic F *touaille*, of Teut origin, cf Du *dweil*, ON *thvegill*, OHG *dwahila*, from *dwahan*, to wash, cogn with AS *thwēan*, to wash, *thwēal*, washing. So also It *tovaglia*, Sp *toalla*, from Teut. In OF & ME also as part of attire (v 1)

De touailles sont entortellies lour [the Bedouins'] testes, qui lour vont par desous le menton (Joinville)

Hir [Hate's] heed y-writen was, y-wis,
Full grymly with a greet towayle

(*Rom of Rose*, 160)

tower F *tour*, L *turre*, G *túr*, cf It Sp *torre*, also Ger *turm*, possibly an early loan from OF. AS had also *torr*, from L (see *tor*). Hence verb to *tower*, *towering* (ambition, etc.), orig of hawk (v 1) and see *pitch*², *pride*. *Towering passion* was revived by Scott from Shaks (*Ham* v 2)

Like a falcon trowing at full pitch ore the trembling fowle (Glapthorne, *Hollander*, iv 1, 1640)

town AS *tūn*, enclosure, court, later, home-
stead (cf F *ville*, town, L *villa*, country-
house). Com Teut., cf Du *tunn*, garden,
Ger *zaun*, hedge, ON *tūn*, enclosure, farm-
house, cogn with AS *týnan*, to fence.
Hence -*ton* in place-names, ult cogn with
Celt -*dunum* (e.g. *Lyon-s* = *Lugdunum*),
whence -*don* in place-names. Cf Welsh
Dinas. For the fence as characteristic of
early Teut settlements, Kluge quotes "Sēo
[Bamborough] was ærost mid hegge be-
týned and thærafter mid wealle" (*AS*
Chron 547). Sense of homestead survives
in Sc. It is a good example of the possi-
bilities of sense-development that a word
which once meant a yard should now be
spec. used of the vastest of all cities. At
Oxf and Camb contrasted with *gown* (with
townee cf *bargee*). The latest compd of *town*
is *town-planning* (1906)

toxic MedL *toxicus*, from G *τοξικόν*, arrow
poison, from *τόξον*, bow (v 1)

toxophilite Devotee of archery. From
Ascham's *Toxophilus* (1545), lover of the
bow (v 5), coined on *Theophilus*

toy App Du *tug*, earlier *tuygh*, "arma-
mentum instrumentum, armamenta, impedi-
menta, ornamenta" (Kil), cogn with Ger
zeug, stuff, implements, frippery, etc., AS
sulh-gēteg, agricultural implements, late

ON *týgi*, tool, equipment, cf Du *speeltung*,
Ger *spielzeug*, toy, plaything. Common
from c 1530 both as noun and verb with
abstract and concrete senses—dalliance,
fun, whim, etc., trifle, plaything, knick-
knack, implement, etc. But the *NED*
points out that its isolated occurrence in
ME (1303) in sense of amorous dalliance
raises difficulties in the way of origin and
sense-development. To this may be added
the fact that *Toy(e)*, presumably connected,
has been a not uncommon surname since
12 cent (Aldwin Toie, *Pipe Rolls*, Devon).
My own conjecture is that two separate
words have got mixed up

nugae fables, trifles, toys (Coop)

I look upon Birmingham as the great toy-shop of
Europe (Burke, 1777)

trabeated [arch] Irreg (for **trabale*) from L
trabs, beam

trace¹ Track, vestige, etc. F, from *traces*,
VL **trachare*, from *tractus*, a drawing
along, from *trahere*, *tract-*, to draw, cf. It
tracciare, "to trace, to track, to follow by
the footing" (Flor), Sp *trazar*. Senses
have been influenced by (prob unrelated)
track (q v). *Tracery* (arch) was intro-
duced by Wren, who describes it as a
masons' term

trace² Of horse ME *trays*, OF *trais*, pl of
trait, "a team-trace, or trait" (Cotg.), L
tractus (v s). For adoption of pl cf *bodice*,
tuice, etc

Ful hye upon a chaar of gold stood he,
With foure white boles in the trays

(Chauc A, 2138)

tracheo- [anat] From Late L *trachia*, G
τραχία (sc *ἀπρηπία*), fem of *τραχός*, rough
trachyte [geol] Gritty volcanic rock. F,
from G *τραχός*, rough

track F *trac*, "a track, tract, or trace"
(Cotg.), ? of Teut origin and cogn with
Du *trekken*, to draw, pull, which supposes
ground-sense to have been mark made by
what is dragged along, ? or from a hunting-
cry **trac* (cf Sp Port *traque*, sharp report,
Port *traquejar*, to pursue). For sense-de-
velopment cf *trace*, *trail*, with which it is
mentally associated. Railway *track*, to
make tracks, are US, also to die (fall) in one's
tracks, i.e. on the spot where one is wounded.
The beaten track is after F *chemin battu*

tract¹ Space. L *tractus*, "a drawing in
length, a space, a countrey, a region, a
coast" (Coop), from *trahere*, to draw

tract' pamphlet *Shurtliffe's Tale* (19 cent)
L. tra-lu is in *tra-lu* to him he treat
 of frequent of *trake* tract to draw
 One, treatise per current sense dating
 from c 1800 Th *Tracts for the Times*
 (1833 41) were start 114 Newn n Hence
trac-tu-ri-um *trac-tu-ri-um*

tractable *l tr ct bl tr ct tr ct tr ct* ()
 Cf *l f st l l* whence archaic *l t e t e*
 traction *l tr ct n* *l t e t e*
 traction *l tr ct n* *l t e t e*
 to draw *l tr ct*

trad. AIG w/1 truck up 6.1 with
feal. Intraded (14 cent) 15. Huc
Merchant. Current encha 14 p
via that of regular course. A up 1
CI obs common trade (1 cent) 14
H 14 13. So also 14 and (1 cent) 14
only nothing to do with commerce but was
evolved from obs to 14 (14) 14
on one steady course. 14 14 14 14
cent. 14 14 still being used locally for
artisan. The 14 spec that 14 the put
bean has been used since 14 of the ob
marine service.

A tradesman is still a tradesman who works with his hands at any time or in any place in England it may be a shopkeeper (2d 117 2782)

tradition 1 1 tradition from trade to
handover tradition to give

Some of the comments I had by the time I had been to the trial was (M or I, I went of that stress
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traduce I *traducere* to lead across hence
to lead a *nap* a spectacle to shunder
to defame (Coop) *Al* to translate
whence I *trahere* (cf *trahere*)
Hence *tradition* (theol) *bel* ver in trans-
mission of sin from parent to child

traffic *F* *traffic* It *traffic* from *traffic*
(early 14 cent) cf *S* *traffic* *A* *the*
diterreanean word of uncertain origin *AL*
tra *a* *from* *tr* *and* *face* *e* (cf *trans* *t*
gere *to* *transact*) *tr* *Arab* *ta* *traffic* *to*
seek profit Now often with *in* *traffic* *sug*
gestion

gestion
tragacanth Medicinal gum L. G. rupa
Au. thorn

tragōmēnē from *trapos* goat + *mēnē* from
tragedy I tra die L. i trapōdō from
trapos goat + *pōdō* sing the connective n
with the goat being variously explained.
With loss of -o in L. tra comorcia for
I agico comortia (P' utus) cf. *heroi-comic*
(*a.i. hero*)

tragelaph Myth animal antelope L C
 τραγελᾶφος from τραγός g at ἔλαφος deer
 tragopan [ˌtræɡəˈpæn] L C τραγοπὼν some-
 1 thorian bird from τραγός goat II
 I an Adopted by C u see for horned
 1 h want

trail (O.E. *trailian* to to) > VL *trahere*
from *trahere* a 'to draw' (cf. *trahere* to draw) > AS *trahan* Du LL *trahere* app. the origin
also Sp *traher* Port *traher* rope to line
Senesc resp. nigen with the e of cogn
I *trahere* (Latin) while some meanings
run; trail with those of *track* & *trace*

high also start from the drug idea

train I *train* from *trai* *e* to *drag* (behind one) OF *trai* *er* VL **traine* from *traie* *e* to *traw* of it: *a na* *e* to *traine* *t* *trule* to *dra* *gle* or *dra* *ding* the *ground* (fl *r*) Sp *traj* *r* to convey. Some senses correspond with those of cogn. *trai* (l) and of *traw* *in* *when* to *draw* OF *trai* also *traine* (fem) The railway *trai* *n* is for earlier *tra* *n* (series) of *carriages* (l *agg* *ns*) To *train* *brill* *educate* etc (whence ModF *entraîner* *Ger* *trainieren*) is app from gardening, the earliest sense in which it is recorded but perh influenced also by F *me* *traine* *tra* *t* *st* *in* *train* *set* *going* *T* *ain* *bind* (dist) L for *trai* *ed* *ba* *d*

train-oil. For earlier *trav* Du *trav* lit
 tear (cf Ger *traue*) used also of exuda-
 tion in which sense it has been borrowed
 by many European languages. Adoption of a Du
 word is due to activity of Hollanders in
 early trade with her.

T Hoff t hips which c m t mak t
osl (scales (Pu h)

oyl (scales (Pu. E)
traa (gesmolten walvisch spek) wh te-oyl tr
o l (Dew l)

01 (new 1)
this tran bl ber h h-1 (1 st)

trāt I line stroke feature 1 } of Of
 taurē to draw (in Modl to milk) V L
 trāg re for t āhore Cf Ger āg stroke
 feat re from ā hēn to draw
 trāstor OF trāstol L t āstō - s from trā
 dūre to hand o ver t āns and d ā s Cf L
 tr āstōre Sp tr āstōr Modl t āstōre L
 nom t āstōr I due to frequent vocative
 e Cf p āstōr See trāsto

trajectory From L. *tracere* I go to cast
across from *trans* and *ja re* I drop the
path of any body moving in a r a t i o n of
g i e n f o r c e but g i e n p e c c i n s e by
artillery etc

tram Of LG origin, cf archaic Ger *tram*, LG *traam*, balk, handle of barrow, etc., Fris *trane*, beam, rung of ladder. From c. 1500 in sense of shaft of barrow, also wooden frame for carrying or dragging. Sense of vehicle, first in mining, is app. evolved from *tram-road* in which the *trams* were heavy wooden rails on which the coal-trams were run. Cf Ger *puccelweg*, road made on swampy ground with transverse logs, "corduroy" road, lit cudgel-way. *Tram-car* is for earlier *tramway car*. The persistence of the *Outran* (†1805) myth is due to its inclusion in Smiles' *Life of George Stephenson* (cf *beef-cater*).

To the amending of the highware or tram, from the west ende of Bridgegait, in Barnard Castle, 20s (W^{id}, 1555).

tram a rafter or joist (Ludw.)

trammel First (14 cent) in sense of large fishing-net, trammel-net, cf F, *trenail*. It *travaglio*, Sp *trasmallo*, all explained as three-mesh from L *macula*, mesh. If this is right, I regard *trammel*, clog, lundrance, as a separate word and belonging to *tram* (q.v.), the most elementary form of clog being a stout staff (v.1).

tramaclus briculus collo crinis appensus, ne per ea loca currat, quibus nocere posset nos *trama*l vocamus non solum rete, sed etiam quodvis pedicæe genus (Duc.)

α.β. the stock of a tree, or plant; also, a log, or clog of wood, such a one as is hung about the neck of a ranging curie (Cotg.)

trâmel a leaver, bar, pole, stick, club (Ludw.)

tramontane It *tramoniana*, "the north, the northern wind" (Flor.), *tramontant*, "those folk who dwell beyond the mountains" (ib.), from L *transmontanus*, from *trans*, across, *mons*, *mont-*, mountain. Cf *ultramontane*.

tramp App nasalized form of a Teut. verb, to tread, which appears in Ger *trepppe*, stairs, the modification being perh. imit., cf relationship of *stamp*, *step*. So also Ger *trampen*, Norw., Sw. *trampa*, Dan *træppe*, Goth *anatrumpjan* (Luke, v.1). With *tramp* (17 cent), for one "on the tramp," and later naut. sense (c. 1880), cf *scamp*. *Tramp*, *trample* occur as vars in Wyc (Prov. vi.13).

trance F *transe*, deadly anxiety, orig. passage from life to death, from *transir*, to perish, lit. to go across (now only to chill), L *transire*, with which cf poet. F. *trépasser*, to die. Chaucer has it both in F. & E. sense.

tranquil F *tranquille*, L *tranquillus*, from *trans* and an element cogn. with *quies*.

trans- L *trans*, across, often *tra-* in compds.; orig. pres. part. of a lost verb which appears in *intrare*, *penetrare*. In many geog. and hist. compds., e.g. *transalpine*, *transpadane* (L. *Padus*, Po), *transrhene* (L. *Rhenus*, Rhine), etc. Cf *cis-*.

The object of a translator of poetry is transvaluation (Pines Lit. Sup. Nov. 20, 1919).

transact From L *transigere*, *transact-*, to achieve, come to agreement, etc., from *agere*, to do, drive. Cf F *transaction*, compromise, agreement by mutual concession, the earliest sense in E. See *intra sigent*.

transcend L *transcendere*, to climb beyond, from *scandere*. Mod. sense of *transcendent-al*, beyond experience, is due to Kant, and owes its E. vogue to Emerson.

transcribe L *transcribere*, to copy, from *scribere*, to write. Much older (13 cent) is *transcr.* (from OF), now restored to *transcript*.

transect To cut across, from L *secare*, *sect-*, to cut.

transept First (16 cent) as AL *transeptum*, common in Leland, who perh. coined it from L *septum*, *saepium*, hedge, etc., from *saepire*, to enclose. Or a pedantic perversion of *transect* (cf. *sept*).

transfer F *transférer* or L *transferre*, from *ferre*, to bear.

transfigure L *transfigurare* from *figura*, form, cf *transform*, *metamorphosis*. Orig. and chiefly Bibl.

transfix OF *transfixer*, from L *figere*, *fix-* to fix.

transform F *transformer*, L *transform-* from *forma*, shape. Cf *metamorphosis* *transfuse*. See *fusi*.

Transfusion of the blood is a late anatomical invention experimented by the Royal Socy.

transgress F *transgresser*, from *grad-*, *-gress-*, from *gradior*, I *pass*.

transient From pres. part. of *transire*, to go.

transit L *transitus*, from *transire*. Older is *transitory* (Char.), L *transitus*, passing.

translate Archaic F. *translat-*, to bear across (cf Ger *übersetzen*). From 13 cent also in lit. sense, e.g. *translation of Elijah*, as still spec. of transfer of bishop.

bajar This is usu derived from Late L *trepalum* (6 cent), an instrument of torture, conjectured to have been an ingenious arrangement of three stakes (L *palus*) An alternative, and better, etym is from VL **trabaculum*, dim of *trabs*, beam, whence F *travail*, "the frame whereinto farmers put unrulie horses, when they shoore or dresse them" (Cotg) Cf obs E *trave*, *travail*, similarly used This makes an equally good starting-point for the series of senses That of (orig toilsome) journeying, which appears early in AF and is peculiar to E, is now (since 17 cent) differentiated by the spelling *travel*

And she sproong, as a colt doth in the trave
(Chauc A 3282)

Having travailed about 2 leagues, about noone wee returned to the point (Hakl vi 176)

Some cut hoops, others laboured upon the sailes and ship, every man travelling for his life (ib 413)

travel See *travail*

traverse F *traverser*, VL *transversare*, for *transversare*, from *vertere*, *vers-*, to turn For leg sense, to oppose, deny, frustrate, cf sense-development of *thwart*¹

travertin-e Limestone F *travertin*, It *travertino*, earlier *tuertino*, "a kind of stone to build withall" (Flor), L *Tiburtnus*, of *Tibun*, Tivoli

travesty First as adj, pp of F *travestir*, It *travestire*, to disguise, from L *trans* and *vestire*, to clothe

trawl Prob var of *trail* (q v) This suits the sense, and the vowel has a parallel in *brawl*¹ (q v) *Trail*, *trailnet* are found for *trawl*, and *trawl* is recorded for *trail* of a gun (v 1) earlier than first NED record (1768) of *trawl* in that sense

The train of artillery within the Tower, consisting of fifty pieces of brass ordnance, mounted on trauling carriages

(Chamberlayne, *Present State of England*, 1692)

tray¹ Utensil ME *trei*, AS *trīg*, ult cogn with *tree*, as being of wood

tray², trey Three at cards, also (ven) third branch of stag's horn OF *trei*, back-formation from *treis* (*trois*), L *tres*, three. For first sense cf *deuce*

treachery F *tricherie*, OF also *trecherie*, from *tricher*, to cheat, for which see *trick*¹ Spelling and sense partly due to association with *treason*

treacle OF *triacle*, antidote against venom, L *theriaca*, "triakle" (Coop), from G *θηριακός*, from *θηρίον*, dim of *θήρ*, wild

beast, cf It *triaca*, "a remedie against poyson, called treacle" (Flor), Sp. *triaca*, also Arab *tryāh* (7 cent) Later used of many pharmaceutical compounds, and, in E only, of unrefined molasses For sense-development cf *syrup* John Clerk, treaceler and tuthdragger, i e druggist and dentist, was a freeman of York in 1422

Payd for 1j boxes of conserves, tryacle, and souger candy, &c (Stonor Let 1424)

There is no more triacle [Wyc gumme, resyn, Vulg resina] at Galaad (Coverd Jer viii 22)

tread AS *trēdan* Com Teut, cf Du *treden*, Ger *treten*, ON *trötha*, Goth *trudan* Hence *treadle*, with agent suffix as in *ladle*, *shovel*, *treadmill*, invented (1822) by William Cubitt of Ipswich

treason OF *trahison* (*trahison*), L *traditio-n-*, from *tradere*, to hand over, from *trans* and *dare*, to give Hist definition dates from Statute of Treasons (1350-51)

treasure F *trésor*, L, G *θησαυρός*, ? from *τίθεναι*, to put, lay up Replaced AS *goldhord* (Matt vi 21) For intrusive -r-, due to assim, cf *partridge* This does not appear in It Sp *tesoro* *Treasure* *trove*, OF *trouv* (*trouv*), with ending lost as in *costive*, *defile*², *signal*², etc, corresponds to MedL *thesaurus inventus* (12 cent) See *trouver*

treat F *traiter*, L *tractare*, "to handle, to touch, to intreat, to use or exercise, to order or governe" (Coop), frequent of *trahere*, to draw, drag All senses develop naturally from that of handling That of dealing kindly with, entertaining (15 cent), appears in mod *school treat*, etc *Treatise* is OF *traitis* With *teaty*, F *traité*, cf *tractate* It was orig synon with *treatise*, current sense springing from that of discussion, negotiation, as still in to *be in treaty* for

At after soper fille they in tretre

What somme sholde this maistres gerdoun be
(Chauc F 1219)

treble OF, L *tripulus*, for *triplex*, three-fold, cf *double* Mus sense app from the soprano being the third part added in early contrapuntal music to the melody (see *tenor*)

trebuchet [hist] Missile war-engine F *trébuche*, trap, balance, in OF war-engine, from *trébucher*, to stumble, from L *trans* and OHG. *buc*, trunk of body (cf Ger *bauch*, belly) Also used for cuckoo-stool

trecento [arf] It for mil *trecento* 14 cent
 Cf *cinquecento*
tree AS *trēow* Aryan thou h not found in
 Du & Ger (*boom* ba:n) cf OSax *trio*
 OV *trē* Goth *triu* G Ep s oak Pol *drza*
 wood Welsh *derwen* oak Sanskrit *dru*
 tree wood Formerly used of food (whence
 obs adj *treem*) as still in naut *tree* () naut
cross tree etc and in boat *tree* roof *tree*
saddle tree swingl *tree* etc also (already
 in AS) for the Cross Rood *Up a tree* is
 US of the hunted animal With *tree* calf
 (book binding) from tree like markings of
tree-a-ale
tréfa *tréfa* [Jew] Meat wh h is not kosher
 (q v) Heb *tréphih* from *faraf* to tear
 (Lev xvii 14)
trefoil AF *trifol* L *trifolium* from *tri*
 (q v) and *folium* leaf
trek [SAfr] Du *trekken* to draw drag
 hence journey by ox waggon
trellis F *treillis* a trellis a lattice before
 a doore hole or window a grate set thick
 with crosse barres of wood (Cotg) OF
treil s VL *trilicis* for *trilix* *trilic*
 tissue made of three threades of divers
 colours (Coop) rendering G *trypsis*
 (see *dimity* *sanicle*) Later form and sense
 affected by association with F *treuil* lat
 tice railing trellised vine L *trichila*
 bower summer house
tremble F *trembler* VL *tremulare* from
tremulus from *tremere* to quake tremble
tremendous From L *tremendus* to be feared
 from *tremere* (v s) For application to size
 cf *enormous* *montrous*
tremolo [mus] It L *tremulus* from *tremere*
 (v s)
tremor OF *tremor* (archaic F *trés* m) L
tremor-em (v s) Cf *tremulous* from L
tremulus
trenail [naut] See *tree*
trench First (14 cent) as noun OF *tranche*
(tranche slice) from *trancher* (trancher) to
 cut app VL *trincea* for *trincea* from
truncus trunk The alteration of the vowel
 may be due to L *trinu* three at a time
 ? thus t) cut in three Current senses
 of noun correspond rather to those of F
tranche orig pp sem To *trench* upon (cf
 to *cut* into) may be of mil origin or refer to
 altering of boundary trenches Hence also
trenchant *trancher* F *tranchoir* (OF *trien*
chooir) wooden platter on which food was
 cut (cf Ger *teiler* plate F *tailloir* from
 miller to cut) V h *trencher* colleg-cap

cf *morta board* *Trencher man* one w))
 plays a good knife and fork is from
 after *bouman spears an* etc

He s ery alla t *trencher-m* n h bath v
 excell t st m ch (*Wich* 14 1 1)

trend AS *tendrian* to roll revolve com
 with *trundie* and with Dan *omt erl* about
 Su dial *trind* round In current use it
 is a naut metaphor of turning passim in
 Hakl and Lurch of the gen run or direc
 tion of the coast Cf also dial *trindle*
trindle used of many round objects and
 implements

trental [ecc] Series of thirty masses (hu ch
 L *trentale* from VL *trenta* thirty for
triginta)

Trentine [hist] Of Council of Trent (16 cent)
 L *Tridentum* city in the *Trentino* (Tyrol)
 Cf *Visene*

trepan [surg] F *trepa* MedL *trepan* m
 G *trapan* from *pan* to bore
trepan To kidnap First (17 cent) as noun
(trapan) a decoy swindler A cant word
 app connected with *trap* Its contem
 porary synonym is *con's catch*

A wth g ham pl is nd *trapan* upon the govern
 ment and its friends (North s E men)

trepan Sea slug béche-de-m r Mal *tri*
pan

trephine Improved *trépan* for to *tré*
 cut (1718) after *trépan* by its in
 ventor Woodall, after *trépan* by its in
 three ends thereof Borrowed by f
 whence current spelling

trepidat on L *trépido* from *trépido*
 to hurry be agitated Cf *trépi*

trespass OF *trespas* (i) *passer* to pas
 away die) MedL *transpass* to pass
 across For sense of elopement cf *tran*
 gre s Leg ens peculiar to F reverts to
 etym sense but orig used as a spec u
 of gen ven e of silence

trese L *trese* from *triser* (OF *triser*) to
 weave plait cf *treceira* Th s rms
 point to a VL *tracia* or *tracia* (cf
 obscure orig) Or rather from *trépa*
 three fol

tresde OF *trésle* (*trésleu*) VL *trésleu*
 m of *tré* in cross beam from a s
 across

tret Only in archaic *trete* a d t t Orig
 all wance of 4 lb in 104 lb on gov t scale
 by weight Af F t t pull (the scale)
 from OF *trac* to pull L *trahere* The
 allowance compensated for the n rather of

"turns of the scale" which would result from weighing the goods in smaller quantities. *Trait* is still so used in F (v 1), and *draft*, *draught*, had a similar sense in ME.

Un poids en equilibre ne trebuché point, si on n'y ajoute quelque chose pour le trait. Les petits poids ne reviennent pas aux grands à cause du trait (Turettin, 1727)

On appelle trait ce qui emporte l'équilibre d'une balance et la fait trébucher. Pour certaines marchandises où l'on pèse très juste, le vendeur accorde par facture une réduction de tant pour cent ou par pesée qu'on appelle trait (Glauser and Poole, *French Commercial Correspondence*, 1902)

trews Ir *trius*, Gael *trubhas*, from obs L *trouse*, trousers (q v)

treys See *trav*²

tri- L, from *tres*, three, or G *tri-*, from *τρῆς*, three, *trís*, thrice

triad L, G *triás*, *triád-*, group of three

trial AF, from *triv* (q v)

trialogue MedL *trialogus*, mistakenly coined on *dialogus* (see *dialogue*)

triangle F, L *triangulum*, from *angulus*, corner. In mil lang (hist) of three halberds to which soldier was tied when flogged

triarchy G *τριαρχία*, triumvirate Cf *monarchy*, etc

triassic [geol] Through Ger., from G *triás*, triad, because divisible into three groups

tribe L *tribus*, ? from *tri-* and root of verb to be as in L *fu-* and in G *φύλι*, tribe. Orig applied to the three divisions of the early Romans. Cf F *tribu*, It *tribù*, Sp *tribu*, all learned words

tribrach [metr] L, G *τριβραχys*, three short. Cf *amphibrach*

tribulation Church L *tribulatio-n-*, from *tribulare*, to oppress, from *tribulum*, threshing-machine, cogn with *terere*, *tri-*, to rub, pound

tribune L *tribunus*, "a protectour of the commons" (Coop), from *tribus*, tribe. Hence L *tribunal-e*, judgment seat, of which latest (war) sense is naturally not in *NED*. This was replaced in MedL by *tribuna*, whence F & E *tribune*, platform, rostrum, etc

tribute L *tributum*, from *tribuere*, to give, assign, etc, app from *tribus*, tribe, though the nature of the connection is not clear. Hence *tributary*

trice To pull, now only naut. Du *trysen*, to hoist, cf Dan *trisse*, naut Ger *trissen*, both from Du or LG, also F *drisse*,

halyard, of Trut. origin. Hence in a *trice*, earlier at (with) a *trice*, at one pull.

Sometime thy bedfellow is colder than is yae,
To him then he draweth thy clothes with a *trice* (MED. 1515).

triceps Muscle. Cf *biceps*

trichi Short for *Trichinopoli* (cheroot), Madras

trichinosis. From ModL *trichina*, intestinal worm, from G *τρίχινος*, hairy, from *θρίξ*, *trix-*, hair

tricho- From G *θρίξ*, hair (v s)

trichotomy Tripartite division. Coined on *dichotomy*, from G *τρίχα*, triply,

trick First (c 1400) as noun. ONF *trique*, from *triquier* (*tricher*), to cheat, of doubtful origin; ? VL **triciare*, for *tricare*, "to trifle, to dally, to jest and toy with trifling words" (Coop). Verb in E is from noun. The word has developed many senses not known in F, and it is doubtful whether they all belong here, e.g. archaic *trick*, to adorn, deck out, suggests OF *estricquer*, "pranked, decked, neat, fine, spruce, trickt up" (Cotg.), p p of OF *estriquer*, to array, put in order, orig to level corn with a "strike". To *trick*, sketch, a coat of arms, may be Du *trekken*, to draw (for change of vowel cf *tigger*), and naut *trick at the wheel* (oars) is prob also Du *trek*, pull, spell, etc. In fact Du *trek*, *trekken* have so many senses in common with *trick* that the possibility of Du or LG. origin must be allowed for F *tricher* (OF also *trichier*)

Nay soft, I prav ye, I know a trick worth two of that (1 Hen II, ii 1)

trickle Orig (14 cent) of tears. ? For *strickle*, frequent of *strike* (q v), which in AS & ME has also the sense of flow. The loss of *s-* would be due to the word being regularly preceded by *tear-s*

And when this abbot hadde this wonder seyn,
His salte teeris trickled [*tears* trekelede, striked, striked] down as reyn (Chauc B 1863)

trichium [antiq] Couch round three sides of table. L, G *τρικλίσιον*, dim of *τρίκλιος*, from *κλίη*, couch (cf *clinic*)

tricolour F *tricolore* (sc *drapeau*), adopted at Revolution, Late L *tricolor*, from *color*, colour. The arrangement of the colours (blue, white, red) dates from 1794

tricorne Three-cornered hat. F, L *tricornis*, from *cornu*, horn

tricot F, from *tricolor*, to knit, ? ult from Ger *stricken*, to knit

tric trac Form of backgammon F unit of checking not e made by pieces Also called *hick 12 k*

tricycle F orig (1827) of a three-wheeled horse vehicle Cf *bicycle*

trident F L *tridens trident* from *dens* tooth

Tridentine As *Trentina* (q v)

triduum Three days prayer L from *tri* and *dies* day Cf It Sp *trid o*

triennial From L *triennium* from *annus* year Cf *biennial* etc

trierarchy [hist] G *τριάρχια* office of *trier* arch command r of a *trier* ie (q v)

trifa See *trifu*

trifid [b ol] L *trifid* cleft in three from root of *findere* to c l a e

trifle MT & OF *truffle* mockery deceit var of synonym OF *trufe* Cf It *trist* a cozening cheating conical hing (Flor) obs Sp *trufa* a rube a jesting or jeering (Min h) Or a lying or nonsensical story Later sense having been affected by *trimal* The usual assumption that it is ident with *truffle* (q v) has parallel in the somewhat similar use in F of *nef* medlar *fruse* plum base berry *boguennade* bladder nut etc and Lotg gives waternut as one sense of *truffe* If this is correct the It & Sp may be from OF For application to a sweetmeat cf *fool* (q v)

trifolium L cf *trif*

triforium [arch] ModL used (1 cent) by Cervase of Canterbury in ref to Canterbury Cathedral Revived in same application by 18 cent antiquaries but not used as gen term till 19 cent Th usual explanation from L *frons* folding door does not suit orig en The word may be due to some mistake of Cervase

trig¹ [dial] Nimbl trim etc ON *trigr* trusty firm which like s many adj applied to persons assumed v need enses in F

The e plain slight and trig a d r n (B *crunch*)

trig To check prof Back r m trim from dial *trig* or brake skid etc (v 1)

trigger Larlier [hull c s 55] *tricker* Du *trekker* in gen and spec sen e from *trek* ken to pull

triglyph L C *τρίγλυφος* from γλ φν carving

trigonometry ModL *tri onometria* (16 cent) from G *τρίγωνον* triangle *μετρεω* measure ment

trilby hat From Du Maurier's novel *Trilby* (1894)

trilith Cromlech G *τρίλιθ* Cf m n *itk*

trull It *trillare* of unit origin

trillion F (15 cent) after m Cf bill *on* *quadrillion* etc

trilobite [paleont] Extinct animal with three-lobed body Coined (18 cent) from G *λ βος* lobe

trilogy G *τρίλογία* a series of three tri dies performed at Athens at least of Dionys

trim AS *trinnan* to arrange make firm from *trum* firm strong but the verb whence the noun and adj are of old is not recorded between AS and c 1500 when it at once became very common and develops great variety of meanings F r very wide extension of lit and fig sense cf *dr s* lit to make straight On sense survives in naut to *trim* ship in ph *trimg* *trim* etc It *trimmere* one who changes sides to balance parties (Johns) was accepted by Halifax and his friend (1750-90) as meaning one who helps to keep the ship of state on an even keel

trimeter [metr] L G *μετρος* from *μετρο* measure

trine L *trinus* from *tri* three

trinity *trinitas* L *trinitas* triad three together from *in* (v 1) with spec en e in early Church L after similar use of G *τριάς* Cf It *trinità* Sp *trinidad* Cael *trinidad* Welsh *trindid* et F *trinité* House was founded at Deptford by Hen VIII to regulate British shipping With *Trinitarian* (17 cent) cf *Trinitarian*

trinket From 16 cent usu in pl sense implements paraphernalia traps et and also of small ornament Apr 11 17th ME *trinket* household s knob (Oxfr *trenguel* (from *hell*) from *tr* a her to cut or to h) The curious transition of set may be explained by the fact that ceremonial knives were at one time a regular adjunct to female costume (see Chau A 233) and also by association with *trinket* to decorate etc (f obs *trinket* (f *trinket*) Th *trinket* and *trinket* g g *trinket* (f *trinket*)

trinket worker in small group maker of small yron trinkets, s yles, p yles & (log)

trinominal math C used from 1 after binominal

trio I It coined from *tre* three *trio* *trio* of d

triolet (e j I' from *trio* (v 1)

Triones [*ashon*] L, plough-oxen
trip OF *triper*, *teper*, to dance, skip, of Teut origin, ult cogn with AS *teppan*, to tread (see *tramp*, *trap*¹) Spec sense of causing to fall is E only, and suggests rather a thinned form of *trap*¹ (cf *bulk*) Sense of journey was orig naut (cf to *trip the anchor*), as still in *trial trip*

tripe F, entrails (13 cent), cf It *trippa*, Sp *tripa*, of obscure origin, ? Arab *theib*, entrails At one time also applied to a coarse velvet with a surface like that of dressed tripe (cf *frill*)

triphthong Coined from *tri-* after *diphthong*
triple F, L *triphus* See *treble* Hence *triple*, *triplicate*

tripod L *tripus*, *tripod-*, G *τρίπους*, from *πούς*, *ποδ-*, foot Cf *trivet*

tripos L *tripus* (v s) altered on G words in -os At Camb orig a B A who, seated on a tripod, conducted a satirical dispute (cf *urangler*) with candidates for degrees; corresponding to the Oxf *terrac filius* The (math) *Tripes* list was orig printed on the back of a set of humorous verses composed by the *Tripes*

Mr Nicholas, of Queens' College, who I knew in my time to be Tripes (Pepys, Feb 26, 1660)

The Senior Proctor calleth up the Tripes, and exhorteth him to be witty, but modest withall (NED 1665)

triptych From *tri-*, after *diptych*

triquetrous [*biol*] From L *triquetrus*, three-cornered

trireme [*hist*] Galley with three banks of oars F *trirème*, L *triremis*, from *tri-* and *remus*, oar

trisagion [*eccl*] G (τὸ) *τρισάγιον*, the Eucharistic hymn, neut of *τρισάγιος*, from *τρίς*, thrice, *ἅγιος*, holy

triset Coined from *tri-*, after *biset*

Trismegistus Epithet of Hermes (q v)

tritagonist G *τριταγωνιστής*, actor playing third part Cf *protagonist*

trite L *tritius*, p p of *terere*, to rub For sense-development cf *terse*

tritoma Plant From G *τρίτομος*, thrice-cut Cf *atom*

Triton L, G *Τρίτων*, sea-deity, son of Poseidon

triturate From Late L *triturare*, from *tritura*, from *terere*, *trit-*, to rub, pulverize

triumph F *hiomphle*, L *triumphus*, cogn with G *θρίαμβος*, hymn to Bacchus Orig L sense of processional entry of victorious

general survives in *triumphal arch* (*progress*)

triumvir [*hist*]. L, usu in pl *triumviri*, back-formation from *trium virorum*, genitive of *tres viri*, three men Esp Pompey, Caesar, Crassus (60 B C), Caesar, Antony, Lepidus (43 B C)

triune From *tri-* and L *unus*, one

trivet AS *trefet*, L *tripes*, *triped-*, tripod, from *pes*, foot Hence as *right as a trivet*, ? because a three-legged article will stand firm on any surface

trivial L *trivialis*, "common, used or taught in high ways, of no estimation" (Coop), from *trivium*, cross-roads, "also where common recourse of people is" (Coop), from *tri-* and *via*, way Influenced also by MedL *trivium*, three (grammar, logic, rhetoric) of the seven liberal arts

-trix L, fem of -*tor*

trochaic [*metr*] L, G *τροχαῖος*, from *τρέχειν*, to run Cf *hochee*, F *trochée*, L, G *τροχαῖος*

troche [*pharm*] Shortened from *trochisk*, F *trochisque*, L, G *τροχίσκος*, small wheel, globule, lozenge, dim of *τροχός*, wheel, from *τρέχειν*, to run

trocho- From G *τροχός*, wheel (v s)

troglydite Prehistoric cave-dweller L, G *τρωγλοδύτης*, from *τρώγλη*, hole, *δύειν*, to get into

troika Vehicle Russ *troika*, from *hoye*, set of three, *tri*, because drawn by three horses

Trojan L *Trojanus*, from *Troja*, Troy

Gif we wil mene that they beeth stronge we clepeth hem Trojans (Trev ii 255)

troll¹ Verb, with gen suggestion of rotary motion, e g with ref to gait, the bowl, a catch in singing, etc In ME (*Piers Plowm*) to saunter ? OF *troller* (*tróler*), "hounds to trowle, raunge, or hunt out of order" (Cotg), Ger *trollen*, to run with short steps, ? like a *troll*² In angling sense perh another word, *trouell*, "rotula" (*Mamph Voc*), OF *trouel*, *trouil* (*trouil*), reel, winch, ? ult from G *τροχός*, hoop, from *τρέχειν*, to run, cf Welsh *hoell*, "wheel, reel, pulley, windlass" (Spurrell), *hoelli*, "to twist, wind" (*ib*), ? from E It may be noted that the senses of *troll* are very similar to those of *hurdle* (q v), and may all have started, like that word, from the name of a circular object, small wheel

troll². Goblin ON *troll*, supernatural giant (also *trolldömr*, witchcraft), whence Sw. *troll*, Norw Dan *troll*, now dwarfish imp

Introduced like other words from Norse myths (*rune* *norm* etc.) by mod anti quaries but in pop use (*troie*) in Orkneys and Shetlands from recent times

trolley ? From *troff* Orig vehicle used to narrow lamprooth rows For local and obscure origin cf *Le se Lorry tram*

trollop I suggest this is simply *trill* p a nickname like *gad-about* Cf *startup* for merely used of an upstart and now also like *Tro op* a surname So also Du *Al mop* ivy lit climb-up

trombone It augment of *tromba* trumpet (q v)

tromometer For measuring tremor G *trposos* of earth

trona (hist) Due for office weighing by the iron still in Sc use OF *trone* L *truhna* G *trunary*

tronk (Saf) Prison Cape Du from *fort*. *Tronka* trunk used for stocks

troop F *troupe* "a troop, cue rout, rabble throng or multitude of people etc (Cotg) cf It *truppa* Sp *tropa* Late L *troppis* flock ? of feat origin and conn- with *thorp* (q v) > or connected with L *triba* Ult identity of *thorp* and *triba* is possible Trooper man and horse first appears (1611) in Sc *Troopin the colour* (s) is from *troop* in sense of drum beat as assembly

tropaeolum (bot) Named (1531) by Linnaeus from G *trpaxion* trophy the leaf sug gesting a shield and the flower a helmet

trope F L G *trposos* from *trpaxion* to turn. tropho- From G *trpophy* from *trpaxion* to nourish

Trophonian (myth) Of *Trpoxion* builder of temple of Apollo at D Iphi afterwards associated with ca e in Boeotia entry into which deprived of power of ever smiling again

trophy F *trophie* L G *trpaxion* gent of *trpaxion* putting to flight from *trpaxion* turning defeat from *trpaxion* to turn Orig a memorial set up on the battle field

tropic L G *trpaxion* s (sc *uolos* circle) pertaining to the turning of the sun at the solstice from *trpaxion* to turn

trot¹ Of horse F *tr ler* OHG *trallon* cogn with *thead* cf It *trollare* Sp *trolar* Med L *trollare* also from OHG The C verb must as is shown by surname *Tro ler* be much older than dict. records (Pier Plowm)

trot² Old woman bag ? From Dame *Trole* of Salerno *Trotula* Salernitana famous

11 cent doctress and witch often referred to in medieval literature

troth [hort] Phonetic var of *truth* cf *tr o* troubadour F Prov *trabajor* from *trou* *tr* to find corresponding to F *trouid e* *trouleur* medieval poet It *trou ore* Sp *trouador* See *trover*

trouble F *troubler* OF *trubler* VL *trubulare* frequent of *trubare* to disturb from *turba* disorder through G *trubig*

trough AS *trug* Comp Teut cf Du Ger ON *tro* ult. cogn with *tray* *tee*

trounce ? From *trance* earlier form of *trance* (q v) which in OE & ME had the sense of extreme fear dread anxiety or perplexity of mind (Cotg) For vowel cf obs *trance* to prance etc which has a 16 cent var *trounce* and see *trounce* This suggestion suits the first recorded sense (see quot. 1) which seems to have passed in that of tormenting (see quot. 2) to the current sense of thrashing

Th Lorde trounced [wile] pertermt] Suara and all br chare tes with the edg of y^e sword before Barak (J d 15352)

Lord Jhuu Chr t wh b was ipo nt and l puate

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trousers Lengthened from obs *trouse* (rus) spec used (16 cent) of loose fitting breeches of Irish. Ir Gael *trubhas* ident with OF *trebus* (13 cent) Late L *trubas* later *trubas* derived by *trubas* (7 cent) from *trub* thigh *trubas* breeches It may have or be of Teut origin thigh breeches cf OHG *deaproph* in *Cassel Gloss* (8 cent) In current sense from c 1800 (see *sans* cf *lottle*)

Undern *troubadours* whatever shall any preacher be allowed to occupy the pulp t who wears trousers (Trust deed of Baked Ch. ad. Cambride St Sheld 32)

trousseau F dum from *truisse* bundle truss (q v)

trout AS *truh* Late L *truchus* *trucha* from G *truxus* gnawer also name of some fish from *truxus* to gnaw cf F *truite*

trouveur F poet from *trouver* to find *Troutere* is the OF nom Cf *troubadour* and see *trover*

trover [le] Finding and appropriating personal property Cf *traverse* *trave* (q v) OF *traver* (16 cent) to find cf. It *trava* e Sp *travar* of obscure though much discussed origin.

Triones [*astron*] L, plough-oxen
trip OF *triper*, *heper*, to dance, skip, of Teut origin, ult cogn with AS *treppan*, to tread (see *tramp*, *trap*¹) Spec sense of causing to fall is E only, and suggests rather a thinned form of *trap*¹ (cf *bulk*). Sense of journey was orig naut (cf to *trip the anchor*), as still in *trial trip*

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triphthong Coined from *tri-* after *diphthong*
triple F, L *tripplus* See *treble*. Hence *triple*, *triplicate*

tripod L *tripus*, *tripod-*, G *τρίπους*, from *πούς*, *πῶδ-*, foot Cf *trivet*

tripos L *tripus* (v s) altered on G words in -os At Camb orig a B A who, seated on a tripod, conducted a satirical dispute (cf *urangler*) with candidates for degrees; corresponding to the Oxf *terae filius* The (math) *Tripes* list was orig printed on the back of a set of humorous verses composed by the *Tripes*

Mr Nicholas, of Queens' College, who I knew in my time to be Tripes (Pepys, Feb 26, 1660)

The Senior Proctor calleth up the Tripes, and exhorteth him to be witty, but modest withall (NED 1665)

triptych From *tri-*, after *diptych*

triquetrous [biol] From L *triquetrus*, three-cornered

trireme [hist] Galley with three banks of oars F *trirème*, L *triremis*, from *tri-* and *remus*, oar.

trisagion [eccl] G (τὸ) *τρισάγιον*, the Eucharistic hymn, neut of *τρισάγιος*, from *τρίς*, thrice, *ἅγιος*, holy

triset Coined from *tri-*, after *biset*

Trismegistus Epithet of Hermes (q.v)

tritagonist G *τριταγωνιστής*, actor playing third part Cf *protagonist*

trite L *tritius*, p p of *terere*, to rub For sense-development cf *terse*

tritoma Plant From G *τρίτομος*, thrice-cut Cf *atom*.

Triton L, G *Τρίτων*, sea-deity, son of Poseidon

triturate From Late L *triturare*, from *tritura*, from *terere*, *trit-*, to rub, pulverize

triumph F *trionphe*, L *triumphus*, cogn with G *θρίαμβος*, hymn to Bacchus Orig L sense of processional entry of victorious

general survives in *triumphal arch* (progress)

triumvir [hist] L, usu in pl. *triumviri*, back-formation from *trium virorum*, genitive of *tres viri*, three men Esp Pompey, Caesar, Crassus (60 B.C.), Caesar, Antony, Lepidus (43 B.C.)

triume From *tri-* and L *unus*, one

trivet AS *trifet*, L *tripes*, *triped-*, tripod, from *pes*, foot Hence as *right as a trivet*, because a three-legged article will stand firm on any surface

trivial L *trivialis*, "common, used or taught in high ways, of no estimation" (Coop), from *trivium*, cross-roads, "also where common recourse of people is" (Coop), from *tri-* and *via*, way. Influenced also by MedL *trivium*, three (grammar, logic, rhetoric) of the seven liberal arts

-trix L, fem of *-tor*

trochaic [met] L, G *τροχαϊκός*, from *τρέχειν*, to run Cf *hochee*, F *hochée*, L, G *τροχαῖος*

troche [pharm]. Shortened from *trochisk*, F. *trochisque*, L, G *τροχίσκος*, small wheel, globule, lozenge, dim of *τροχός*, wheel, from *τρέχειν*, to run

trocho- From G *τροχός*, wheel (v s)

troglydite Prehistoric cave-dweller L, G *τρογλοδύτης*, from *τρώγλη*, hole, *δύειν*, to get into

troika Vehicle Russ *тройка*, from *troye*, set of three, *tri*, because drawn by three horses.

Trojan L *Trojanus*, from *Troja*, Troy

Gif we wil mene that they beeth stronge we clepeth hem Trojans (Trev. n 255)

troll¹ Verb, with gen suggestion of rotary motion, e.g. with ref to gait, the bowl, a catch in singing, etc In ME (*Piers Plowm*) to saunter ? OF *troller* (*trôler*), "hounds to trowle, raunge, or hunt out of order", (Cotg), Ger *trollen*, to run with short steps, ? like a *troll*² In angling sense perh another word, *howell*, "rotula" (*Mamm Voc*), OF *houil*, *trouil* (*trouil*), reel, winch, ? ult from G *τροχός*, hoop, from *τρέχειν*, to run, cf Welsh *troell*, "wheel, reel, pulley, windlass" (Spurrell), *hoelli*, "to twist, wind" (*ib*), ? from E It may be noted that the senses of *troll* are very similar to those of *trundle* (q.v), and may all have started, like that word, from the name of a circular object, small wheel

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cf *It tromba* Sp *trump* OLG *trimba*
? of imit origin (cf *drum*) ? or ult akin
to *triumph* For dim *trumpet* F *tronpette*
cf *cornet*¹

A clamorous trumpet has blown pauses
(NED 1399)

trump¹ At cards Farther *trump* ph on double sense of which Shaks plays (v t) Cf *F. triomphe* the card game called ruffe or trump also the ruffe or trump at it (Cotg) It *trionfo* a trump at cards or the play called ruff or trump (Flor) Hence to *b a trump* a brick In ModE *trump* is *about* to all Here belongs to *trump up* perh with a leaning on *trun* f¹ (cf to *drum up recruits*) and on *tri* *inferny* Now turn up y r trump so r hart—the rts trump as I said before

(Latin *S. rui* n. th. C. J. 1529)

Sh Eros ha
Pack d ea d s w th Ca ar and false pl y d my glory
Unto an enen y s triumph (4nt & Cleop 1: 12)

trumpetry Orig deception guile hence something of less value than it seems (Johns) F *tromperie* from *tromper* to cheat perh from *trompe* trump Cf Du *fluten* to play the flute deceive F *piper* to pipe deceive ? all orig foiling metaphors For *trumpetry* as adj cf *paltry*

trumpet See *trump^t*

trumpet See *trump*
truncate From L *truncare* from *truncus*
trunk For app replacement of the verb
in Romance by *trunca* & see *trunch* trunk

truncheon F *tronçon* dim of *tro* trunk
L *truncus* Orig E & ModF *sen* e is frag
ment e p *f* spear haft

ment e p I spear half
I on on a trun heen or little tru k th k shie
I ncheon or peec cut fl (Cotg)

trundle Phonetic var. of earlier *tendele*
trendle AS *trendel* n. circle from *tren*
tan to turn *trend* (jv) In 16 cent of a
small massive wheel esp in a *trundle bed*
(see *trundle*) Cf OF *trondler* "to trundle"
as a ball (Cotg) or cogn Teut. origin
which has app. influenced the F word

trunk *F* *tronc* *L* *truncus* Ser e of chest is
 di e to primitive method of digging out
 a box from a tree trunk cf *F* *tronc* poor
 box in church With *trunk* ho e (surviving
 in the *trunks* of boxing costume) cf Ger
stirn nff stockin orig stump trunk and
 sen e de elopment of *trunks* also OF
triquelouse gaiter from *tr que* thick club
Trunk steer occurs earlier (temp Hen
 VIII) In *trunk* of elephant there is con
 fusion (? due to archaic *trunk* tube) with
trimp earlier u d in ame s nse

trump a trump o trumpet also, the snow f a
phant (Ctg)

truncheon *kn b* at side of cannon by which
it rested on its carriage *I tr* *not* stock
stump ? from *Ol* *iron* var of *l* *one* trunk
truss *F tr* *u* *e* bundle packs etc from
iron *ser* to truss *e* *in* *e* *pack* *e* *had* *or*
girt *in* *packs* *or* *to* *up* *up* (Letg) *OF*
for *er* *cl* *Prov* *hos* *r* *MedL* *t* *os* *are* *Of*
ob-cure *on* *in* *perh* from *L* *thyr* *us* *staff*
used for tightening ligature *I F* *blcr* *e*
to pack from *barulus* *staff* *in* *urg* *case*
from *to* *ent*

trust O's trust hen e erbt's la gung
 M' t est trasi later assimilated to noun
 cogn with t on true cl Du t oost Ger
 t islen to comi rt Goth t au t's covenant
 Groun l sen e that f confidence secu
 nty Commens tru t is chiefly LS

try F *trier* to sift sort & separate good from bad as still in whaleine to *try* (o fill) blast metallurgy etc hence to test prove Cf Prov & Catalan *triar* (> from *tr*) Med *triar* > Late L *trika* < to triturate thresh corn from *tere* < *tr* < Leg sense was d veloped in AF *Trysil* is from the naut manoeuvr called *try* & earliest in to *h a t i* < the one sail with which ef to *h a hull* with no sail. *Trysil* is AF

typograph From G. 7. 7. ti pierce
tryst Earl of 1818 (1226) tristle (13 cent)
hunting station to which the game was
driven hence hunting renler 1818
OF 1818 let 1818 Mail 1818
Archai F 1818 (1818) with one lost by
lesum arrives as term 1818 Th 1818
that the word only 1818 (1818) Norm
makes Norse origin likely and 1818
to trust rel has been suggested but in
the absence of evidence a to exact
sense the return is object is only
tsar New 1818 (1818) (1818) of this
interest only 1818 (July 1818) at the last
be the of the title has been near 1818

tsetse Fly From Bechuana lang of SAfr
Tsung-li-yamen Chin Foreign Office, lit
general management bureau

tuatara New Zeal lizard Maori, from *tua*,
on the back, *tara*, spine

tub First in Chauc Of Du. or LG origin,
cf Du *tobbe*, LG *tubbe*, ? cogn with Ger
tobel, bowl-shaped valley With *tub-*
thumper cf earlier *tub-preacher*, *pulpit-*
thumper In *Rump Songs* (1639-61) are
repeated allusions to preachers standing
in (not on) a tub and the frontispiece de-
picts the same

A bricklayer, called Henry Daunce, sett a tub to
a tree, and therein he preached divers Sondayes
(Wrothesley, *Chron* 1538)

tuba L, trumpet, cogn with *tubus* (v 1)

tube F, L *tubus* The *Twopenny Tube* was
the title of an article by H D Browne in
the *Londoner* (June 30, 1900), describing a
trial trip in the Central London Railway
before it was opened to the public

The tube-journey can never lend much to picture
and narrative it is as barren as an exclamatory O!
(George Eliot, *Felix Holt*, 1866).

tuber L, hump, swelling, cogn with *tumēre*,
to swell Hence *tubercle*, *tuberculosis*, the
latter orig applied to any disease con-
nected with formations of tubercles, cur-
rent sense dating from Koch's discovery
of the tubercle-bacillus (1882)

tuberoze Plant with tuberous root L
tuberosa, fem of *tuberosus*, tuberous (v s),
but often misunderstood as *tube-rose*

tuck¹ To gather in folds, earlier, to tug,
snatch, and spec to dress cloth by stretch-
ing it on the tenter-hooks (hence name
Tucker) App ident with AS *tūcian*, to
ill-treat (for shortened vowel cf *suck*),
cogn with Ger *zucken*, to tug, snatch,
intens of *ziehen*, to pull, and ult with *tug*,
tie, etc Hence *tucker*, frill, as in *best bib*
and *tucker* (1737) From sense of gathering
up and putting away, "tucking in," comes
tuck-shop and Austral *tucker*, provender

tuck² [archaic] In *tuck of drum* F *toquer*,
north form of *toucher*, to touch (q v), cf
toecin Hence archaic *tucket*, flourish of
trumpets

tuck³ [hist] Straight sword F *estoc*, "a
rapier, or tucke" (Cotg), whence It. *stocco*,
"a tuck, a short sword" (Flor), from LG
stocken, to stick, pierce, cogn with Ger
stock, stick The E word is from F dial
var *dlac*

tucker See *tuck¹*.

tucket See *tuck²*

tucutucu. Burrowing rodent (Patagonia)
Native, from grunt

Tuesday. AS *Tīwesdæg*, day of *Tīw*, cor-
responding to ON *Týr* (whence *týsdag*),
cogn with OHG *Zio* (whence Ger dial.
zisag), and with L *deus*, G *Zeús*, Gr.
OIr *día*, Sanskrit *dyaus*, *div*, heaven This
ancient Teut divinity was taken as cor-
responding to Mars, hence *Tuesday* for L
Martis dies (whence F. *marti*) Du *dins-*
dag, Ger *dienstag* belong to *Thinnus*, Late
L epithet of the same god, *Mars Thinnus*,
from Lombard *thing*, public assembly, etc
(see *thing*)

tufa [geol] It *tufo*, *tufa*, from L *tofus*
Earlier (16 cent) is synon *tuff*, via F *tuf*,
"a kind of white sand, or soft and brittle
stone" (Cotg)

tuft F *touffe*, with excrescent -t (cf *graff¹*),
prob of Teut origin, cogn with *top¹* (see
toupet), and ult with Ger *zopf*, "a tuft or
tuffet" (Ludw) Also, ornamental tassel
formerly worn at the univs. by titled stu-
dents, whence *tuft-hunter* (18 cent), toady
to the aristocracy See also *toff*

tug ME *loggen*, intens formation from AS
tēon, corresponding to Ger *ziehen* (*zog*,
gezogen), to pull See *tie*, *low¹*, *tuck¹* Athletic
tug of war (1876) is a curious example of
the way in which the phrase of a minor
writer will sometimes become a permanent
addition to the lang (see *Greek*, and cf
diddle, *Grundy*)

tuisim Coined (? by Coleridge) from L *tu*,
thou, after *egoism*

tuition AF *tuycioun*, OF *tucion*, L *tutio-n*,
from *tuere*, to look after For sense-de-
velopment cf *tutor*

Humbly desiring pardon of your honour for my
tediousness, I leave your lordship to the tuition
of the Almighty (Hakl xi 378)

tulip From 16 cent Cf F *tulipe* (earlier
tulipan), It *tulipano*, Sp *tulipán*, Ger
tulpe, Du *tulp*, etc, all from *tul(i)band*,
vulg Turk. pronunc. of Pers *dulband*,
turban, which the shape of the flower sug-
gested Addison has *tulipomana*, the sub-
ject of Dumas' *Tulipe noire* *Tulip* wood is
from the *tulip-tree*, a NAm magnolia,
with tulip-shaped flowers

tulipan the delicate flower called a tulipa, tulpic,
or Dalmatian cyp (Cotg)

tulle From *Tulle* (Corrèze) Cf *jean*, *cam-*
bric, etc

tulwar Hind *talaar* sabre

tumble Frequent from AS *tumbian* to dance etc early sense surviving in *tumbler* acrobat Cf Du *tummelen* Ger *tummeln* to bustle *tumeln* to reel Sw *tum'a* Dan *tumse* to tumble roll F *tomber* of LG orig n has kept to one spec sense and influenced the F word The wide extension of the word (eg Fum *tumbé* somersault Calabrian *tum a e* to go head over heels) points to an orig imit *tum(b)* of the *flop bump* type Th glass called a *tumbler* was orig round bottomed so that it could not be put down till empty Slang to *tumble to* is I believe for *under stumble* a slang pervers on of *understand* which I remember in use nearly fifty years ago This is further complicated in running slang into *do you Oliver* (sc *Cromwell*)?

Y u und (r)stumble m well s you h ve a good wit (*Missogonus* 14 c 550)

tumbrel OF *tombrel* (*ton bereau*) a tip-cart esp for dung from *tomber* to fall Esp of the carts in which victims were taken to the guillotine during the Reign of Terror Hist F sense of instrument for punishment app cucking stool is found in early 13 cent but is unknown in F

tumid L *tumidus* from *tu nere* to swell Cf *tumour* F *tumeur* L *tumor* *e* *tume* faction from L *tumescere* to make to swell See *tumb*

tummy Infantile for *stomach* See s
tump Mound A dial ord (W Midl) in use at the Front Welsh *tump* ? cogn with L *tumulus* ? cf Si ihun ti ipa hill a pre Roman word

t mp f g ou d tumulus (Lit)

tumult L *tumulte* L *tumultus* from *tumere* to swell

tumulus L a hillock a knap a tump (Lit) from *tumere* (v s)

tun Var of *ton* (q v) AS *tunne* cf Du *ton* Ger *tonne* (OHC *tunna*) ON *tunna* also from leut F *tonne* MedL *tuna* Gael Ir *tunna* Prob a seafaring word of LG origin adopted early by other Europ langs Orig large cask application to weight (*ton*) appearing in late 14th

tund [Winchester school slan] L *tundere* to beat

tundra [geog] Treeless steppe of NFuss Lapp orig compd *tun tur* marsh plain [W] cam t pi yn call d Corr ap T dra {Purch. d 18}

tune Phonetic var (14 cent) of *tone* (q v) with later differentiation of sense

To b knocked on th h ad at th t e of 3s 6d a week (D toe *Colonel* f ck)

tungsten [ch m] Sw 1 heavy stone

tunic F *tuniqu* L *tunica* used of various garments Of semit origin and ult ident with G *xerour*

tunnel OF *tonel* (*tonnea*) dun of *tonne* tun (q v) with ground sense of cylindrical shape Earliest E sense tunnel net f r partridges is F *tem tunnel* Chu f current sense has been developed in E and borrowed with other railway words by F

Le railw y l t noel l ballast l tender
Exp ess trucks et gons un bouch française
Sen'bl broyer du tr o mûcher de l braise
(J P G Ven et 1855)

tunny From F *thon* a tunnefish (Lotg)
Prov *ton* or It *tonno* L G *thun*

tup [di t] Ram (Johns) ? Transferred u e of Norw Sw *tup* cock corn with *top* in sense of crest The word must be much older than dict records (14 cent) as *Tupper* *Tupman* are well-established surnames and John T *up* carmex was a freeman of York in 1317

tupelo Tree Amer Ind

Tupi [ing] One of the two chief native langs of Brazil Cf *Gua ani*

Tupperism In style of *Martin Tupper* author of *Prose and Philosophy* (1838-42)

tu quoque L thou also you're another
Turanian [in 1 Group of A lat langs (Ural Altaic) whi h are neither Aryan n r Smitic From Pers *Turan* realm beyond the Oxu contrasted with I n P r a The chief Turanian literature is in Finnish and Magyar Pol rnd ethn applied esp to the T rks (v i)

Th pan Turani n amarilla incorrigibl
(Ob Feb 1907)

turban 1ers *dulband* In most Europ langs the r for l appearing first in Port Earler E forms were *toipa* *tulban* etc See *ti p*

turbary [leg] Right of cutting turf or peat OF *ton berie* from *ton* the turf (q v) peat Cf MedL *turbaria*

turbid L *turbidus* from *turba* crowd d +
turbance See *troop*

turbine F L *t bo tu bin* whirlwind r el spindle etc from t bore to d turb (v s)

turbit Pigeon App from L *tu bo* t p (v s)

turbot F (12 cent *tourboul*), prob of Scand origin, "thorn butt", cf synon Ger *dornbutt*, and Norw *pigvar*, turbot, from pig, thorn Cf *hahbut*

turbulent F, L *turbulentus*, from *turba*, crowd, disturbance

Turco F slang for Algerian infantry soldier Sp It, Turk

Turcoman [*eltn*] Branch of Turkish race inhabiting Turkestan Pers *turkumān*, one like a Turk, from *māndan*, to resemble Cf *Mussulman*

turd AS *tord*, with Du & ON cognates Occurs passim in Wyc. where *AV* has *dung*

turdisform [*ornith*] From L *turdus*, thrush tureen Earlier *terreen*, F *terrine*, "an earthen pot, or pan" (Cotg), from *terre*, earth Mod spelling perh due to some fancied connection with *Turin* Cf *cayenne*, *paduasoy*, etc

turf AS *turf*, sod, peat Com Feut, cf Du *turf*, OHG *zurga* (replaced by LG *torf*), ON *torf*, cogn with Sanskrit *darbha*, tuft of grass OF *toube* is from Teut (see *tubary*) The other langs have not the sense of greensward With the *Turf* (18 cent) cf the boards

turgid L *turgidus*, from *turgere*, to swell

Turk Cf F *Turc*, It Sp *Turco*, MedL *Turcus*, Late G *Τούρκος*, Arab *turk*, of obscure origin "Probably the name *Turk* appears first in E in connexion with the Third Crusade, 1187-92" (NED) It was also used vaguely for Moslem (Collect for Good Friday), and for brutal individual, as still playfully With *Grand* (Great) *Turk* (15 cent) cf *Great Mogul* See also *Turki*

turkey Short for *Turkey-cock* (-hen), orig applied (16 cent) to the guinea-fowl, which was often imported through Turkish territory, and later transferred to the Amer bird For vague use of the word cf *Indian* in *Indian corn* (also called *Turkey wheat*), and F *dindon*, *dinde*, turkey, for earlier *coq* (*poule*) d'Inde See early list of Europ names below Horne Tooke whose father was a poulterer, used to describe him as an "eminent Turkey (ie Levant) merchant"

gallina Africana, *Numidica*, *Indica* *Al* Indianisch oder Kalkcuttisch [of Calicut] oder Welsch Hun *B* [Du] *Calkeonsche* oft *Turckische* Henne *G* [F] *geline* ou *poule* d'Inde, ou d'Afrique. *It* *gallina* d'India *H* [*Sp*] *pavon* de las Indias *An* *cok* off Inde (*A* *Junius*)

Turki [*ling.*] Pers *turki*, Turkish, apphed also to the lang of the Eastern Turks, Turcomans *Turkie* is also used in a wider sense, while *Turkish* is applied to the lang of the Ottoman Turks (v 1)

The Turkish tongue is loftie in sound, but poore of it selfe in substance For being originally the Tartarian, who were needie ignorant pastors, they were constrained to borrow their termes of state and office from the Persians, of religion from the Arabians, as they did of maritime names from the Greekes and Italians (George Sandys, 1610)

Turkoman See *Turcoman*

turmeric Earlier (16 cent) also *tarmarct*, archaic F *terre mérite*, MedL *terra merita*, app a fanciful name for the powdered root of *curcuma* It may, however, be folk-etym for some Eastern word.

turmoil From early 16 cent as noun and verb, to agitate, disquiet ? For unrecorded **turmel*, OF *trumel*, disturbance, tumult, altered like AF *troboil*, trouble, or associated with *moil*, to drudge, for which it is used in dial Godef conjectures for *tumel* the sense of gambling only, but see quot below, which means that the man sent crazy by love desires fighting, quarrel and turmoil

Qu'amors desveye

Desirre mellee

Hutin et trumel (Godef)

turn AS *turnian*, *tyrnan*, L *turnare*, "to turne or worke with the wheele as turners doe" (Coop), from *turnus*, lathe, G *τόρνος*, carpenter's compasses Replaced native *thriawan* (see *thrawn*), *wendan* (see *wend*) Senses were reinforced in ME by F *tourner*, cf It *tornare*, Sp: *tornar*, also Ger *turnen*, to do gymnastics The very wide senses, largely developed in F *tour* (OF *tourn*), *tourner*, start from a handicraft metaphor, which is still apparent in a well-turned phrase (*pair of ankles*) A *turncoat* was orig one who attempted to hide the badge of his leader or party *Turnpike*, also used for *turnpike road*, was orig a revolving barrier armed with pikes or spikes, used as a mil defence *Turnsole*, plant and dye, is F *tournesol*, Prov *tournasol*, turn sun (cf *heliotrope*)

An exceedingly well-turned out damsel in a dark blue taltormade (Daily Chron Mar 19, 1920)

turnip Earlier (16 cent) *turnepc*, compd of obs *neep*, AS *næp*, L *napus*, "navew or turnepe, long rapes" (Coop) First element may be *turn*, from symmetrical shape

first used (1725) in ref to two rival musicians (v 1)

Some say compared to Bononcini
That Mynheer Handel's but a minny,
Others aver that he to Handel
Is scarcely fit to hold a candle
Strange all this difference should be
'Twixt Tweedle-dum and Tweedle-dee' (Byrom).

tweeny [colloq] For *between-maid*, assisting both cook and housemaid

tweezers "The etymology of *tweezers* can best be made clear by starting from F. *étui*, a case, of doubtful origin. This became in E *etwee*, or *twee*, e.g. Cotg explains *estui* (*étui*) as 'a sheath, case, or box, to put things in, and (more particularly) a case of little instruments, as sizzars, bodkin, penknife, etc., now commonly termed an *ettwee*'. Such a case generally opens book-fashion, each half being fitted with instruments. Accordingly we find it called a surgeon's 'pair of twees,' or simply 'tweese,' and later a 'pair of tweeses'. The implement was named from the case, and became *tweezers* by association with *pincers*, *scissors*, etc." (Weekley, *Romance of Words*, ch ix.) For change of sense cf F *boussole*, compass, It *bossola*, orig little box, and see *bodkin*. For double pl. (*tweeses*) cf *quinces*

I did give him [a young man leaving for the Indies]
"Lex Mercatoria," and my wife [gave him] my old
pair of tweezers (Pepys, Dec 15, 1667)

Twelfth-night Eve of *Twelfth-day*, Epiphany, twelfth day after Christmas. Both are found in AS

twelve AS *twelf*, from *two*, with second element as in *eleven* (q v). Com Teut., cf Du *twaaif*, Ger *zwölf* (OHG *zwehf*), ON *tölf*, Goth *twalif*, for relation to *two* cf also L *duodecim*, G *duōdeka*. Compd *twelve-month* occurs in AS, cf ON *tölfmānuthr*. The jury were formerly called the *twelve men* (see also *Meas* for *Meas* 11 r)

twenty AS *twēntig*, from *two* (*twain*) and *-ty* (q v). Com Teut., cf Du *twintig*, Ger *zwanzig*, ON *titlugu*, Goth. *twaintigus*

twice ME *twies*, AS *twiges*, adv formation from *tunga*, *twiwa*, twice, cogn with *two*. Cf *once*, *thrice*

twiddle App imit. of motion which suggests both *twirl* and *fiddle*, in sense of trifling, aimless movement

twig¹ Noun AS *twig*, cogn. with *two*, with orig sense of dividing, forking, cf Du *twigg*, Ger *zweig*
hop the twig. *Weelaufen* (Ebers, 1793)

twig² Verb 18 cent slang, of obscure origin
? Ident with dial *twick*, to pinch, nip (see *tweak*, *twitch*)

twilight Formed in ME, with prefix *twi-*, cogn with *two*, which enters into many obs. compds, cf LG *twelecht*, whence is imitated Ger *zweilicht*, replacing MIIG *zwischenlicht*, between-light, with which of AS *twēonlēoht*, Norw Dan *tusmørke* (between murk) *Twilight of the gods* comes, via Ger *Götterdämmerung* (? Wagner), from ON. *agnar rökkr*, altered from earlier *agnar rök*, judgment of the gods

twill Short for obs *twilly*, AS *twih*, formed from *twi-* (v s) after L *biliv*, cf Ger *zwilch* (OHG *zwilich*), "linnen woven with a double thread" (Ludw.), and see *drill*⁴, *dumty*. See also *tweed*

twin AS *twinn*, twofold, twin, cogn with *two*, with suffix as in L *bin*, two at a time. With ME *twining* cf. Ger *zwilling*, twin, OHG *zwinling*, Du *tweeling*, also G *δίδυμος*, two-fold, twin, from *dis*, twice, cogn with *dis*, two

twine AS *twīn*, cogn with *two*, cf Du *twijn*, Ger *zwirn*, ON *twinn*. So also F *dédoubler*, to untwine

I twyne threde, I double it with the spyndell je retors (Palsg.)

twinge First as verb, to wring, pinch AS *twengan*, usu regarded as cogn with Du *dwingen*, Ger *zwingen*, ON *thvinga*, all meaning to oppress, but NED doubts connection

twinkle AS *twincian*, frequent of **twincan*, whence archaic *twink*, to wink, sparkle, etc., cogn with Ger *zwinken*, *zwinchern*. With *twinkling*, moment, cf AS *beorhthwīl*, lit bright-while

And the devyll shew ed hym all the kyngdoms of the erth even in the twyncklynge of an eye

(Tynd Luke, iv 5).

twirl Of late appearance (c 1600), replacing (? under influence of *whirl*) ME *tri* (still in dial), earlier *trill* (Chauc), cogn with Norw Sw *trilla*, Dan *trille*.

girer. to veer, or turne with the wind, to twirle, whirle, or wheele about (Cotg.)

twist In ME as noun and verb, in AS only in compd. *mæst-twist*, stay of mast. Cogn with *two* and *twine*. Du *twist*, Ger *zwist*, discord, strife, represent another sense-aspect
I twyste threde, I twyne threde: this terme is northren; declared in *I twyne* (Palsg.)

Twist like plough-jobbers and swill like tinkers (Motteux' *Rabelais*, v. 5)

Tzigane Hung gipsy F, Magyar *czigány*, cogn with *Zingari* and Ger *Zigeuner*, "an egyptian or gipsy" (Ludw)

U-boat For Ger *unterseeboot*, undersea boat

The U-boats could not stow prisoners So they reverted to the practice of the Middle Ages

(*Times Lit Sup* Jan 8, 1920).

ubiety "Whereness" Coined, on *ubiquity*, from L *ubi*, where

ubiquity F *ubiquité*, coined from *ubique*, wherever, everywhere Cowper uses *ubiquarian* (*Tirocinium*, 266) for *ubiquitous* *ubiquitarians* a late sect holding that Christs body is every where as well as his divinity (Blount)

udal [*hist*] Freehold tenure anterior to feudalism still in force in Orkneys (see Scott's *Pirate*) ON *óthal*, cf AS *æthelu*, lineage, produce, OSax *óthul*, OHG *uodal*, cogn with *atheling*

udder AS *úder* Aryan, cf Du *uer* (earlier *uder*), Ger *euter*, ON *júgr*, L *uber*, G *óthap*, Sanskrit *údhara* A word from the nomadic or pastoral period For relation of L *-b-* to Teut dental cf *beard*, *red*

udometer Rain-gauge From L *udus*, damp

ugh Natural exclamation of disgust

ugly ON *ugghlyr*, from *uggr*, fear, cogn with *awe*, cf Goth *ōgan*, to fear The pugil *ugly customer* preserves orig sense

Ugrian [*ling*] Finnic From name of a tribe of N Russia Cf *Ural-Altaic*

uhlan Ger *ulan*, lancer, Pol *ulan*, Tatar light horseman, Turk *oghlan*, young man, Tatar *oglan*, son, child Hence F *kulan*, E *ewe lamb* (slang of the Great War)

When they are called to the Chan [of the Crime Tatars], he hears them, the soldans, tuans, ulans, marzies and principall Tartars being present

(Purch xiii 481, *Transl of Bromovius*)

Our men went through the uhlan's like brown paper

(Sir P Chetwode, 1914)

ukase Russ *ukaz*, edict, esp imperial (now, Leninite), from *kazat'*, to indicate (in Serb to speak, in Czech to preach), whence *ukazat'*, to command, cf *pokazat'*, to show

ulcer F *ulcère*, L *ulcus*, *ulcer-*, "a boyle, a sore, a botch" (Coop), cogn with G *ēlcos*, sore, wound

ulema Corporation of Moslem doctors of sacred law Arab *'ulemā*, pl of *'ālim*, learned, from *'alama*, to know Cf *alma*

ullage "What a cask lacks of being full" (Phillips) Prov *ulhage*, from *ullar*, to fill up; cf synon OF *ouillage*, *ouiller*, from

L *oculus*, eye, in sense of bung-hole, cf F dial (S W) *uyet*, funnel for cask filling

ulmic [*chem*] From L *ulmus*, elm

ulnar [*anat*] Of the *ulna*; L, smaller bone of fore-arm, cogn with *ell*, *elbow*

ulotrichian [*clm*] Woolly-haired From G *οἰλότριχ*, from *οὔλος*, whole, thick, fleecy, *τριχ*, hair

ulster For *Ulster overcoat* Orig long frieze coat as worn in *Ulster* Cf *inverness*

ulterior L, compar from *ultra*, beyond

ultimate From Late L *ultima*, to come to an end, from *ultimus*, superl of *ulterior*. *Ultimatum*, earlier also *ulimat*, comes, via F, from "diplomatic Latin"

ultimo Abl of L *ultimus* (sc *mensis*) Cf *proximo*

ultimogeniture Borough English (q v) Opposite of *primogeniture* (q v)

ultra- L, beyond Cf F *outré*, *outrage*. Hence mod *ultra*, extremist, *ultraism*, *ultraist*, these perh suggested by *altruism*, *altruist*

ultramarine Orig adj qualifying *blue* Altered from It *oltra marino*, foreign from overseas, applied to lapis lazuli Now replaced by *over-sea* in gen. sense

ultramontane F *ultramontain* (14 cent), beyond the mountains, esp the Alps Connotation varies according to the position of the speaker or writer, but current sense usu refers to belief in Papal authority F *ultramontanisme* is 18 cent

ultra vires L, beyond powers

ultramotivity Power of spontaneous movement From L *ultra*, spontaneously Cf F *de son propre mouvement*, of one's own accord

ululate From L *ululare*, "to howl as a dog or wolf doth" (Coop), of imit origin

umbel [*bot*] Earlier *umbella*, L, "the round tuft or hed of fenell, or other herbes, wherein the seede is" (Coop), also a sunshade, dim of *umbra*, shadow

umber "Somewhat a sad yellow colour used by painters" (Blount) F *terre d'ombre*. It *terra d'ombra*, shadow earth, a pigment used for shading, cf Sp *sombra*, umber, lit shadow

umbilical [*anat*] Of the navel, L *umbilicus*, cogn with G *ὀμφαλός*, and ult with *navel* (q v.)

umbles [*archaic*] Entrails of deer. See *humble-pie*

umbo L, central boss (of shield, etc), cogn with *umbilical* and with *navel*

umbraculum [bot] L. from *umbra* shade
umbrage Fr *ombra e* an umbrage a shade
 a shadow also jealousy suspicion an
 inclining of whence *donner ombrage* to dis
 content make jealous of or putte buzzes
 into the head of (Cotg.) Perh orig a
 term of horsemanship as in F *cheval om
 bra sur* a horse apt to take fright at its
 own shadow See also *dud cor*

umbrella Archaic It *on u ella* (now *ombrello*)
 dim of *ombra* shade L *umbra* u ed in
 sense of L *umbella* (see *ibel*) Orig as
 defence against sun (cf F *ombrelle*) the
 first rain umbrella used by a man in London
 having been trad carried (c 1560) by Jonas
 Hanway the famous traveller and philan
 thropist (†1780) But women used the u
 from c 1700 The use in Italy of *umbrellias*
 is mentioned by Coryat (1611)

Here [t Marse il s] we bought umbrillos agan t
 the heat (E el)

Blest wasth prophet [j] h/in b h enly b d
 B t abt how soon did hi umbrellat de!

(Fpd ph 2644)

The young gentleman bor owing the mbr ll be
 longt g to Will's Coffee house in Cornhill t the
 ml tress is her by ad ertised t t b dry from
 head to foot on the lik oc aw he shal be w l
 come to the maid s p tte s

(Female Tailor Dec 12 1709)

Umbrian Of *Umbr* a province of Italy
 Name of school of painters and of Italic
 dial akin to L

umiak See *omut*

umlaut [u] Ger from *um* around *laut*
 sound Coined (18 cent) by Klopstock

umpire For ME *ounfer* OF *nomper*
 (non pair) not equal (see *peer*) third (or
 extra) man called in when arbitrators dis
 agreed For loss of n cf *ape n aufer* etc
 for ending of archaic *rampire* for *rampe*
 (rampart) for sense cf Sp *tercer* the
 third a broker a tred afor (Percyall)
 Montaigne uses similarly *pe sonne t erce*
 rendered by Florio st eller (q v) *lier* arbi
 trator occurs in an AF proclamation of the
 Earl of Gloucester (158) Cf also a *biler*
 The form used in quot 2 is remade on
um and L *par* equal per The abstract
 noun in quot 3 is a curious formation

Arbitratores th t t m named f thei myght n
 acc dyn and elly of anowpior (Paston Let 154)

The selfe arb tr us myght n t accorde, an f as
 u par ha y e your doctor nightwydly and in
 dist rendly (Conventry Let Book 1464)

The matter bet v t my servant and J hn Forrest
 is p t t b n en, and th ownp ght f yo
 (Pl mpton Let temp 160n VII)

umpty umpteen Army slang to disguise
 number of division brigade etc Cf *addy*
unph colloq for the Morse *dot and dash*
 notation

One wh served with umpty quadron through th
 battl of th Somme (A A ma s O t g)

un [colloq] is in good *un to go* Preserve a
 correct pronunc of *one* (q v) Also in old
 southern dial from AS *hine* acc of *he*
 (see *hiii*)

un Prefixed to adjs and nouns and advs
 derived from them AS *un* Aryan cf
 Du *on* Ger *un* ON *ð* u Goth *un*
 L in G u dv Sanskrit *an* a Often in
 euph coinages eg *unt uth* lie *unworthy*
 rascally *unrest* brigandage cf *ds* (eg
diseas) in (eg *infamoi s*) Thus *unisoury*
 euph for *disustm* also orig euph In
 some as s (*unconth* *ungainly* *unkempt*
unruh) the simplex is not in use exc as a
 nonce word

During th recent war the l t of h [Ieland s]
 u un d d unconscrib d, u bombed, a d un
 o p ed people was almost that of th spoilt
 children t E ope (D dy CA o June 1919)

un Prefixed to verbs AS *un* Com
 Teut cf Du *ont* Ger *ent* (OHG *ant*)
 Goth *and* cogn with L *ante* G *drin*
 (see a *isuer*)

unaneled (arch ic) See *anel*

unanimous From L *unanimus* from *unus*
 one *anim* s mind

unbend In fig use from the bent bow Thus
 to *unbend* i e become almost straight is
 not logically the opposite of *unbend n*
 rig div s'traight

unberufen Ger unsanctioned exclamation
 prop tiating Nemesis

unbosom Cf to *make a clean breast*

uncanny Sc dangerous incautious mis
 ch evous untender careless (Sc Di t
 1818) See *canny* and cf synonym G r *un
 heim lich* lit unfamiliar Cf also *uncoin* in

uncate [bot] From L *uncus* hook

unchancy Sc from orig sense of *chance*
 (q v) For synonym *unchancev* see *wanton*

uncial L *uncialis* as in Late L *l ttera un
 ciales* letters an ynche long (Coop)
 used by Jerome and applied to a character
 resembling a capital used in early MSs
 See *inch ounce*

uncinate [bot] L *uncinatis* from *unc*
 hook

uncle Fr *oncle* \ L *avunculi* for *avunculo*
 the uncle on the mother's side (Cox)
 dum of *av* s grandfather Introduced m

most Teut langs in place of native word (e.g. AS *ēam*, Ger *ohcim*), which is also ult cogn with L *avis*. The pawnbroker as (helpful) uncle is found in E, F, Ger, Norw, Dan.

unco Sc form of *uncouth* (q.v.), esp. in *unco gund*, unnaturally righteous
unconscionable See *conscience*. Chiefly as echo of Charles II's famous apology.

He apologized to those who had stood round him all night for the trouble which he had caused. He had been, he said, a most unconscionable time dying (Macaulay).

unconventional A 19 cent epithet for a certain type of affectation.

It is not difficult to be unconventional when your unconventionality is but the convention of your set (Somerset Maugham).

uncouple Orig. of hounds, from *couple* (q.v.), in etym. sense.

uncouth AS *uncūth*, unknown, from p.p. of *cunnan*, to know. For sense-development cf. *strange*, *outlandish*. Chaucer has it in the sense of rare, splendid (A. 2497 and *House of Fame*, in 189). Cf. dial *unkid*, in which *-kid* is the p.p. of AS *cylhan*, to make known.

uncouth extraneous, exoticus (*Prompt Parv.*).

The most uncouth accident that ever befell unto poore men (Purch. xiv 98).

unction L *unctio-n-*, from *ungere*, *unct-*, to anoint. For fig. senses of *unctuous* cf. "oily," and for degeneration cf. *bland*. With *extreme unction*, after F *extrême-onction*, cf. *in extremis*.

undate [bot.] From L *unda*, wave.

undé [her.] F *ondé*, waved (v.s.).

undecennial From L *undecim*, eleven, after *septennial*, etc. Cf. *undecagon*, with G second element.

under AS *under*, under, among, second sense surviving in *under the circumstances*. Com. Teut., cf. Ger *unter*, Du *onder*, ON. *undir*, Goth *undar*, cogn. with L *infer*, *infra*, which correspond to the two Teut. senses. Often, like *over*, used with adj. force, e.g. *under jaw*, *under dog*, *under-linen*, etc.

undergrad Short for *undergraduate*, univ. student *in statu pupillari*.

The audience was chiefly composed of undergraduates and undergradettes (the latter from Girton and Newnham) (*Obs.* Nov. 23, 1919).

underhand Orig. adv., prob. from gambling

trick; cf. F *sous main*. The opposite of *above-board*.

tenir sous main to keep in secret, in private, in a corner, in hugger-mugger (Cotgr.).

underhung "Having the underjaw projecting beyond the upper jaw" (Goldsmith, *Animated Nature*).

underlie In fig. sense from *geol.*

underling See *-ling*. In *Piers Plowm.* (B. vi 47).

undermost See *-most*.

underneath See *beneath*, *nether*.

underpin From obs. *pin*, to fill in joints.

understand AS *understandan*, lit. to stand among. The sense-development is obscure, but cf. G *ἐπιστασθαι*, lit. to stand upon, Ger *verstehen*, corresponding to AS *forstandan*, to understand, lit. to stand before, also OHG *anfristōn*, to interpret, with double prefix. *Understandings*, euph. for legs, is 19 cent.

understrapper. ? Orig. a barber's assistant.

I [a charlatan] shall have occasion now and then for some understrapper to draw teeth for me, or to be my toad-eater upon the stage (T. Brown, 1701).

understudy [theat.] To study a part so as to be able to replace another actor if necessary. Cf. *study* (*Mids. N. Dream*, 1. 2).
undertake Cf. Ger *unternehmen*, AS *underniman*, F *entreprendre*. An *undertaker* was orig. a contractor, projector, etc. For specialization of sense, from c. 1700, cf. *stationer*. *Funeral-undertaker* was the orig. description in current sense.

undertakers were such as were employed by the Kings purveyors, as their deputies, and such as undertake any great work, as draining of fens, &c. (Blount, *Law Dict.* 1691).

underwrite Transl. of *subscribe* (q.v.), cf. Ger *unterschreiben*, "to subscribe, underwrite, or sign" (Ludw.). It occurs in *Piers Plowm.* in orig. sense. Now esp. to sign a marine insurance policy.

undies [neol.] For *underclothing*. Cf. *nighty* for *nightgown*.

undine ModL, *undina*, from *unda*, wave. Popularized by the Ger. romance *Undine* (1811) by La Motte Fouqué.

undo For spec. sense of bringing destruction upon cf. *defeat*.

undose [biol.] L *undosus*, from *unda*, wave.
undulate From L *undulare*, from *undula*, dim. of *unda*, wave.

unearth ? Orig. from fox-hunting, ? or treasure-seeking. Cf. F. *déterrer*.

unready In hist application to Ethelred II preserves fuller orig sense Cf AS *un-gæd*, ill-advised.

unreliable A word coined by Coleridge, to which ignorant objections are often made De Quincey suggests, "as more correct English," *unrelyuponable*

unruly From obs *ruſy*, from *rule* Cf *uncouth*, *unkempt*

These notable examples of justice have since held us in much better termes of ruly obedience

(Purch xvi 67)

The tongue can no man tame, it is an unruly evil
(James, iii 8).

unsex ? A Shaks coinage

Come, you spirits

That tend on mortal thoughts, unsex me here

(*Macb* i 5).

unsoaped First in Dickens Cf *unwashed*

The unsoaped of Ipswich brought up the rear

(*Pickwick*, ch xxiv)

unspeakable Orig unutterable, ineffable (i *Peter*, i 8), now usu disparaging, e.g. the *unspeakable Turk* (Carlyle, *Daily News*, Nov 28, 1876)

unstrung Now usu felt as *mus* metaphor, but perh orig of bow (see *string*)

until For *unto*, with substitution of northern *hill*² (q.v.)

untim(e)ous [*archaic*] From Sc *tim(e)ous*, a leg term coined on *righteous* App revived by Scott

unto For **und-to*, with first element cogn with OSax *und*, OHG *unz*, Goth *und*, and with *un*²

untoward See *toward*, and for sense of *froward*, for which it is a kind of euph, like *untruth* for *lie*

untruth In sense of lie app due to Dogberry But in Chauc (B 687) in sense of unfaithfulness.

Moreover, they have spoken untruths

(*Much Ado*, v 1)

unvarnished An echo of *Oth* i 3

unwashed Used by Shaks of artisans (v 1), now esp in the *great unwashed*, the rabble

Another lean, unwash'd artificer

(*King John*, iv 2).

unwieldy From obs. *wieldy*, of which orig sense was powerful, capable of wielding

Ther was greet showyng, bothe to and fro,

To lifte hym up, and muchel care and wo,

So unweeldy was this sory, palled goost

(Chauc H. 53).

unwieldy inhabilis (Litt.)

unwritten law Orig *law* approved by

practice or judicial decision, though not in statute form Applied to right of private vengeance in US

up AS *upp*, *ūp* (adv) Com Teut, cf Du *op*, Ger *auf*, ON. *upp*, Goth *uþ*, cogn. with *over* and with G *ὑπό* To get the *upper hand* is from wrestling

uppish rampant, crowing, full of money

(*Dict. Cant Crew*)

An absolutely up-to-the-moment drama

(*Advt. Dec* 1918).

upas Malay, poison The use of the Javan poison tree, *pōhun āpas*, for poisoning darts is described by Friar Odoric (14 cent), but the fable of its deadly influence first appeared in the *London Magazine* (1783), and was popularized by Erasmus Darwin in his *Loves of the Plants* (1789) For a similar myth cf *juggernaut*

upbraid App from *up* and *braid* (q.v.), with idea of "taking up (sharply)." Cogn ON *bregtha*, Dan. *bebreide* have the same fig. sense A parallel form *unbraid* is common in Tudor E

upheaval Fig sense is from *geol*, in which it is the opposite of *subsidence*

upholster First as noun, for *upholdster*, from *upholder*, in ME² a broker, used in *Piers Plowm* of the traders of Cornhill For lengthened *upholsterer* cf *frunterer*, *caterer*, etc For mod. limitation of sense cf *stationer*, *undertaker* Current sense perh affected by Ger *polstern*, to pad, cushion, etc, cogn with *bolster*

upholdere that sellyth smale thyngis velaber

(*Prompt Parv*)

upholstar frippier (Palsg)

upholster tapetarius, plumarius (Litt)

uphroe, euphroe [*naut*] Kind of block Du *guffrouw*, lit young woman, maiden See *gasket*

upon AS. *uppon*, up on

upright AS *uprīht* For fig sense cf cogn

Ger *aufrecht*, *aufrechtig*

uproar Du *oproer*, from *op*, up, and *roeren*, to stir, which is cogn with AS *hrēran*, to move, Ger *rühren*, to stir, ON *hrōia* So also Ger *aufruhr*, "an uproar, sedition, tumult" (Ludw) Unconnected with *roar* (q.v.), though the two have been associated See also *rearmouse*

Ther was a gret up-rore and show tyng at ys sermon

(Machyn's Diary, 1550-63)

upset ME *upsellen* means to set up, fix. Mod sense seems to be due to obs *overset*, to capsiz.

upshot. ? Orig in sense of target thing shot at (archery)

I [a e] there s the but whose h e art white if we hit
The game s our's Well we may age and o
At Gl'et r Lan ast Chester Fa k nbridge
But he is the upshot (Look about you 1600)

upside down For ML *up so down* up as
though down Cf *topsy turvy* and F *sens
dessus dessous* where *sen* is for *sen sen*
(Cotg) app for *seen* See quot s v *amiss*
And h turnyde p adown th b d fchau grr
(W) *Mall x l i*
sen dess s d stowd up ide-down *topsy turvy*
(Cotg)

upstart ME has *startup* in same sens still
surviving as surname A *Stephen Startup*
is mentioned in the *Pipe Rolls* (11 cent)
Shaks uses both forms (*Much Ado* 1 3
1 *Hen IV* 7)

upward(s) See *up* and *ward* Often misused
in sen e of nearly approaching

I am a very fool sl food old man
To rise and upward (*L a v* 7)

uraemia [med] From G *o por* urine *mu*
blood

uraeus [antiq] Head-dress of Egypt kings
G *o poros* from *o p* tail

Ural Altaic [lin] Finno Ugric. From *Ur* 1
and *Altai* mountain The chief langs of
the group are Finnish and Magyar (Hung)
uranium [chem] Discoverd 1 (1789) by Klap-
roth and named after the planet *Uranus* in
compliment to Herschel (v i)

urano From C *o poros* heaven also
(myth) the father of Saturn and given as
name to planet discovered by Herschel
(1781) Cf *Urania* muse of astronomy

urban e L *urbanus* of a citie dwellin_g in
a citi civile curteise (Coop) from *urbis*
city For sense of *u banc* the older form
cf *crust* and the contrasted *boosh churl sh*
For differentiated spelling and sense cf
hurlin-e

urceolate [bot] From L *urceolus* dim of
urceus pitcher

urchin MF *urchoun* orig hedgehog then
goblin small boy OY *heri hurn* (*heris on*)
VL (*h*) *cio-n* fr *ericius* cogn with
G *χρη* hedgehog. The sea urchin is also
in F *oursin* as though from *ours* bear
(cf *ourson* bear-cub) and this may have
affected the F word Wyc (*Is* v i 3)
has *urchoin* (*I uld er e us*) here Coverd
has *ofer* and *Ab bte n*

heris on d murr th *us urch n* f h whose out
sid som wh t resembles th land-urchin (Cotg)

Urdu [ling] Hindu tam the lingua franca
of India a mixture of the vernaculars
descended from Sanskrit with the langs
of various invaders (Arab Pers Mon li
For *zaban* : *urdu* language of the camp
horde (q v)

Urdu add camp language is t proper arm of
Hindustani, form d in the times of th Mogul
Emperors (Ma Muller)

urea [che i l] From L *o p* urine

ureter urethra [an i] From G *o p* to
urinate

urge L *u dre* cogn with G *o p* to
shut compres and ult with *urick*

uric [med] From G *o p* urine

Urim and Thummim Bibl Ornaments of
high priest s breastplate (*Lx xxxiii* 30)
Heb light- and perfecti ns

Fines aut m in r t all g *data doctrinam et veri-
tatem*, qu *o eru* t i pectore Aaron
(1 *Is E* *xxviii* 3)

urine F L *uri* a down with G *o p*

urman [ge g] Tract of coniferous forest in
Siberia Of Tatar origin

urn F *urne* L *urna* orig vessel of burnt
clay ? cogn with *urere* to burn

urochs See *a i ochs*

Ursa Major Minor [*a t on*] L Greater
(Smaller) Bear

ursine L *ursinus* of the bear *ursus*

Ursuline Order of nuns (founded 1531)
named from St *Ursula* of Col rne

urticate [med] To sting lik a nettle I
u lica

urubu Black vulture Native Central Amer
name

urus See *a och*

us AS *us* (dat) of Du o G r *us* OY
oss Goth *uns* AS had also arc *us* (f
OHC *un ich* Goth *ur*)

use The roun s r basic F *us* (in *us* *st en*
i nes) L *us* is from ut *us* t s u e Th
ve b is F *user* (in Mod F to w ar out *us*
up) VL *usare* fr ut Leg sens of
benefit enj yment (of property etc) ha
been affected by OF *us* profit advantage
L *fus* but L *usus* has this cr m als
eg *pecunia* fr *c m m* *usus* no
re *lvs* L *us* *us* is the F in n (cf *us*
nomen *cr m* L etc) Pronunc of *us* d
(*us*) is d s e to the t s fto

usher OF *u* r (*h* *us*) door keeper
from n (*h*) door L *ostium* the F
word now in leg d h *sen* *us* r r
Sense of assistant tra ter pecu ar to L
is as old as the 14 cent *us* (*h* *us* *us*)

being duly provided for in the foundation deeds of Winchester

usquebaugh [*archaic*] Ir *usge beatha*, water of life Cf F *eau-de-vie* and see *whisky*

The prime is usquebaugh, which cannot be made anywhere in that perfection, and whereas we drink it here in *aqua vitae* measures, it goes down there by beer-glassfuls, being more natural to the [Irish] nation (Howell, 1634)

usual L *usualis*, from *usus*, use, custom

usucaption, usucapion [*leg*] L *usucapio-n-*, from *usucapere*, to take by prescription, use

usufruct [*leg*] L *usufructus*, "the use and profite of another mans goodes, with the consent of the owner, the stocke or substance being saved" (Coop), from *usu*, abl governed by *frui*, *fruct-*, to enjoy

usurp F *usurper*, L *usurpare*, from *usu*, by profit, and *rapere*, to seize

usury¹ Interest on money From F *usure*, L *usura*, from *uti*, *us-*, to use, derive benefit from

usury² [*neol*] Adaptation of F *usure*, wear and tear, loss, from *user*, to wear out (see *use*)

The usury of enemy strength has certainly been greater than last year

(*Daily Chron* Nov 21, 1917).

ut [*mus*] Now usu replaced by *do* See *gamut*

utensil L *utensilis*, from *uti*, to use Hence also F *outil*, tool, and *outillement*, tools, plant, utensils collectively

uterus [*anat*] L, cogn with G *ὑτέρα*

utility F *utilité*, L *utilitas*, from *utilis*, useful, from *uti*, to use E *utilitarian*, F *utilitaire* are 19 cent, dating from the *Utilitarian Society*, founded by Mill 1822-3

² Coined by Bentham

I told my people that I thought they had more sense than to secede from Christianity to become Utilitarians (Galt, *Annals*, ch xxxv)

I did not invent the word, but found it in one of Galt's novels, "The Annals of the Parish"

(J S Mill)

uti possidetis L, as you possess

utmost Double superl from AS *ūt*, out See *-most* For sense cf *extreme*

Ne gēst thū thanone, ƿr thū ȝgylde thone ȝtemestan (Wyc last, Tynd utmost) fōrthlinge

(AS *Gosp Matt* v 26).

Utopia Title of Sir T More's imaginary country (1516), from G *οὐ*, not, *τόπος*, place Widely adopted in Europ langs

Utraquist [*hist*] Hussite sect claiming communion in both kinds, *sub utraque specie*

utricle [*biol*] F, L. *utriculus*, dim of *uter*, leather bag, wine-skin

utter¹ Adj AS *uttera*, compar from *ūt*, out *Uttermost* is for earlier *utmost* (q v.)

utter². Verb ME *utthen*, from adv *utter*, cf Ger *aussern*, to utter, express, from *aus*, out, cf "out with it" AS had *ūthan*, to expel. To *utter base coin* is a figure something like that of "releasing" films (see *release*) The verb was formerly used of retailing (see *vent*²)

They been gretely hurted and in grete damage in utterance and sellynge of their marchandise

(*York Merch Advent* 1478)

debiter to sell, or utter by parcels, to passe away by retaile (Colg)

utterance [*archaic*] F *outrance*, as in *combat à outrance*, from *oultre*, beyond, L *ultra* Chiefly as echo of *Macb* iii i

This battle was fought so furre forth to the utterance, that, after a wonderfull slaughter on both sides, when that theyr swordes and other weapons were spent, they buckled together with short daggers (Holmshed)

uvula [*anat*] ModL, dim of *uva*, bunch of grapes

uxorious. From L *uxorius*, from *uxor*, wife

v- There are, apart from dial, no words in *v-* of AS origin, exc *vane*, *vat*, *vixen*, which are southern vars of *f-* forms On the obs Cockney confusion between *w-* and *v-* see Messrs Weller passim, and cf quot below Machyn's *Diary* (1550-63) has *wacabond*, *welvel*, *volsake*, *vomen*, etc, and in 1573 an inhabitant of Nottingham got into trouble for "becallyng the constabelles knaves and 'wellanttes'" (cf *warmint* for *vermin*) See also *wear*²

Villiam, I vants my vig Vitch vig, sir? Vy, the vite vig in the vooden vig-box, vitch I vore last Vensday at the westry (Pegge, 1803)

V Five The Roman symbol for the number vac For *vacation* Recorded for 1709 Cf *mob*, *cit*, etc, of same period

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Two p lloa coddas with th lantes (York H al 1512)

A b id bed of walnut tree, w th th ca. ope at s, curtains and gilt knobs (Habl. 21 33)

Now are my valence up

(Marston H kat you w l in 1)

I g e and b q e th t Jane Coll a suit f tought ertaines and valour

(Habl. f D me M ry s ader f M N stut E w 663)

The valans f th [book shel ves bei g of gre e l l, fring d th g id (Havlun)]

vale F *val* L *valis* cf It Sp *valle* Now only poe e g *vale of tears* (m cry etc) or in place names

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We apologize to Mr Wells for using the word "values," since he dislikes it

(Times Lit Sup June 5, 1919)

The hooligan sees none of the values of the stranger (H G. Wells, Obs Jan 18, 1920)

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vamose, vamoose [US] Sp *vamos*, let us go, from L *vadere* Cf *absquatulate*, *shedaddle*

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It being a new play, or an old one new vamped, by Shadwell (Pepys, Feb 25, 1669)

vamp superior pars calcei (Litt); to *vamp* inter-polo, refreicio (ib)

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vars as Russ *upir*, Pol *upior*, seem to point to Turk *über*, witch Also applied to a SAmér blood-sucking bat

vamplate [hist] Hand-guard for tilting lance From *plate*, with prefix as in *vambrace* (q v)

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Vandal L *Vandalus*; cf AS *Wendlas* (pl), ON *Vendill*, a Ger tribe As opprobrious epithet since Genseric's sack of Rome (455) Cf Goth, Hun

Vandyke In *Vandyke beard* (brown, collar, etc) From A *Van Dyck*, Flem painter (†1641) Cf *Gainsborough hat* Hence verb to *vandyke*, mark with deep indentations, like a Vandyke collar

vane Southern var of obs. *fane*, AS *fana*, flag Com Teut; cf OSax *fano*, Ger *fahne*, ON *-fān* (in *gunn-fān*, gonfalon), Goth *fana* Cf Ger *wetterfahnlein*, "a fane or weather-cock, at the top of a steeple" (Ludw)

vang [naut] Rope for steadyng gaff Var of synon *fang*, with sense of catch, or from cogn Du *vang*

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The name of that town is Vanity, and at the town there is a fair kept, called Vanity Fair (Bunyan)

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vapour *F* *vapeur* *L* *vapor-em* (v s) With archaic *vapours* hysteria etc from early physiology cf *humour* With *vapour* boast etc very common in 17 cent cf mod to *gas*

You can do most th gs with the Briton if you d not appo ch him in the temper of a rery governess with the vapours (1 Harcourt A g 19 8)

vapulatory From *L* *capulare* to be beaten
vaquero Sp cow boy from *vaca* cow *L* *vacca*

Varangian [*hist*] Norse rover (9-10 cent) reaching Constantinople via Russia member of body guard of Byzantine Emperors (see *Count Robert of Paris*) From *MedL* *Varangus* *MedG* *B* *pyrros* via Slav from ON *Vārīn* : from **iar* plighted faith (only in pl *tāra*) cogn with *Cer uah* true *L* *verus* OIr *fir*

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Cf *F* *variole* *pet le idrole* and see *var*

variorum *L* of various (commentator) for *editio cum notis variorum*

varlet Archaic *F* noble page var of OF *vaslet* *valet* (q v) For degeneration in E cf *Annie*

varnish *F* *vernis* cf *It* *termice* Sp *harniz* *MedL* *vernicium* *tern v* *MedG* *βρην* also Ger *firnis* Du *verniz* Dan *fernis* etc from *F* *Farliest* (8 cent) is Late *L* *veronix* of unknown origin The *vernix* *king* *dais* of the Royal Academy ere instituted in 1809 With fig sense cf to *goss*

varsity Aphet for *university*

Wee I do n with all th ve sties
Wher I ning I prof-st (*R mp Sm*

varsovienn *F* (sc *danse*) from *Varsovie* Warsaw

vary *F* *varier* *L* *variare* from *varius*
various Cf *var*

vascular From *L* *vascul* *m* dim of *vas* vessel *vase*

vase *F* *L* *vas* (v s) with sense restricted in *F* In US still usu pronounced as by the author's father (1920 aetd 85)

He bo dour weel place
For love break t pri t plea g lon
A d b with li contr ances wh h g o
Thos giv er ves —many p eci us sto
Sparkled i ng its oof i many se
(Do J 19)

vaseline Trade-name coined (c 1874) from Ger *Wasser* *r* water *G* *lan* oil and *mel*

vassal *F* adherent warrior cf *It* *vassallo*
Sp *vasallo* *MedL* *vassallus* dim of *vassu*
Of Celt origin cf Welsh *gwas* *OIr* *f* *s*
Breton *gwa* servant and Gaulish *vassut* in names See *vas* *t* *ia* *let* *tata* *our* In OF & ME a complimentary term e.g. *vassela* *e* *varlike* prowess is contrasted with *silencie*

vast *L* *vastus* great beyond measure hu e sometyne desolate (Coop) cogn with waste (cf *devastate*) From 16 cent and very popular in 17-18 cents e.g. *astly obliged* etc The extended *tasty* is an echo of Shaks (1 Hen II m 1)

vat Southern ar of Bibl *fat* (*Mark* xii 1)
AS *fat* cask Com Teut cf Du *vat* Ger *fass* ON *fat* cogn with Ger *fassen* to hold contain For *v* cf *tane* *tann*

Vatican *L* *Vat* *ca* *ius* (sc. *col* *s* *mon*) *h* *il* on which Papal palace stands Cf *F* *Vat* *cin* *It* *Sp* *Vaticano* The *Vatican* is theoretically an independent sovereignty

Wh t th Sultan as Cal ph, h ll m l h ad
of v t an re in Constantinople d keep a
m fl g so eerlenty (Obs J n)

vaticinate From *L* *va* *cinari* to prophesy from *va* *es* prophet *-cinere* (*canere*) *t* *sing*

vaudeville *F* earlier *tau-de-vi* *e* light popular song such as those ascribed to Ol & er Bisselin (15 cent) inhabitant of the valley of *Vire* (Calvados)

Vaudous *F* *MedL* *Valden* *is* See *H* *Lucerne* 10000

vault Noun ME *roue* OF *roue* *to* *e* (for *e* arched roof) VL *t* *ha* (*h* *r* *eli* *e* from *vol* *ere* to t rn For rest red *I* cf *fi* *t* Cf *It* *volta* a vault a cellar an arche a bent or bow (*Fl r*)

vault² Verb F *volter*, "to vault, or tumble, also, to bound, or curvet, also, to turn, or make turn" (Cotg), from *volte*, It *volta*, "the turne that cunning riders teach their horses" (Flor) In E applied to mode of mounting horse (v 1), orig connection with horsemanship appearing in gymn *vaulthing-horse* Etym as for *vault¹* See *Mach* 1 7.

desultor a vaulter that leapeth up and doune from an horse (Coop)

vaunt Partly aphet for obs *avaunt*, OF *avanter*, to put forward, from *avant*, L *ab ante*, partly F *vanter*, to praise, extol (whence *se vantes*, to boast), OF also *venter*, L *venditare*, "to do any thing before men to set forth him selfe and have a prayse, to vaunt, to crake, to biag" (Coop), lit to push one's wares, frequent of *vendere*, to sell Cf It *vantarsi*, "to boast, to bragge, to glorie, to vante, to crake" (Flor), where *vantare* is aphet for *avanter*, "to brag, to boast, to glorie, to crake, to vaunt" (Flor), from *avante*, before The derivation usu given, from Late L *vamitare* (Augustine), disregards the hist of the word, which has reached its present use via the reflex sense (in OF & ME) of putting oneself forward, praising oneself.

Ki traist altre, nen est dreiz qu'il s'en vant

(*Rol* 3974)

Their maister wyll perchance avaunte hym selfe to be a good philospher (Elyot, *Governour*, 1 167)

institor a marchaunts factour. *Institor eloquentiae* a marchant of eloquence, a vaunter or setter forth of eloquence (Coop)

Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up

(1 *Cor.* xiii 4)

vaunt-courier [*archaic*] Only as echo of *Leas*, in 2 F *avant-coureur*, "a fore-runner, avant-cursor" (Cotg)

vavasaur [*hist*] Feudal tenant ranking below baron F *vavasaur*, Merovingian L *vassus vassorum*, vassal (q v) of vassals

vaward [*archaic*] Contr of *vanward*, vanguard (see *van¹*)

veal OF *veal* (*veau*), L *vitellus*, dim of *vitulus*, calf, orig yearling, cogn with G *ēros*, year, and with *wether* For adoption of F name cf *beef*, *mutton*, *pork* As name for animal still in 18 cent

vector [*math*] L, agent noun from *vehere*, *vecl* to carry

Veda One of the four sacred books of the Hindus Sanskrit *veda*, knowledge, sacred book, cogn with L *videre*, E *wit* Hence *Vedic*, early Sanskrit

vedette, vidette [*nul*] F, It *vedetta*, "a watch towre, a prying or peeping-hole" (Flor.), from *vedere*, to see For sense-development, with change of gender, cf *spy*, *scout*, *sentry*, *sentinel*

veer¹ [*naut*] To let out rope Du LG *vieren*, esp in *den schoot vieren*, "to veer the sheets" (Sewel), cogn with OHG *fieren*, to give direction to

haler un chable to veere a cable, or let it out, or let it runne out (Cotg)

veer² To turn Also orig *naut*, of the wind Altered, after *veer¹*, from earlier *vire*, F *virer* (12 cent), "to veere, turne round, wheele or whirle about" (Cotg), cf It *virare*, Sp *virar* Origin obscure The same root appears in *environ* and *ferrule* As OF *virei* means also to direct, it may be from LG *vieren* (see *veer¹*) See *wear²*.

vega [*geog.*] Sp, fertile plain, ? VL **vica*, from *vic-em*, turn, from rotation of crops

vegetable F *végétale* (adj), L *vegetabilis*, from *vegetare*, "to quicken, to make lively and lusty" (Coop), from *vegetus*, "quicke, sound, lusty, fresh, lively" (*ib*), from *vegere*, to be healthy, cogn with *vigere*, to flourish Mod sense of to *vegetate* is thus very far from orig. Currency of barbarously formed *vegetarian* dates from formation of Vegetarian Society at Ramsgate (1847)

vehement F *véhément*, L *vehemens*, -ment-, explained by some as from *mens*, *ment*-, mind, with neg prefix as in *vesanus*, insane According to others from *vehere*, with idea of bearing onward

vehicle L *vehiculum*, from *vehere*, to carry Orig (c 1600) a means, medium, esp in medicine.

Vehmgericht [*hist*] Secret tribunal in Westphalia (12-16 cents) Older form of Ger *Femgericht*, from MHG *veime*, *veime*, judgment, of obscure origin, perh cogn with Du *veem*, guild, league, whence *vennoot*, companion, for *veem-geenoot* See *Anne of Geierstein*, ch xx

veil OF (*voile*), L *velum*, of which pl *vela*, treated as fem sing, gave *voile* (f), sail, which is orig sense of L *velum*, cf It Sp *velo* Earliest in ref to garb of nun, to take the veil occurring c 1300 To pass beyond the veil is allusive to the Jewish veil of the Temple

vein F *veine*, L *vena*, cf It Sp *vena*

Thou troublest me, I am not in the vein
(*Rich III*, iv 3)

velar [phonetic] Of the soft palate L *velaris* from *velum* curtain veil Cf *velarium* awning

velde [SAfr] Older form of Du *veld* field (qv) For SAfr sens cf *prune*

velitation Skirmish esp hg [archaic] L *velitatio* n from *velites* pl of *velites* light armed soldier

vellety [archaic] Medi *elle tas* coined after *voluntas* from *velo* to ish of I *vellet* weak impulse

vellety of *rowd* g. II has (Lett)

vellum F *vel* n from OF *el* calf (see *veal*) For final m cf t n m p *grum* perh due to distant assim but l prelers m (cf *grogra*)

velocity F *vel* n *te* I *elocitus* from *celor* *cel* v swift *logu* with *tolare* to fly *Velocipede* (oba) is F *velocipite* from *cel* v and *pes* *pet* l t The *Velocipede* or swift walker is the title of an article in the *Ob erier* (Mar 14 1817) From shortened *velo* is coined *veloisme* after *hippodrome* Cf more recent *aer drome*

velours I velvet (qv)

velvet Ult from L *vel* s shaggy hair of It *vellus* in Flor *vel* s a stuff of silk called velvet Sp *vel* to also F *velour* OF *ve our* L *vilosus* hairy The v is app a misreading of the u (for an opposite c v cf *flured* for *fl-red* Alfred) in AF *vellet* app a dim from F *velu* shaggy VL *villosus* (wh nce It Sp forms above) cf F *vel* te name of various woolly plants for obs *veloute* *veloute* As u only is used for v u in medical MSS it is prob that in all the earlier records *velut* is trisyllabic (v i) F *veluten* s 18 cent

And by hire beddes heed sh m d m we
A d co red it w th l i-ettes bl we
(Cha r 43)

The duchye met w th him in h e s o rvd
with blew f l well (Gregory CA 146.)

Not lik our antler who i alm on vel t b is
a a e of some d l i es (B rk 69)

venal L *venalis* from *venum* that which is for sale Cf *venl*

venatic L *venaticus* from *venari* to hunt Cf *venatorial*

vend F *tendre* L *tendere* for *se sum dare*

vendace Confused by erron latinization of loc ran is with unrelated OF *vend* use (*randoise*) a dance or dare fi h (Cotg)

Tb a n i custom of etti g th Caste l-eh f Lochmab f the endie f bl d to b v bee introd ced by M ry Queen of Scot from F neo (Da ly Chron Aug 1 1915)

Vendean [hist] F *Vendéen* esp in ref to the rising of La Vendée against the Republic (1793) Cf *Chouan*

vendetta It L *vindicta* ven eanc See *vindictive*

veneer For earlier (18 cent) *puce* Ger *furnieren* to inlay with vario s sorts of wood to veneer (Ebers Ger Diet 1 96) F *fournir* to furnish b (qv)

venerable F *vind* abl L *venerabilis* from *enerari* to worship from *venas* *vene* love (cf *vene* e h) Orig of distinguished ecclesiastics e g B de now spec of arch deacons Also in ME with ref to dignity of age

venereal From L *venereus* from *venere* (vs)

venery ar ha c] Hunting Archaic F *vénerie* from OF *venier* to hunt from L *vena* Cf *ven son*

venery [med] Sexual indulgence From L *venere* u *venere* sexual love

venesection [med] From L *vena* vein *sectio* cutting Cf *phlebotomy*

Venetian F p in *venetian* blind l n haw Sch of (15-17 cents) MedL *venethianus* (from *venetia* Venice) 17ME also *venetian* from OF

vengeance I from *ven* er to avenge L *vincicare* from *vinder* *vindic* redresser of wrong s etc etym sense of wh ch app is n *vindicate* (qv) But a *vengeance* (cf archaic *u to a mischie* pl *e por* etc) is evolved from Tudor phrase a *vengeance* on (I a mischief *plu ne* *por* to on) Both sets of phrases are very common in Heywood (c 1540) *Vengeful* s from archaic verb to *se* e

A d i go had e t r i c l i s t p e a r e th v e
g e a e (Ob M v 9)

venial OF *en al* (*venel*) Late L *venialis* from *ven* t pardon

venire facias [archaic lg] Writ directing heriff to summon jury L that thou make to come

venison F *venaison* L *ven* t o n from *venari* to hunt cf It *venare* e Sp *venar* e m U ed in archaic *ven* and *venison* of game animal collect vely

Venite L come First word of Ps *venite* *exultem* s *Domino*

venom ME *venim* F *ven* m from L *venenum* poison For m cf t l a but OF *venim* (when *venimus*) point rather to VL *venimen* (? after *crimen*)

venous L *venosus* from *vena* vein

vent¹ Slit in back of coat For earlier *sent*, F *fente*, fissure, from *fendre*, L *findere*, to cleave

fent of a goune fente (Palsg)

vent² Orifice, outlet, emission Partly from F *vent*, wind (cf L *spiraculum*, vent-hole, from *spirare*, to breathe), partly from F *évent*, exposure to air, from *éventer*, OF *esventer*, "to puffe, blow, breathe, or yeld wind, also to divulge, publish, or spread abroad" (Cotg) From the latter comes to *vent one's spleen* No doubt also associated with *vent¹*, the spelling of which it has influenced Finally, fig sense, esp. in to *find a vent*, has been associated with obs *vent*, sale, F *vente*, which is very common (also as verb) in 16-17 cents, occurring passim in Hald and Purch It is impossible to demarcate rigorously the origins and senses of this word See also quot s v *uller*²

We be uncertaine what vent or sale you shall find in Persia (Jenkinson's *Voyages*, 1557-71)

vent for wares venditio (Litt)

ventil [mus] Organ-valve Ger, L *ventile*, shutter, from *ventus*, wind

ventilate From L *ventilare*, to fan, winnow corn, from *ventus*, wind (cf current use of *fan*) Fig sense of investigating, bringing to notice, etc, common in 17 cent, is now felt as a hygienic metaphor, but was orig. a metaphor from winnowing, found long before the "fresh air" gospel

ventilare to van or winnow, to canvass, or sift a point (Litt)

ventral. L *ventralis*, from *venter*, *ventr-*, abdomen Cf *ventricle*, L *ventriculus*, "the stomache, the cell or hollow part of the harte" (Coop), *ventriloquy* (16 cent), from L *ventriloquus*, "one possess with a spirit that speaks out of his belly" (Litt)

venture Aphet. for ME *aventure*, adventure (q v) At a *venture* is for earlier at *aventure* The Merchant Venturers' School (Bristol) preserves the fame of the Elizabethan *venturers*

venue [leg] Esp in *change of venue*, locality in which a case is tried, now commonly, and absurdly, of locality in gen, esp with ref to sport Usu explained as ident with obs *venue*, *venew*, *veny*, bout in fencing, from p p fem of F *venir*, to come I cannot see the connection, but regard it as altered, perh by association with *venire facias* (q v), from earlier AF *visné*, MedL *vicinetum*, orig area from which jury was

summoned, later applied to the jury itself For a similar disguised ending cf *purveu* for *purley*, dial *vinew*, mouldiness, for *vinny*. Another parallel is obs *persue* (ven), track left by wounded animal, earlier *parey*, F *perce*

Triable by enquest in the same shire and visne where the said action shall be taken (NED. 1449). *visnetum* al *vicinetum* a venue or venew, a neighbour place (Litt.)

It is the proud tradition of the Essex hunt that a fox has never been shot in their venue

(Daily Chron. Feb. 16, 1917)

Venus Personification of L *venus*, sexual love See *venerable*, *venereal*, and cf *Cupid* veracity F *vérité*, MedL *veracitas*, from *verax*, *verac-*, truthful

verandah. Hind *varandā*, Port *varanda*, balcony, etc, of unknown origin ? Cogn with It *verone*, "a building of pleasure jetting or butting out in prospects or galleries" (Flor) For Port. words via India cf *padre*, *tank*

veratrine [chem] F *vélatrine*, from L *veratrum*, hellebore

verb. F *verbe*, L *verbum*, word, verb, ult cogn with *word*

verbena L, "the herbe vervin" (Cotg). Cf F *verveine*, whence E *vervain*.

verbiage F. (17 cent), from OF *verbier*, to speak

verbose L *verbosus*, from *verbum*, word *Intoricated with the exuberance of his own verbosity* was said by Disraeli of Gladstone

verbum sap For L *verbum sapienti satis est*, a word to the wise is sufficient Cf *infra dig*

verdant After F *verdoyant*, pres part of *verdoyer*, to grow green, from OF *verd* (*vert*), L *viridis* Or simply suggested by much earlier *verdure*, from F Cf *verd antique*, ornamental marble, OF, It *verde antico*, antique green

verderer [hist] Royal forester. Extended (cf *poullterer*) from AF. *verder*, OF *verder*, from *verd*, green (v s), with allusion to *vert* and *venison* (q v)

verdict ME & AF *verdit*, OF *veir dit*, *von dit*, true word Hence MedL *ver(e)dictum*, to which mod form has been assimilated F *verdict* is from E

verdigris OF *vert de Grece*, Greek green, later *verd-de-gris* (*vert-de-gris*), "verdigrise, a Spanish green" (Cotg) Cf MedL *viride grecum*. The reason for the name is unknown. Synon Ger *grünspan* is for *spangrün*, "verdigrise or vertgreece"

(Ludw) early *espanischgrun* Spanish green
(v s) MedL *viridis hispanicus*

verditer Pigment OF *verdi de terre* (test d terre) earth green

verdure F from OF *verd* (test) green L *viridis*

verecund L *verecundus* from *re* to re-
vere

verge¹ Noun. ON *vanl rai* p of office
l "a rod wand stick small tail also a
sergants verge or mace (C 15) L *circus*
Hence *ver* or mace-bearer l r m the *verge*
or staff of office l the R v d i t e v a r d came
the expression *at the verge* AF *del in*
la verge AL *infra* or *an* l s l p e t t the
Steward's authority is applied to a
twelve mile radius round the king's court
and in 18 cent to the precincts of White-
hall as place of sanctuary Hence gen-
sense of boundary place rim and finally
brink in to be on the verge (of) A very
curious sense-developed print.

One Flacceth Cott ill was couden oil at th
vrg hold n on Thursd y la t f e s t a s on of
hi n a p s t y s d b e s (l e e r F e s b j)

verge² Verb L *vertere* to turn (f *Interge*
conuertere) but much influenced by *verge*
esp in to verge on the border on

verger See verge¹

veridical From I *idrisique* L *veridicus*
from *re* m truth d c e r e to say

verify F *verif* r MedL *verificare* from
verus true *facere* to make

verisimilitude L *verisimilitudo* from *re*
similis likely to be true Cf F *raison*
blance probability

Corroborate t l intended to give truth
veridical d t bald and unconvinced art ti
(Pooh Bab)

verity F *veritas* L *veritas* from *verus* true
cf It *verita* Sp *verdad*

verjuice F *verjus* verjuice especially that
which is made of sower and unripe grapes
(Cotg) earlier *verjus* is green juice

verrucell It pl of *vermicell* o dum of *vermis*
worm L *vermis*

vermicular MedL *vermiculus* from *vermis*
culus lim of *vermis* (v s)

vermiform F *vermiforme* MedL *vermiformis*
worm shaped esp in *vermiformis* *oppositif*
(18 cent) Cf *vermicule* *vermifuge*

vermilion F *vermillon* from *vermeil* L
vermiculus dum of *vermis* worm applied
to the cochineal insect *Vermetis* occ used

poet in E for ruddy bright and also in
its secondary sense of silver gilt.

vermin F *verminis* collect from OF *verm*
(ver) worm L *vermis* Applied in ME to
noxious animals in gen (a still by game
keepers) and also to parasitic insects etc
OF had also the collectives *serpentine*
sauris etc

vermouth F Ger *vermuth* wormwood
(q v)

vernacular From L *vernaculus* that is
borne in one's own house that taketh be-
ginning in our own country (Coop)
from *erna* bond servant Cf the vulgar
to us

vernal L *vernalis* from *verna* from *ter*
prim cogn ith G ap

vermicle antiq OF *vermicle* var of *veron*
ique portrait of the saviour imprinted on
the handkerchief of St Veronica See
veronica

vernier Instrument invented by F *matho*
matthieu Vernier (1637)

veronal Drug Fancy name from L *ver*
spring

veronica Flower From St *Veronica* (see
crucis) The name of the Saint may have
sprung from the legend and represent
L *crucis* true combined with G *crucis*
ama likeness Some regard it as altered
from *Berone*

verrucose L *verucosus* from *verruca* wart

versatile F L *versilis* that turneth or
may be turned (Loop) from *versare*
frequent of *crucis* to turn

verse AN fr L *versus* metric line ha-
tuning (to the next line) from *versare*
to turn Reinforced by F *vers* In most
European languages Sense of stanza peculiar to
E is developed in ME In AS also used
of clauses of the Creed and verses of the
Psalm corresponding to the Heb couplet
The whole Bible was first divided into
verses in the Geneva Version (1560) With
verset L *versiculus* f F *versus* a
versicle or short verse (Cotg)

versed Practised Adapted from *versare*
o L *versare* p p of *versare* to busy one-
self frequent of *versare* to turn Cf *con*
versare and *pointing vers*

versed [math] In *versare* Adapted from
L *versare* is turned

versicoloured From L *versicolor* turning
changing colour (s)

version F L *versio* from *versare* *vers*
to turn.

vers libres [*metr*] F, free verses, i.e. lines of varying length

verso L (sc *folio*), abl of *versum folium*, turned leaf

verst Russ *versta*, via Ger *weist* or F *versle* About two-thirds of a mile Usu *weist* in the early travellers

versus L, towards, against, from *vertere*, *vers-*, to turn

vert F, green Chiefly in *vert* and *venison*, where *vert* means green vegetation such as serves as cover to deer Cf *verderer*

'vert Coined (? c 1846 by Dean Stanley) of seceders from the Church of England to Rome

Old friends call me a pervert, new acquaintances a convert the other day I was addressed as a 'vert (NED 1864).

vertebra L, from *vertere*, to turn

vertex L, whirlpool, vortex, hence pole of the sky, summit of anything, from *vertere*, to turn Hence *vertical*, F, Late L *verticalis*

vertigo L, from *vertere*, to turn

vervain See *verbena*

verve F, with sense in OF of whim, caprice In E very common in current sense from c 1870 Origin unknown L *verba*, words, has been suggested, with a transitional sense of empty chatter which occurs in the *Roman de la Rose* (13 cent)

very ME *verray*, true, real, OF *verai* (*vrai*), ? VL **veracis*, for *verax*, *verac-*, from *verus*, true, ? or VL **veranus*, from *avo*, I say (cf *veridicus*) Orig sense appears in *verily*, *Very God of very God*, the *very image*, etc For adv use cf US *real nice*

Very light From F *inventor*

vesica L, bladder In arch sense short for *vesica piscis*, a pointed oval ornament Cf dim *vesicle*

vesper L, evening star, cogn with G *ἑσπερος*, *Hesperus* Use in pl for older *even-song* was app suggested by F *vêpres*, OF *vespres*, "even-song, or evening prayer" (Cotg) This appears first in 17 cent accounts of travel, and was prob at first an affectation brought home by those who had done the "grand tour" For pl cf *matins*, *nones*, and see *compline*

vespine OF the wasp, L *vespa*

vessel Represents both OF *vaisseau* (*vaisseau*), ship, L *vascellum*, dim of *vasculum*, dim of *vas*, vase, etc, and F *vaiselle* (collect), pots and pans, plate, L *vascella*, neut. pl taken as fem sing Both senses appear

c 1300 The association between hollow utensils and boats appears in all langs In Bibl metaphor, with *weaker* (1 Pet. iii 7), *chosen* (Acts, ix 15), *wrath* (Rom ix 22), it represents the body as containing the soul, and renders L *vas* (*Vulg.*), G *σκεῦος* The form *vessel* is common up to 16 cent

Gevynge honour to the wommans vessel, or body (Wyc 1 Pet iii 7)

But I must comfort the weaker vessel, as doublet and hose ought to show itself courageous to petticoat (*As You Like It*, ii 4)

He called me a vessel, Sammy, a vessel of wrath (Mr Weller).

vest First as verb OF *vestir* (*vêtu*), L *vestire*, from *vestis*, garment, cogn with G *ἔσθης*, Sanskrit *vashā* Now usu replaced by *invest*, but surviving in ref to rights, authority, *vested interests*, with which one is *invested*, cf *investiture* and fig sense of *clad* and of F *vêtu* As noun, F, It *veste*, orig used of various loose garments, current sense being latest The tailor still preserves the sense of waistcoat, said by Pepys to be due to Charles II

Vesta Roman goddess of the hearth and home, corresponding to G *Ἑστία*, personification of *ἑστία*, hearth, household. For application to wax match cf *Lucifer* Hence *Vestal*, orig one of the *virgines Vestales* in charge of the sacred fire in the temple of Vesta

vestiary OF *vestiarie* (*vestiaire*), L *vestiarius*, wardrobe, neut of *vestiarius*, from *vestis*, garment

vestibule L *vestibulum*, porch, entry

vestige F, L *vestigium*, footprint In E usu fig and accompanied by neg Cf *investigate*

There is no footstep in history of any absolute monarchy established in this island

(*News-Reader's Pocket-Book*, 1759)

vestment OF *vestment* (*vêtement*), L *vestmentum*, from *vestire*, to clothe In E usu of ceremonial, esp eccl garments, current use belonging to the High Church revival

This day [Nov 1, 1552] all copes and vestments were put downe through all England

(Wriothesley, *Cron*)

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(Swift M. Mill M.P. N. v. 6. 19.)

vill [*hist*] A territorial unit corresponding to AS tithing F *ville* Revived by modern historians

villa L. a manour or house out of a city or town (Coop.) ? corn ith *vicus* settle ment *wick* For sense-development of F *village* of *town* *ton* *ham* *borough* etc Current E sense is via It With *viladom* cf *suburbia*

Suburban villas highway s d r tree ta,
That dre d th encroachment t four g wing treet
(Cowper)

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villeggiatura It from *villeggiare* to live in a country villa

villein See *villain*

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vim Orig US ? Acc of L *vis* strength

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vincible Chiefly in *vincible* n rance (theol)
See *invincible*

vinculum L from *vincere* to bind

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vine F *vigne* L *vinca* vineyard vine from *vinum* wine (q v) In *vineyard* substituted for older wine AS *win* *card* with which cf Ger *wein* *arten* The older word survives in name *Wynyard*

vinegar F *vinagre* sour wine (see *eager*) cf It *vinagro* sower wine vinegar (Flor) Sp *vinagre* *vine* *ar* aspect is after Shaks (*Merch of Ven* 1. 1)

vint et un F twenty-one See *can* *John*

vinous F *vinoux* L *vinosus* from *vinum* wine

vintage Earlier *tenda* s (Wyc) F *vendange* vintage vine harvest grape harvest (Cotg) L *vindemia* from *vinu* i wine *demere* to remove from *de* and *emere* to take Later form is due to influence of *vinifier* (q v)

vintner Altered from earlier *vintler* OF *vinetier* from L *vinum* wine Hence *Vinty* part of the City (cf *Poult* *Jewry*)

viol For earlier *vielle* after later F *viola* cf Prov *viola* It Sp *viola* all from a root *vid* which appears in MedL *vidula* *vidula* and in *fidle* (q v) the WGer name being presumably of L origin If so the three instruments of the early minstrels represent the three Europ Lang groups viz L (*fielle*) Teut (*harp*) Celt (*viola*) *Viol* n is It *dim* *violino* an instrument of m *sacke* called a *violine* (Flor) and *violoncello* is It *dim* of augment *viol* *ne* a great *viol* or *viola* de *gamba* (ib) The *viola da gamba* is held between the legs (see *gambist*) ? UIt from I *fides* (lute) string

viola Flower L *violet* (q v)

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Haec vocabitur Virago, quoniam de viro sumpta est (Vulg Gen. ii 23)

virelay [mēt] F *virelai*, altered on *lai*, lay², from OF *vireli*, prob meaningless jingle as refrain of dancing song

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virgate [hɪst] MedL *virgata*, from *virga*, (measuring) rod, rendering AS *gwerdland*, yard¹ land Cf *bovate*, *caruncate*

Virgilian Of *Virgil*, as in quot below, referring to the *sortes Virgilianae*, i.e. opening Virgil at random as an oracle King Charles I, at Oxf, is said to have opened at *Aen* iv 615 The spelling *Virg-*, for L *Verg-*, comes via F from It

I cannot but suspect Cowley of having consulted on this great occasion the Virgilian lots (Johns)

virgin OF *virgine*, *virgne*, L *virgin-em*, acc of *virgo* (whence F *vierge*), cf It *vergine*, Sp *virgen* In early use chiefly of the Holy Virgin, and in ME also used (as was *maid*) of males Hence unsullied, untouched, as in *virgin forest* (gold, soil) The connection of archaic *virginals*, musical instrument, with this word is unexplained (cf archaic *regals*, used of a small organ)

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virtue F *vertu*, L *virtus*, *virtut-*, "vertue, strength, puissance, valiantnesse, mannesse, manhoode, prowessse, power Helpe Merit or defect" (Coop), from *vir*, man Orig sense survives in *virtual*, essential, *medicinal virtues*, in *virtue of*, and in Bibl lang Wyc has *virtue* passim where Tynd and AV have *power* Spec sense of female chastity first in Shaks (*Much Ado*, iv 1), but *virtuous* is earlier in this sense The *seven cardinal virtues*, as opposed to the *seven deadly sins*, are divided into natural

(justice, prudence, temperance, fortitude) and theological (faith, hope, charity). For sense-development cf Ger. *tugend*, virtue, from *taugen*, to be of service, whence also *tuchtig*, doughty

virtuoso It, in spec sense of skilled, learned See *virtu* Perh made current by Evelyn, who uses it repeatedly, while Pepys applies it to the members of the Royal Society

Such as are skilled in them [antiquities] are by the Italians tearmed *Virtuosi*, as if others that either neglect or despise them were idiots or rakehells (Peacham, 1634)

virulent L *virulentus*, from *virus*, poison, venom

vis L, strength

visa F, L, p p. fem of *vidēre*, to see. Cf. *visé*

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visard See *visor*

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viscacha S Amer rodent Sp, from Peruv viscera L, pl of *viscus*, "the chief intestes of a man or beast, as the hart, splene, longes, liver, &c" (Coop)

viscount AF *viscountie*, OF *visconte* (*visconte*), from *vice-* (q v) and *count*¹ (q.v), cf It *visconte*, Sp *vizconde* In ME spec a sheriff The form *vice-count* is also found

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visé F, p p of *viser*, to inspect, VL **visare*, from *vidēre*, *vis-*, to see

Vishnuism Worship of *Vishnu*, second of the triad of Hindu deities, Sanskrit *Vishṇu* lit worker, from *vish*, to be active

visible F, L *visibilis*, from *vidēre*, *vis-*, to see *Visible* means of subsistence are referred to in an act of 1824 Cf *vision*, F, L *visio-n-*, also aphet for obs *avision*, apparition, from OF, app influenced by *aviser*, to warn

Visigoth [hɪst] Late L *Visigothus*, Late G *Oōstrogōthos*, with first element prob meaning west, cf *Ostrogoth*

vision See *visible*

visit F *visiter*, to inspect, search, etc, L *visitare*, frequent of *visere*, from *vidēre*, *vis-*, to see Early uses are due to frequent occurrence of *visitare* in Vulg, sense of inspecting, testing, passing into that of punishing, requiting. Current sense arises

voice OF *vois* (*voia*), L *vox*, *voc-*. Obs sense of vote (cf F *voix*) still in to *have a voice in*. As verb, to *voice* (a grievance, aspiration, etc.), used by Bacon, and then unrecorded till 19 cent

void OF. *voit*, *vuit* (*vide*), ? VL. **vocitus*, for **vacitus* (cf *evacuare*), app influenced also by *viduus*, empty. See *avoid*, of which archaic verb to *void* is sometimes an aphet. form *Aching void* was serious in 18 cent (Cowper)

voivode Ruler, official (Poland and Balkans). Russ *vojevoda*, with first element cogn with Russ *vojna*, war, Serb *vojsko*, army, second from Russ *voditi*, to lead. For formation cf Ger *herzog*, duke, lit army-leader, AS *heretoga*

vologe F, from *voler*, to fly. Current in ME (Chauc), but now re-introduced as a F word

volant F, pres part of *voler*, to fly, L *volare*

Volapük Artificial lang invented (1879) by Schleyer. Supposed to mean, in Volapük, world-speech. Cf *Esperanto*

volar [anat] From L *vola*, "the palme of the hand, or sole of the foote" (Coop)

volatile F *volatil*, L *volatilis*, from *volare*, to fly

vol-au-vent F, for *vole au vent*, fly in the wind

volcano It, "a hill that continually burneth and casteth out flame and smoke" (Flor), L *Vulcanus*, Vulcan, whose forge was supposed to be below Etna, to which the name was at first spec applied

vole¹ At cards F, ? L *vola*, hollow of the hand, ? or from *voler*, to fly

vole² Field-mouse. Short for *vole-mouse*, Norw Dan *vold*, *voll*, field, plain, ON *vollr*, cogn with E *weald*, *wold*

volet [arch] F, "a shut, or wooden window to shut over a glasse one" (Cotg), from *voler*, to fly, L *volare*

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vollant MedL *volitio-n-*, from *volo*, I wish

volkslied Coined (1771) by Herder, from Ger. *volk*, people, *lied*, song. Cf *folklore*

Volksraad [hist] Parliament of former SAfr republics. Du, council of the people (v s). *Raad* is cogn with Ger *rat*, counsel, E *rede*, *read*, etc

volley F *volée*, from *voler*, to fly, L *volare*. Orig a term at tennis (v 1), and still surviving as such in E, of taking the ball in

"flight" With shooting sense cf to "let fly"

perdre la volée pour le bon to lose an opportunity, by neglecting it, upon a hope that it will return (Cotg)

volplane [aeron] For F. *vol plané*, from *vol*, flight, and p p of *planer*, to glide

volt Unit of electromotive power. From *Volta*, It physicist (†1827), whence also *voltage*, *voltage*. Cf. *galvanism*, *ohm*, *ampere*, etc

Voltaire Of *Vollaire* (†1778), i.e François-Marie Arouet, whose pen-name is said to be an anagram of *Arouet le j* (le jeune)

volte [fenc & equit] F *volte*, "the bounding turn which cunning riders teach their horses" (Cotg). As *vault*² (q v).

volte-face F, It *volta faccia*, turn face

voltigeur [hist] F, orig member of light company, light bob, from *voltiger*, It *volteggiare*, to leap, etc. See *vault*²

voluble L *volubilis*, from *volvere*, *volu-t-*, to turn, roll. Current sense first in Shaks

A knave very voluble (*Olh u 1*)

volume F, L *volumen*, from *volvere*, to roll, the earliest volumes being in roll form. Hence also mass, wreath (of smoke, etc), orig conceived as in form of coil

voluntary F *volontaire*, L *voluntarius*, from *voluntas*, wish, from *volo*, I wish, cogn with *will*. A *voluntary* in church is supplied by the organist as something outside his compulsory duties. *Volunteer* (F *volontaire*) has app been influenced by other mil words in *-ier*, *-eer* (*grenadier*, *carbineer*, etc)

Orders to disarm and secure malignants in the county and to raise volunteers for the security and defence of y^e same (Josselin's *Diary*, 1650)

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vomit From L *vomere*, *vomit-*, cogn with G *épêv*, to vomit (cf *emetic*). Hence *vomitory*, exit of Roman amphitheatre. *Vomito*, yellow fever, is Sp *vómito*

voodoo WInd witchcraft, with human sacrifice and devil-worship. ? Creole F, from *vaudois* (see *Waldenses*), these "heretics" being represented as devil-worshippers by RC teachers of negroes. The *NED* does not, however, mention this theory, but

wafer ONF *waufre* (*gaufre*), LG. or Du *wafel* (whence US *waffle*, kind of pancake), cogn with Ger *wabe*, honeycomb, which is ult cogn with *weave* Orig small flat cake with honeycomb pattern, as still F *gaufre* See *goffer*

Waff Acrostic (1915) of *West African Frontier Force*

waft From 16 cent (also *waught*), in obs naut sense of conveying ships, very common in early naut literature Fletcher calls Charon the "wafter of the souls" App this sense passed into that of signalling to convoy, indicating direction, etc, in which there was prob confusion with *wave*¹ App from archaic Du or LG *wahlen*, to watch, guard, etc (see *watch*, *wart*) For pronunc cf *laughter*

I shall conducte and waft hys vytellars to hys grett army in the water of Brest

(*French War*, 1512-13)

The Scots were very busy a wafting her [an English galley] ashore towards them, with a banner of Saint George that they had (W Patten, 1548).

I made a weffe with my torbant [turban]

(Jourdain, 1611)

wag Cf Sw *vagga*, to rock, ON *vagge*, cradle, cogn with AS *wagian* (whence ME *wawen*), OHG *wagōn*, whence Ger frequent *wackeln*, "to wag, wobble, totter, rock, reel or move" (Ludw), ult. cogn with *weigh* Now rather jocular, and esp of tails, but see *Matt.* xxvii 39 *Wag*, jester, orig rascal, as still in to *play the wag* (truant), is short for *waghalter*, with which cf synonym *crackrope*, *crackstring*, whence obs *crack*, lad (*Cor* 1 3). Cf with these Sc *hempie*, minx, It *capestro*, wag, lit halter With *wagtail* cf synonym Du *kwakstaart*, lit quick-tail (see *redstart*, s v *red*), and *rumpeurviker*

The gallows groans for this wag as just rope-ripe
(*Misogonus*, 1 4, c 1550).

caestrolo a wag, a haltersacke (Flor)

Wife, the meaning hereof differeth not two pins
Between wagging of men's beards and women's
chins (Heywood, 1562)

"Thus we may see," quoth he, "how the world
wags" (*As You Like It*, ii 7).

c.n. *erzschalek* an arch-wag, a waghalter (Ludw).

wage. Noun ONF (*gage*), from Goth *wadi*, pledge, whence MedL *vadium*, cogn with *wed* For pl often treated as sing (*Rom* vi 23) cf *links*, *shambles*, etc Hence verb to wage (war), orig to declare war, with which cf *gage of battle* With *uager* cf

synon F *gageure* Its earlier sense appears in lust *wager of battle*

gage a gage, pawne, pledge, also, a wager and a stake at play, also, a guerdon, reward, or salary
(Cotg)

Not a miserable allowance to starve on, but living wages (Lloyd-Jones, *Beehive*, July 18, 1874)

wager See *wage*

waggle Frequent. of *wag*, cf Ger *wackeln*
waggon Du *wagen*, carriage, cogn with *wain* (q v) Still in US, after Du, for vehicle in gen, cf also *waggonette*. See also quot s v *crambo* To hitch one's waggon to a star is from Emerson

O Proserpina,

For the flowers now, that frighted thou let'st fall
From Dis's waggon (*Wint Tale*, iv 4)

From Dort I took wagon [i.e. a coach] to Rotterdam
(Evelyn)

waif ONF. for OF *garf*, of Teut origin, but exact source doubtful (see *waive*)
Orig leg. of abandoned property (*waifs and strays*)

gaynes, choses gaynes weifes, things forsaken, 'mis-carned, or lost, which not being justly claimed in a yeare and a day, may be lawfully retained by the finder, or by the lord of the mannor wherein they were found (Cotg)

wail ON *vala*, ? orig to cry *woe*, ON *væ*, *vei* In ME esp in *weep and wail*.

For I moot wepe and wayle while I lyve,
With al the wo that prison may me yeeve

(Chauc A 1295)

wain [archaic] AS *wāgn*. Com Teut, cf Du Ger *wagen*, ON *vagn*, ult cogn with *way*, with L *vehere*, to convey, carry, G *ὄχος*, vehicle, Sanskrit *vah*, to transport An ancient Aryan root (cf *nave*¹, *wheel*), pointing to early invention of vehicles

wainscot Du *wagenschof*, earlier *wagheschof*, of which second element means board First element may be a Fris word cogn with AS *wāg*, wall, but is explained by Kil as from archaic Du *wage*, *wave*², with ref to marking of grain (v 1) The word is very old in E, and was orig applied to a fine kind of boarding imported from Holland

waghe-schof lignum scriமானum, tabula undulata, asser tignus, lignum quod sponte fluctuantis maris undas imitatur (Kil)

waist ME *waste*, from *waven*, to grow, orig of a man's, rather than woman's, waist, and regarded as the region of greatest circumference. The *waist* of a ship (v 1) is still its widest part

waste, of a man's *wedyl*, *castus* (*Prompt* Part).

Then up they he vo him straight, and from the
waste

Him suddenly into the sea they cast

(S)lv J s

wait ONF *waiter* (OF *gaiter* whence I
guetler to lurk lie in wait) OHF *waiten*
to stand on guard com with *mate* and
wait Something of ong sens appears
in archaic to *wait on* a court and in noun
wait now Christmas minstrel but orig
watchman. With to *lie in* a corre
sponding to F *aux aguet* cf *aud* i (q v)

Y Rob 4 on These mi trels do corrupt th
manners of th prop and inflame the ba hery
by their lwd an l obscure songs.
Sir Thomas li oth H piers should be d i
W — Pipers st ulf be conprehended.
Alle ma hnt I hope you tnd m t t nd d
ti waits fth Cit of London whi h Great
P every li u fm sh use i th m ht
(B t n F i Dairy Dec 5 056)

waive ONF *waive* (OF *gaiter*) to renounce
esp to hand over to the lord of th manir
Of obscure origin It mght come from ON
veita to give grant (eg a fief) via an OF
gaiter with the same consonantal change
as in *give sacory* (q v) See also *stray*
waif The journey to *waive aside* (an
objection etc) is due to confusion with
*mate*¹

wake¹ Verb AS *wacian* (strong intrans)
neccan (weak trans) Com T ut f Du
wake *wekken* Ger *wach* *wach* n ON
waka *wakja* Goth *wakan* *wakjan* cogn
with *watch* and l with L *ri* il Wyc has *waka*
where Tynd has *wach* *Waken* s AS
wacnian orig intrans AS *wacu* *wace*
watching (in *nihtracu*) survives as *wite*
in dial sense of jollification and with spec
Ir sen e Cf It *wegghia* (L i il i) a
watch a watching a wake a waking a
revelling a nht (Flor)

wake² Of ship D i *wak* of Scand on in
cf Norw *wake* *wa* v k opening in ice
ON i h Hence also synon naut F *ouai* *he*
houi *he* OF *oua* *e* whch may be partly
responsible for F *wish* (of a sh p)

waken See *wake*¹

Waldenses [h st] Body of early Reformers
followers of Peter Wald or Valdo of Lyons
(c 1170) Hence F *Waldou*

waldhorn [mus] Ger wood horn hunting
horn

wale **weal** AS *walu* stripe ridge caused by
lash, orig rod cf ON *wale* rod Goth
walus staff Cf naut *wale* side-timber of
ship now chiefly in comp *gunwale*

channel² Also *wal knot* commonly *wall*
knot US to *wale* thrash, is a wrong
spelling

waler [Anglo Ind] Horse imported from
New South Wales

wali Turk governor f *blightly* *elives*

walk AS *wealan* to roll In MF also to
full (tread) cloth whence name *Waker*
Com Teut cf Du Ger *walken* to full,
ON *walka* to stamp wallow com with
L *cal* us bandy lewd *Walloer* occurs
when in the absence of competitors the
solitary starter can traverse the course at
a walk. A *walsh* *gentleman* (last) has a
valent part on the stage

Wh m [J Haes] I m y justly styl *walking*,
l h ar [A thony a Wood, 4th Ox m. 24]

Walker [slan] Also *Hook* *Waker* imply
derisive incredulity The reason for the
choice of the name is unknown Cf *jug* *gus*
lusk *n* *ton* etc

Mr W lie senso tured to suggest, in n und
t ne that b [Stegun] m t be th ep ese t b
f th un ted p n des f balst nmon W t t
and S i t Walk With (Parks, b luv)

wall AS *weall* rampart L *all* m a bul
warke or rampure (Thomas) whence also
Du *wal* Ger *wall* Welsh *gwail* (from E)
etc. Replaced in gen sense AS *wal* but
has kept m l sense in other lines For wid
diffusion of the L word cf *street* To go to
the wall is a reminiscence of the time when
there were no side walks and the great
man and his retinue took the crown of
the causeway i the middle of the road
With the introduction of side walks the
position was reversed (1) The *walsh* *wer*
gro s on walls joc use for ldy not in
tited to dance being 19 cent

Tw men h t n ht, jostling for th wall abt th
N w Ex hang d d kill on an th each thrusng
the oth thro gh (Peprs, F b. 664)

wallaby Small kangaroo A stral native
name Hence on the *walaby* track on the
trump

Wallach See *Welsh* Gen sense of foreigner
appears in Boh *Wl* h Italian

wallah [An lo-Ind] Agent doer (see *com*
petition *wal* i h) Chiefly in joc. form a
tions

You w t into action claimed Ethelbert,—
"you a confirmed base-wallah"
(P ack, Oct. 30, 19 81)

wallaroo Kind of kangaroo Native Austral
name

wallet App ident with *wattle* (q v), as *walet*, *watle* occur as var MS readings in *Piers Ploum* (C 11 269) Shaks (*Temp* iii 3) uses "wallets of flesh" of the Alpine goitre, app likened to the "wattles" of a turkey

wall-eyed ME *wald-eyed*, ON *vald-eygthn*, ? for *vagl-*, beam, disease of eye. Some connect the first element with *weld*¹ or *woad*

gauzo bleere-eyed, pinck-eyed, squint-eyed, goggle-eyed, whal-eyed (Flor)

wall-knot [naut] See *wale*

Walloon F *Wallon*, people and Rom lang of part of Belgium and NE France See *Welsh*

wallopp [slang] To thrash, in ME to gallop, also to boil furiously App connected with AS *weallan* (see *well*¹), but of obscure formation (see alternative suggestion s v gallop) See also *potwalloper* With intens use of *wallopping* cf *thumping*, *spanking*, etc

wallow AS *wealtwan*, to roll, cogn with Goth *walujan*, L *volvare*, to roll

He walowed to a grete stoon at the dore of the biriel (Wyc *Matt* xxvii 60)

walnut First element is AS *wealh*, foreign (see *Welsh*), cf Du *walnoot*, Ger *walnuss* (also *welsche nuss*), ON *valknót*, cf also Pers *gaurūm*, walnut, lit Roman nut

Walpurgis night Ger *Walpurgisnacht*, witches' revel, esp on Brocken, on May-day eve From *Walburga*, E abbess who migrated to Heidenheim in Germany in 8 cent, by the accident of May 1 being the day of the removal of her bones from Heidenheim to Eichstädt

walrus Dan *hvalros*, inversion of ON *hross-hvalr*, horse-whale (cf AS *horschwæl*). Du *walrus*, Ger *walross* are also of Scand origin, and the E word may be via Du The more usual early E name was *morse* (q v)

waltz From Ger *walzer* (18 cent), from *walzen*, to roll, cogn with *welter*¹ Some, however, connect both dance and word with the F *volte* (see *volte*, *vault*²), a popular medieval dance

Those maniacal turnings and gesticulations which have lately become fashionable in this country, under the appellation of German vaults (or rather, *walzen*) (*Domestic Encycl* 1802)

wampum N Amer Ind, from *womp* (Nar-ragansett), *wapi* (Delaware), white (cf *wapiti*) The current form is short for *wampumpeag*, white money (ie strung shells)

wan AS *wann*, black, dark, later sense of pale being connected with earlier via idea of absence of colour, ? cogn with AS *wan*, deficient (see *wane*, *wanton*) An epithet of the sea in Chauc (A 2456)

wand ON *vondr*, ? cogn with *wind*² (from phancy), cf Goth *wandus*.

wander AS *wandrian*, frequent formation from root of *wend*, cf Du *wandelen*, Ger *wandeln*, to walk, *wandern*, to wander

wanderoo Monkey Sinhalese *wanderu*, cogn with Hind *bandar* (cf *bandar-log*), from Sanskrit *vana*, tree, forest

wane AS *waman*, from *wan*, wanting (see *wanton*) Usu of moon and in contrast with *wax*

wang-hee. Cane. Chin, ? yellow root

wangle First in printers' slang (1888) ? Ident with dial (Chesh) *wangle*, to shake, totter, with var *wankle* (cf ME *wankel*, unstable, Ger *wanken*, to totter), ? hence, to perform in make-shift fashion, do a thing somehow, also to be a dodger. fond of raising trouble

"You're a bloomin' wangler, Short" "What's that, corporal?" asked the injured Shorty "A wangler is a bloke who wangles," said Bill illuminatingly, "a nicker, a shirker, a grouser—any bloomin' thing that talks a lot an' don't do much work."

(E Wallace, *Private Selby*, 1912)

It may be laid down as an axiom that in every shop there is a senior wangler (*Daily Mail*, Mar 8, 1918)

want ON *vant*, neut of *vanr*, lacking (see *wanton*), whence also *vanta*, to be lacking, and E to *want* For sense-development cf F *il me faut*, I want, lit there lacks to me

wanton ME, from *wan-*, not, and *towen*, taught, trained, AS *togen*, p p of *tēon*, to draw, educate (see *tow*², *tie*), cf Ger *ungezogen*, ill-mannered, naughty, corresponding to ME *untowen* This is the only E survival of a Com Teut neg. prefix, cf Du *wan-* (still in *wanhooft*, despair), OHG *wan-* (still in *wahnwitz*, *wahnsinn*, madness), ON *vam* (see *want*), Goth *wans* ? Ult cogn with *vaim* See also *wane*, *wan* Orig of children, associated by Shaks with (childish) cruelty, and, in moral sense, explained by 17 cent etymologists as "want one" (of the opposite sex).

A frere ther was, a wantowne and a merve (Chauc A 208).

wap See *whop*

wapentake [hist] AS *wāpengetac*, *wāpentac*, ON *vāpnatak*, from *vāpna*, genitive pl. of *vāpn*, weapon, *tak*, touching, from *taka*, to take, grasp, etc Orig an armed muster

warm AS *warm* Com. Teut., cf. Du Ger *uarm*, ON. *varm*, Goth *warmjan* (verb), cogn. with L *formus*, G *θερμός*, Sanskrit *gharma*, heat, glow. For fig. senses cf. those of *cold*. A *warm man* is "comfortably off." *Warming-pan* is ME.

warn AS *uarnan*, cogn. with *ware*²; cf. Ger. *warnen*, ON. *varna*. Ground-idea is that of taking heed, providing against. See *garnish*.

warp AS *weorpan*, to throw. Com. Teut., cf. Du *werpen*, Ger. *werfen*, ON. *vespa*, Goth *warpan*. The *warp* of a fabric is that across which the *woof* is thrown. The idea of distortion or bending, orig. naut. and of Scand. origin, is found in the other Teut. langs., cf. also F. *déjeté*, warped, from *jeter*, to throw. The connection of *warp*, land reclaimed from the sea, is obscure, but this sense is old (v 1).

warpe, threads for *webb*, nge stamen (Prompt. Parv.).

warpyng, of vessels that were *wrope* or a *relonge* oblongacio (ib.).

warbyre of the sea or of other water. alluvium (ib.).

The country here is all "warpe," or reclaimed land (Dauk. Chron. Mar. 26, 1919).

warrant ONF *warant* (F *garant*, surety), OHG *wrento*, from *weren*, to guarantee, whence Ger. *gewähren*, "to warrant, avouch, or assure" (Ludw.). From *garant* was formed *garantu*, whence E *guarantee*, senses of which are parallel with those of *warrant*. Cf. *warranty*, ONF *warantie*, from *warrantu*. With I II *warrant* cf. I P *be bound*. A *warrant officer* has a *warrant* from his superior, not a commission from the sovereign. See also *arr*².

garantir, to warrant, or passe by *warrantie*, to give *harmesse*, to protect, support, defend, keep safe from *nuire* (Cotg.).

warren ONF *warenie* (F *garenne*), from OHG *ueren* (*u* *ueren*, *gewähren*), to keep safe, preserve (v 3), cogn. with Goth *warjan*, to protect, and with *weir*. Cf. *warrant*.

warrior See *war*.

wart AS *uirt* Com. Teut., cf. Du *wart*, Ger. *warze* ON. *varla*, ult. cogn. with L *terreus*, "a wart, a knap of flesh rising in the body" (Coop.).

wary From earlier *ware*² (q.v.). Cf. *swarthy*, *wasly*, etc.

A *ware* and of the laws, *war* and *wy-* (Cl. auc. A. 309).

was See *be*.

wash AF *wascar* orig. strong (as in Bibl. *washt*), Com. Teut., cf. Du *uieschen*, Ger. *waschen*, ON. *wasn*, ult. cogn. with

uel, *uater*. To *wash one's hand* of is after Matt. xxv. 24. The *wash* of a steamer is perh. rather naut. F. *ouache* (see *wake*²).

washer In mech. sense of disk of metal or leather for tightening joint this can hardly be from *wash*. Form below suggests possible connection with F. *vis*, screw, vice².

It [the nave] has likewise in each end of the hole, through which the end of the axle-tree goes, a ring of iron called the *wisher*, which saves the hole of the nave from wearing too big (Gent. Dict. 1793).

Washingtonia Californian palm. Named from George Washington.

wasp AS *wæsp*, *wæps* (whence dial. *u ips*) Com. Teut., cf. Du *wesp*, Ger. *wespe*, Norw. Dan. *weps*, cogn. with OSlav. *rosa*, L. *vespa*, ? and ult. with *icare*, from structure of nest (cf. *wafer*). F. *guêpe* (OF *guêpe*) shows mixture of L. *vespa* with Teut. *w-* (cf. *waste*).

wassail [archaiz.] AF *weisseil* (Wace), representing AS drinking salutation *wes hæl*, be hale (healthy), where *wes* is imper. of *wesen*, to be (whence *was*, *were*). Cf. AS *hæl* *wes* *thū* (Luke, i. 28). See *half*¹, *whole*.

waste ONF *waster* (F. *gâter*, to spoil), L. *vastare*, to waste, destroy, from *vastus*, vast, desolate. The init. is influenced by OHG *wastan* (from L.), cogn. with AS. *wæste*, waste, uninhabited, Du. *woest*, Ger. *wüst*, *wüst*, whence *wüste*, wilderness. Sense of prodigality is in Chauc. (c. 593). *Waster*, as term of contempt, may owe something to naut. *waister*, inefficient seaman stationed in waist of ship. *Wastrel* is its dim. (cf. *cocherel*, *dolterel*). With F. *gâter* cf. It. *guastare*, Sp. *gastar*.

watch AS *uæce* (noun), *uacian* (verb), cogn. with *wake*¹, orig. of night only, hence *watch*, and *wind*, night and day guard, cf. Ger. *wache*, *wacht* (as in *die wacham Rhein*), Goth. *wahtuð*, *watch*, *uahlere*, watchman. The *watch* orig. patrolled the streets, or guarded the camp, at night, hence *watch-word*. A *watch* differs from a clock in needing to be "watched" instead of listened to; cf. F. *monter*, orig. clock-dial, from *montrer*, to show, L. *monstrare*. Watchman, what of the night? (F. xx. 11).

water AS *water* Com. Teut., cf. Du *water*, Ger. *wasser*, ON. *lahr*, Goth. *uato*; cogn. with *uel*, with G. *Wäp* and OSlav. *woda* (see *rodka*). Another Aryan name is represented by L. *aqua*, AS *ea* (as in *Tunnam*, at two waters), Goth. *ahra* (cf. Ger. *Eisenach*, *Fulda*, etc.). Numerous fig.

occur in dial as synon with stubble-goose

The master printer gives them a way-goose, that is he makes them a good feast

(Morton, *Mechanick Exercises*, 1683)

we AS *wē* Com Teut, cf Du *wij*, Ger *wir*, ON *vēr*, Goth *weis*, cogn with Sanskrit *vayam*

weak ON *veikr* Com Teut, cf AS *wāc*, Du *week*, Ger *weich*, cogn with G *αἰκν*, to yield Form, for ME *week*, has been affected by *weaken*, from AS *wācan*, from *wāc* (v s)

weal¹ Prosperity AS *wela*, cogn with *well*²

weal² Mark of blow See *wale*

weald AS *weald*, forest, woodland, whence ME *wald*, *wæld*, now *wold* Com Teut, cf Du *woud*, Ger *wald*, ON *voll* (see *vole*²) The spelling is archaic and app due to Verstegan In 16-17 cents often confused with *wild*

A franklin in the wild of Kent (1 Hen IV, ii 1)

wealth ME *welthe*, from *weal*¹ Orig sense was welfare, happiness, as still in *commonwealth* and in *PB* (e g *Prayer for the King's Majesty*) Cf sense-development of F *bien*, *well*, goodness, property

For the wealth of our voyage, the health of our men, and safetie of our ships (Hakl v 212)

wean AS *wēman*, to accustom, e g to a new diet Com Teut, cf Du *gewennen*, Ger *gewohnen* (MHG *gewenen*), ON *venja* From a Teut adj which appears in E *wont* (q v). In current E sense Ger uses *entwöhnen*, to unaccustom, with which cf synon AS *āwenian*

weapon AS *wāpen* Com Teut, cf Du *wapen*, Ger *waffe*, weapon, *wappen*, coat-of-arms (from LG), ON *vāpn*, Goth *wēpna* (pl), ? cogn with G *ᾠπλον*

wear¹ Of clothes AS *werian*, orig weak (v 1), cf OHG *werian*, ON *verja*, Goth *wasjan*, cogn with *vest* Secondary sense of using up springs from that of effect of age on clothes, cf Ger *abtragen*, to wear out, from *tragen*, to wear, lit carry

A whit cote and a blew hood wered he

(Chauc A 561)

The House hve cut us off £150000 of our wear and tear (Pepys, Oct 12, 1666)

wear² [naut] Seamen's pronunc of *veer*², with past *wore*, due to association with *wea*¹

to *veer* signifie russi "venir vent arrière" On corrompt souvent ce mot en disant to *veer* (Lesc)

He [Nelson] disobeyed the signal without a moment's hesitation and ordered his ship to be wored

(Southey)

weary AS *wērig*, cogn with *wōrian*, to wander, cf OSax *wōrig*, weary, OHG *wuorig*, drunk Unconnected with *wear*¹ weasand [archaic] AS *wāsend*, *wāsend*, the latter now represented by dial *wosen* App pres part of some lost verb

weasel AS. *wesle* Com Teut, cf Du. *wezel*, Ger *wiesel*, ON *hreys-vísla*, hole-weasel ? Cf OSlav *vesely*, lively.

weather AS *weder* Com. Teut; cf Du *weder*, Ger *wetter*, ON *vettr*; cogn with *wind*¹, Ger *wehen*, to blow, Sanskrit *vāta*, wind Orig sense of movement of air (*wind* and *weather*) survives in naut lang, e g *weather side* (opposite of *lee*), to *weather a storm* (*cape*), *weather gage*, to *keep one's weather eye open*, etc Cf also Ger *gewitter*, storm, *witlern*, to wind (game), *verwittelt*, weathered (of rocks, walls, etc) With *weathercock*, from shape, cf synon. Du. *weerhaan*, Ger *wetterhahn* This compd also preserves the connection between *weather* and *wind* *Weather-beaten* (cf Norw Dan: *veerslagen*) has absorbed also *weather-bitten* (cf *frost-bitten*, *hard-bitten*), corresponding to Norw Dan *venbidt*, Sw *väderbiten*

weave AS *wefan* Com Teut, cf Du. *weven*, Ger *weben*, ON *vefa*, cogn with G *ῥφω*, web, and with Sanskrit *ārna-vābhi*, spider, lit wool-weaver One of the key industries of primitive races, hence numerous and simple fig applications.

weazen See *wizened*

web AS *webb*, cogn with *weave*, cf Du. *web*, Ger *gewebe*, ON *vefr*

wed AS *weddian*, from *wed*, pledge, which is Com Teut, cf Du *wedde*, Ger *wette*, ON *vetth*, Goth *wadi*, all in sense of pledge, wager, marriage sense developing in E only from earlier sense of betrothal (v 1); cogn with L *vas*, *vad-*, G *ἀθλον* (whence *athletic*) See also *gage*¹ Wyc always has *wed*, which Tynd replaces by *marry* *Wedlock* is AS *wēllac*, second element meaning sport, offering, etc (see *lark*²), occurring also in some pers names, e g *Gūthlāc* (*Goodlake*) Its precise sense here is obscure

A mayden, weddid to a man, to whom the name was Joseph (Wyc Luke, 1 27)

wedge AS. *wecg* Com. Teut; cf Du *wegge*, simnel-cake, *wig*, wedge, Ger *weck*, wedge-shaped cake (OHG *wecchi*, wedge), ON *weggr*, wedge For Du & Ger senses cf E dial *wig* (v 1)

eschau'd a kind of *wigg*, or symnell, fashioned somewhat like a hart; a three cornered symnell (Cotgr).

wedgwood From Josiah Wedgwood (†1793)
a Burslem potter

Wednesday AS *Wodnesdag* day of Woden translating Late L. *Mercurius dies* (F. *mercredi*) day of Mercury with whom Odin was identified Cf. *Wodnesbury* (Staff.) *horon* of Woden Corresponding to E. *are Du woensdag* O.V. *othinsdag* but Ger. adopted *mittu ch* mid week after Late L. *media hebdomas* with which Cf. It. *dial mezdima* Woden O.V. *Wotan* Cf. *Wotan* (as in the H. *Wotan* line of 1017) is cogn. with Ger. *u u* frenzy archaic E. *uo d* mad

wee *Orn*, *Sc* & north and in early use always accompanied by *little* (cf. *tiny*) as in Shaks (*Merry Wives* 1.4) *Weens* is used in *Sir a.* use in *NIr*. The analogy of *Ger uen*, *wie tiny* from *wenig* little a derivative of *wach* *woe* suggests that *wee* is ident with the northern var (still in dial use) of *wor* and that *wenny* is from (? cogn.) *ME wene* misery sense of small developing from that of pitiable etc as in the case of *Ger uen g*. The two words *wo* and *wene* are sometimes coupled in *ME Wee Willie Winkie* (*Sc*) corresponds to *Dan Ole Lukøie* *Olaf hut eye US sand man* sending children to sleep

"Shut y ur yes t'ght eplid M Lutton or Billy Wunbe will be drajd sand in th m

(Set pool *Blue Lacron*)

weed¹ Plant AS *u od of* OSax *wied* Du
wied n to weed Both Spenser and Be
 Jonson call tobacco the *sovereign weed*

weed² Garment You only post e e in
u r l o w s needs AS wad Com Tent
cf Du genaad OHG wad gwa O's
sath cogn with Sanskrit sa to weave
See quotes sv apron weid

After I lwd a woman i a mound ge weed
black a d gerd (Llyot Gower w B 423)

wee free [fol] Orig applied to a Sc church party and after election of 1918 to the Rump of the old Liberal party

week AS *u1 u1 u1 u1* Com Tent of Da
week Ger *woche* (OHG also *waha*) ON
vik Goth *u1 u1* Orig sense: perl change
alternation (cf AS *u1* office service)
hence com with Ger *wechsel* change and
ult with L *e com* *u1 a* and is a northern
expression which became gen c 1835

Cal'd will tell you that h b been in th l rry
for om nny r s d th t it must h ve killed him
long ag but th t it h been a rule with him t
g to t of th tom every S t d y I mak the
Sunday a day I q i t, and good y fires went to
the or try (Law Seven Call, - 5)

ween. Poet and in overweening, is nāna
to hope think from men expectation
Comp Tent of Du wānen Get wānen
ON tāna Goth. nānan

weep AS *wēpan* orig strong (past *wēp* cf dual *slep*) from *wōp* outcry sense of triumph shown our progress in a primitive and demonstrative to a restrained race Cf F *pleurer* to weep L *ploro* to cry out (see *explo*) (om Teut. cf Osax *wōpan* OHG *u wēpan* G *weinen* Goth *wōpan* the verb in each case being derived from a noun *ī* of unit orig. *ŋ* indicating outcry With *we* *regis* or L *regis* *pleu* *eur* Ger *weinen* from *l* *awe* *moutum*

The 13th wdp d t th grs lit g
(45.60 p 1 m t v) 1

weever fish. Dual form of the verb
waver (q.v.) the name being due to the
formidable pines.

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archaic Du *weel* curcul (H d) Ger
ni *bel* ON *spil* (in *kerdhill* dun beetle)
cogn with weate from the enclosure of the
larva

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cf AS *neß* warp

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Com Teut. cf Du *wegen* to weigh h, Ger
wagen to rock *wagen* to weigh *wagen*
move ON *weg* to move lift was h Goth
waganan to stir cogn with *wagon* i with
L *vehere* to transport Sense of motion
passed into that of lifting (cf to *wag*
anchor) and then of weighing. To weigh n
(with an argument etc) is f from the
successful jockey after winning a race
Undr weigh (naut) is app for *weg*
(q v) With *weg* AS *gewite* cf Du
Ger *gen* ht ON *lætt* height of mael is
on naut and refers to net fixed be-
ship's guns at one d sel urge T *gale* e
weight is from rowing cf I *wtigen* t
passenger For *weighty* each no l J cf
weakly len thy

wear wear 19 ev corn with see an
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to find The rib is Corn Tent d
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d fend, Goth margin t obstruct d end.
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\ rre or Fatek t o sw f it vi Mo.3

1 3), misunderstood later as meaning uncanny, gruesome-looking AS *wyrd*, fate, from *weorðan*, to become, orig sense of turning, direction, appearing in cogn suffix *-ward(s)*. The verb is Com Teut. (see *worth*²). Cf ON *urðr*, fate, *Urðr*, one of the Norns, cogn with *verða*, to become. The *virðes* that we clepen destinee

(Chauc *Leg Good Wouen*, 2580)

Makbeth and Banquo met be þe gart þre wōmen
cloþit in elrage and uncouth weid. They wer jugit
be the pepill to be weird sisters

(Bellenden's *Boethius*)

welcome From *well*² and *come* (p p), cf F *bienvenu*, It *benvenuto*, ON *velkominn*, all prob orig as greeting. But this has replaced AS *wilcume*, cf *wilcuma*, welcome guest, lit one coming according to will, wish (cf Ger *willkommen*)

weld¹ Dyers' weed ME *welde*, *wolde*, Sc *wald*, cf LG *wolde*, Du *wouwe*, Ger *wau*, earlier *waude*, also F *gaude* (from Teut.)

weld² Verb. For earlier *well*, in sense of coagulating of melted metal (see *well*¹). For excrement *-d* cf *would*. Prob, with other iron-work words (e.g. *coldshort*), from Sw, which uses *välla*, to well, bubble up, in same sense

wellyn metyl fundo (Prompt *Parv*)

wellyn mylke or oil er lycour coagulo (ib.)

welfare From *well*² and *fare*. Cf *farewell* and Ger *wohlfahrt*. Child *welfare* is a neol. **welk** [archaic] To wither ME *welken*, *welwen*, ? from *walh*, sickly. Cf synon Ger *welken*, from *welk*, faded, ? orig. damp

verwelcken to forwelk, flag, wither, dry up, droop, decay, fade, or fade away, as a flower does (Ludw.)

welkin [poet] AS *wolcnu*, pl of *wolcen*, cloud WGer, cf Du. *wolk*, Ger *wolke*, cloud. For sense-development in E cf *sky*. Esp in to make the *welkin ring*

well¹ For water AS *wella*, well, spring, etc. Orig rather of moving water, and cogn with *weallan*, to boil, well up, etc. Com Teut, cf Du *wel*, spring, Ger *welle*, wave, *wallen*, to boil up (cf *wallop*), ON *vell*, bubbling (whence Sw. *välla*, to weld), ult cogn with L *volvare*, to roll. Older sense survives in *well-head*, *wellspring*

Dan Chaucer, well of English undefyled

(*Faerie Queene*, iv ii 32)

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welladay, **wellaway** [poet] Second is older, *welladay* (*Many Wives*, iii 3) perh. being suggested by *woe worth the day* (see *worth*²) ME. *wei la wei*, northern var of *wo lo wo*, AS *wā lā wā*, i.e. *woe lo woe*

For I may syngie alas and weylaway

(Chauc B 1308)

wellington Boot. Named from *Duke of Wellington*. Cf *wellingtonia*, New Zealand tree. Cf also *blucher*

Welsbach burner From name of Austrian inventor. See *thorium*

Welsh AS *wēlisc*, foreign, from *wealh*, foreigner, slave, esp Celt. Cf Ger *welsch*, foreign, esp Italian, *Welschland*, Italy. From the Celt tribe *Volcae*, inhabiting southern Gaul. Cogn are *Wallachia*, *walnut*, *Cornwall*, *Walloon*, etc. For sense-development cf Arab *ajam*, foreigner, Persian. With *Welsh rabbit* (incorr. *rare-bit*) cf *Bombay duck*, *Welsher*, betting sharper, perh belongs to the reputation given to Taffy in the old rime "The word is modern, but the practice is ancient" (Hotten)

welt¹ Seam ME *welt* (of a sho), "incutium" (*Prompt Parv*), of obscure origin. For dial sense of thrash cf *wale*, *weat*², with which *welt* is perh cogn

welt² Ger, world, esp in *weltmacht*, colonial power, usu misunderstood in E as meaning world domination, *weltpolitik*, *weltschmerz*. The last was coined (1810) by Jean Paul Richter and popularized by Heine

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welter² In *welter weight*, unusually heavy. ? From *welter*¹, as likely to produce a wallowing motion

Theoretically, a *welter-weight* is that which should make a horse roll from distress at the finish of a race, a sight frequently seen

(*Notes & Queries*, Aug 22, 1903)

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Whig "The name of a political faction" (Johns) Orig. (c 1667) a Covenanters,

Sc rebel for earlier *uhs amore* said to have been applied to Sc carters from the west who employed the word *uhigean* in sense of *gee up!* In current sense like *Tory* from Revolution of 1683

Those whom (by w y f h t f all distan ti) they call'd Whiggs and Tru ners (i elyn 1683)

while Orig noun AS *hwil* space of time is still in *long while worth whil between* etc. Com Teut cf Du *wyl* Ger *weile* ON *hilla* rest Goth *hweila* *Whilft* is for earlier *whiles* (cf *a un t i and ti*) with *ady s* With archaic *whilom* AS *hwilum* (dat pl) cf *ynon* Ger *weiland* with excrement *d* from OHC *uilon* *hwilon* (dat pl) and Du *ijlen* In to *while away the time* there may be a socialization with *wile* (cf *F tromper l heure*)

d r weiland h b is th lat k s (L dw)

whim Earlier (16 cent) usu *whim uham* The *s* of *whimsy* (Milt) *whimsical* points to connection with Du *u m se* to run about aimlessly Dan dial *hums* giddy cf ON *huma* to wander with the eyes

whimbrel Curlew App from cry cf *whimper*

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short stabbing sword It is spelt *uhynde* by Skelton (*Bouge of Court* 363) but the *h* is prob intrusive Boyer (12 cent) has *weinyard* The form *whinger* is Sc (16 cent.) L is very fond of *yard* cf *halyard lanyard* Skelton even has *hoynyarde* OF *hainewr* later

b aquema a wood knife hangar *hineyard* (Gutz)

pa a m p gode p dens Ger *los teg* *eida* Du *byha gode d g h* It prelaert een hese een hang een toot d g (A Junius)

whip The *h* prob unoriginal and ground sense is quick and sudden movement (cf to *wh p off* or *ti*) cf Du *wipen* to shak or to wag (He h) Ger *wip en* to flog (from LG) cogn with *weifen* to wind whup (eg frills) with which cf *gu pure* ult cogn with L *u brare* Ger *wipfel* tree-top is also connected and LG *wip* bundle of twi s suggests a possible origin of the current sense Ori sense appears in Du *wip start* wagtul also in *whipstater* of cart with which cf *swingle tree* from swing Thou h not recorded in AS it is a true Teut word with Scand cognates Parl use of *whip* likening the ele t of the people to fox hounds is characteristic of a sporting race Cf to *ha e the u h p hand* of (Dryden) *Whipper snapper* (T Brown c 1700) *whipsier* (O h v 2) app suggest much noise (snapping of whips) and little effect The *u h ppoorwill* (US) is named from its cry (cf *bobolink h y did more porh*)

H was first whipp r m t th Premr and then be am Pr mder himself (A Reg 17)

whippet Prob f om *whip* with idea of rapid movement Applied in the Great War to light tank

T se e and t ke w y all su h gr hounds be gles or wh ppet s ma any wia be sensive to h m jostys g m and du port (Royal W r et 1630)

whir Imit of *wh*

whirl ON *hwirfil* nn circuit crown f head (f *terf*) cogn with Du *werel* Ger *wirbel* vortex whirlwind Norw Dan. has also verb *h irro* ON *h e fa* to turn hence archaic Dan *hvir elund* Com Teut cf AS *hu orf n* to turn Du *werpen* Ger *werben* to be actively employed For *whirl* (Prompt Parv) see 818

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He kept a phaeton, a stylish Tim Whiskey
(Hickey's *Memoirs*, II 32)

whisker See *whisk* In 17-18 cents *pair of whiskers* usu = moustache

whisker, or *mustache* *mystax* (Litt)

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So was his joly whistle wel v-net
(Chauc. A 4155)

whit AS *wiht*, thing, wight¹ (q.v.), the former app. the older sense Cf *ought*, *naught*, *rot* Now always with neg., or in every *whit*, as in *AI* (1 Sam iii 18)

Whit, Whitsun The second form is due to wrong separation of *Whit-Sunday*, i.e. *White Sunday*, into *Whitsun-day* (cf *Whit-Monday*) ? So called from white garments worn at baptisms usu celebrated at this time Late AS *Hwita-sunnan-dag* (earlier is *Pentecosten*) Cf ON *Hwita-dagar*, Pentecost, lit white days, *Hwita-daga-vika*, Whit week, *Hwita-sunnu-dagi*, Whit-Sunday, etc white AS *hwit* Com Teut., cf Du *wit*, Ger *weiss*, ON *hvít*, Goth *hwerts*; cogn with *wheat*. In *whitebait*, the fry of the sprat, herring, and other fish, *bait* (q.v.) has the older sense of food *Whiteboy* (hist.), Ir secret society, so called from the white smocks used in raids, is 18 cent The *White House* is the popular name of the "Executive Mansion" of the US President at Washington With current use of *white man* (US), favourably contrasted with "coloured," cf E use of *sahib* in the Services Pol sense, opposed to *red* (Republican), dates from F Revolution. With formation of *whitening* cf. *lightning* With *whiting* cf. synon Ger *weissling*, Norw *hvitling* *White magic* (*witch*) is contrasted with the *black art* (q.v.). With fig sense of *whitewash*, to conceal person's faults, give bankrupt fresh start, cf earlier *blanch* (v.1) The *white man's burden* is a poem by Kipling (*Times*, Feb 4, 1899) *White hope* came into sporting use (c 1912) in ref to the quest for a white man capable of beating the negro champion pugilist, Jack Johnson

To *blanch* and *varnish* her deformities (Milt)

Before very long will begin White Bolshevism, the White Terror, the rule of the reactionaries

(*Daily Herald*, June 25, 1919)

Denikin and his Cossacks were the "white hopes" of the Anti-Bolsheviks (*Obs* Dec 7, 1919)

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And Y shal bringe in up on Elam foure wyndus for the foure coestus of hevenc, and Y shal weynewe [tar wyndewe] them in to alle these windus

(Wyc Jer. xlix 36)

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winter AS *winter* Com Teut; cf Du. Ger *winter*, ON *vet*, Goth *wintrus*. In primitive Teut. also in sense of year, as in AS *ænetre* (*ân-wintre*), one-year-old, and still in dial *twinter*, two-year old, for *two winter*, see *night*, *summer*

Now is the winter of our discontent
Made glorious summer by this sun of York

(Rich III, i 1)

Winton. Signature of bishop of Winchester, AS *Wintanceaster*

wipe AS *wīpan*, cogn with LG *wīp*, wisp (of straw for rubbing down) For relation of *wipe* to *wisp* (twist of straw), cf F *torcher*, to wipe, from *torche*, torch, also "wreathed clowt, wispe, or wad of straw" (Cotg.) To *wipe out* (fig) is US For *wipe*, blow, cf slang use of F *torcher*, *fiotter*, *brosser*

To statesmen would you give a wipe,
You print it in Italic type (Swift)

wire AS *wīr*, cf ON *vīr*, OHG *wīra*, twisted ornament, ult cogn with L *viriac*, armlets (of twisted wire), said by Pliny to be of Celt origin. In sense of telegraph from c 1880 *Wireless* dates from c 1895 To *wire-draw* is to draw out metal into wire, hence to over-elaborate in length *Wire-drawer* occurs as trade-description and surname in 13 cent *Wire-pulling*, allusive to puppets, is US, for earlier *wire-working* To *wire in* (colloq), set to work vigorously, is mod slang (? orig pugil)

A subject common, hare-worne, and wyer-drawne in a thousand bookes (Florio's *Montaigne*, i 28)

wis [pseudo-archaic] False pres of *wist* (q v), through adv *wis*, certainly, orig adj, AS *gewiss* (cf Ger *gewiss*), being taken as *I wis* See *wit*

Y-wis, but if ich have e my wille,
For deerne love of thee, lemman, I spille
(Chauc A 3277).

Where my morning haunts are he wisses not
(Milton, *Smeđymnus*)

wisdom See *wise*². With *wisdom tooth*, cut at age of wisdom, cf F. *dent de sagesse* (Cotg), Ger *weisheitszahn*, G *σοφιστο-τύπες*

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wiseacre "One that knows or tells truth, but we commonly use it in *malam partem*, for a fool" (Blount). Via Du from Ger *weissager*, a prophet, altered, by analogy with Ger *wahrsager*, a soothsayer (from *wahr*, true), from OHG *wīzago*, cogn with AS *wīlega*, wise man, prophet, from *wītig*, witty, wise

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Thy wish was father, Harry, to that thought
(2 Hen IV, iv 5)

wishy-washy Redupl on *wash* But cf. Ger *wisch-wasch*, *wischl-waschl*, which may be equally well from *wisch*, wisp, fig trash

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wist [archaic] Past of *wit* (q v); cf Ger. *wusste*, past of *wissen*, to know

wistaria Plant Named from C *Wistar*, US anatomist (†1818)

wistful. ? Evolved from earlier adv. *wistly*, silently, earnestly (Rich II, v 4), ? from *whist*¹ Later sense influenced by *wishful*

wit. AS *wit*, understanding, sense, from *witan*, to know, orig sense surviving in *out of one's wits*, *five wits*, *wit's end*, etc Replaced in early 16 cent, in higher senses, by *wisdom* The verb survives in archaic *wot* (pres), *wist* (past), *to wit* (cf F *d savoir*), cf also *wittingly*, i.e. knowingly The verb, an old pret, as is seen by absence

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wizened From *wizen*, AS *wisman*, to wither, cogn with *weornian*, to fade, cf. ON *visunn*, wizened, whence *visna*, to wither, also OHG *wesanēn* ? Cogn with Teut *wesan*, to be, with sense of "has been" (cf Ger *verwesen*, decayed), ? or from Aryan root containing idea of destruction which appears in L *virus*, poison Also spelt *weazen-ed*

woad AS *wād*; cf Du *weede*, Ger *ward*, also F *guède*, It *guado*, from Teut Prob an ancient Aryan word represented in L by *vitrum*

wobble For earlier *wabble*, frequent of dial *wap*, cogn with ME *quappen*, to tremble, and perh ult with *squab*

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Wo was this wretched womman tho begon
(Chauc B 918)

"Go wei," quod the kok, "wo the bi-go"
(Fox and Wolf).

woiwode See *voiwode*

wold ME *wald*, AS *weald* See *weald* Orig sense, like that of *forest*, was uncultivated or unenclosed ground The northern *wolds* are usu treeless, like the southern *downs* Cf *Cotswold*

wolf AS *wulf* Aryan, cf Du Ger *wolf*, ON *úlfr*, Goth *wulfs*, L *lupus*, G *λύκος*, Sanskrit *vrka*, cogn with G *ἐλκεῖν*, to tear (cf *vulture*) The lost guttural of the Teut forms survives in ON *ylgr*, she-wolf As the commonest of the predatory animals the wolf figures largely in metaphor and is an important element in Teut names (*Ethelwulf*, *Wolfram*, etc.) As emblem of famine in to *keep the wolf from the door* See also *Tartar*

Veniunt ad vos in vestimentis ovium, intrinsecus autem sunt lupi rapaces (Vulg Matt vii 15)

wolfram [chem] Ger , orig personal name, "wolf raven" For application to mineral cf *cobalt*, *nickel*

wolverine N Amer *glutton*² Irreg from *wolf*

woman AS *wīfmann*, wife man, i e female

being, with pl *wīfmen*. For loss of -f cf *leman* Change of vowel is due to the init w- (cf *won't*), survival of orig sound in pl being app due to unconscious tendency to differentiate, perh also to assim to second syllable (*wīmīn*)

And she answered (all the woman in her flashing from her eyes),

"You mustn't ask no questions, and you won't be told no lies!" (Gilbert, *Annie Protheroe*)

womb AS *wamb*, belly Com Teut , cf Du *wam*, Ger *wamme*, *wampe*, ON *vōmb*, Goth *wamba*, all rather in gen than in spec E mod sense

And he covetide to fille his wombe of the coddis that the hoggis cecten (Wyc *Luke*, xv 16)

wombat From native Austral *wombach*

wonder AS *wundor* Com Teut , cf Du *wonder*, Ger *wunder*, ON *undr* *Wondrous* is altered from ME *wonders*, adv genitive of adj *wonder*, which is a back-formation from adv *wonderly*, AS *wundorlic* Cf *righteous* for a similar adoption of -ous *Wonderland* was popularized by Lewis Carroll (1865)

The great world behold, lo, divided wonderly
Into two regions (*Four Elements*, c 1510)

wont First as adj With excrescent -t from ME *wone*, *wune*, accustomed, AS *geun*, usual, cogn with *wuman*, to dwell, continue, become habituated Perh also partly from the p p *woned* of the ME verb Cf Ger *gewohnt*, wont, OHG *giwon*, of which earlier form survives in *gewohnheit*, habit, *gewohnlich*, usually Also ON *vanr*, accustomed, *venja*, to accustom (see *wean*) The whole group perh belongs to the Aryan root meaning pleasure which appears in *winsome*, *Venus*, etc

She never was to swiche gestes woned
(Chauc E 339)

won't For *will not* For change of vowel after w- cf *woman* Perh also influenced by *don't*

woo ME *wowen*, AS *wōgian*, also *wōgere*, wooer, with no known cognates

wood AS *wudu*, *wudu*, forest, timber (cf double sense of Ger *holz*), cogn with ON *vittr*, tree, OHG *witu* (still in *wedehopf*, hoopoe, wood-hen, lit wood-hopper), also with OIr *fid*, tree, Gael *fiadh*, wood, Welsh *gwydd*, trees For *woodbine* see *vine* Second element of *woodruff*, AS *wudurofe*, is obscure The fact that it is a common surname (cf *Woodward*) would point to some

better, lesser If the worst comes to the worst is 16 cent, but the first worst was perh orig worse

I cannot hate thee worser than I do

(*Ant. & Cleop* II 5).

worship First as noun. AS *weorthscipe*, "worth-ship," glory, dignity, orig sense surviving in *your worship* (cf *your lordship*, *honour*, *majesty*, etc., the *worshipful* the *Mayoi*) Verbis ME See quot s v *woisted*

worsted Recorded from 13 cent From *Worstead*, Norfolk, place of origin See Chauc A 262 F *ostade*, "the stuffe worsted, or woosted" (Cotg), is from E

I wold make my doblot all worsted for worship of Norfolk (*Paston Let.* II 235)

wort¹ Herb Now chiefly in compds (*colewort*, *mugwort*, etc), otherwise replaced by *plant* AS *wyrt*, plant, root Com Teut, cf OSax *wurt*, Ger *wurz*, ON *wrt*, Goth *waurts*, cogn with *root*¹, and ult also with L *radix*, G *plā* See also *wurzel*

wort² Unfermented beer AS *wyrt*, in *mar-wyrt*, mash-wort, app ident with *wort*¹; cf OSax *wintia*, Ger *wintze*, spice, ON *wirt*, beer-wort, cogn but not ident forms

worth¹ Value AS *weorth* (noun & adj). Com Teut, cf Du *waard*, Ger *wert*, ON *verth*, Goth *wairthis*, ? cogn with *ware*¹ With later *worthy* cf *swarthy*, *vasty*, *wary* The suffix *-worth*, in *staiworth*, is cogn

worth² [*archaic*] In *woe worth the day*. Pres subj of AS *weorðan*, to become, be Com. Teut, cf Du *worden*, Ger *werden*, ON *vertha*, Goth *wairthan*, cogn with L *vertere*, to turn ground-sense of taking direction appearing in cogn *-ward(s)*. See also *weird*

Thus saith the Lord God, How! ye, Woe worth the day [W'g 're die] (*Isa* xxx 2)

worthy See *worth*¹, and cf Ger *wundig*, ON *verthignr* Application to person, e.g. a Tudor *worthy*, appears in ME

wot See *wit*

would Past of *will* (q v).

wound AS *wund* Com Teut., cf. Du *wond*, Ger. *wurde*, ON *und*, Goth *wunds* (adj.) The adj (AS *wund*, Ger *wund*) is perh the older, and represents the pres. part (cf *friend*, *fiend*) of a Teut verb, possibly represented by L *uen* (q.v.). Formerly rmed with *ground* (v.1)

I'll ring thy [Charles I's] obsequies with trumpet
ran ds

And write thy ep taph with bloods and wounds
 (Montrose).

wourah See *curare*

wr- All words in *wr-* are of Teut. origin, the *w-* disappearing in Ger. & ON, though persisting as *v-* in mod Scand langs. The combination corresponds to G *þ-* for earlier *Fþ-* A large proportion of *wr-* words belong to an Aryan root with sense of twisting

wrack ME. *wrac*, var *wreck* (q v), from which it is now differentiated in sense, cf Du. *wrak*, also F. *varech*, sea-weed, orig "a sea-wrack or wreck" (Cotg), from E. See also *rack*¹ *Wreck* is always *wrack* in early editions of Shaks

The constable of the castel down is fare

To seen this wrak, and al the ship he soghte

(Chauc B 512).

Wraf. Member of *Women's Royal Air Force* (1917) See *Waac* and cf *Anzar*

wraith. Orig Sc Earlier *wrath*, *wreth*, altered from *warth*, in orig sense of guardian angel, ON *vörthr*, guardian See *ward*

wrangle ME *wranglen*, cogn with *wring*. Hence *wangler* (univ.), disputant in schools, applied to first class in mathematical tripos.

wrap. App for earlier *wlap*, for which see quot s v *cratch* This occurs passim in Wyc. where Tynd has *wrap* See also *develop* It is possible that *wrapper* and *envelope* are ult related. With fig *wrapped up* in cf *bound up with* *Wrap* was once literary (v.1).

The world was like a large and sumptuous shop,
 Where God his goodly treasures did unwrap

(*Siv. Furlis*)

wrath AS *wræthra*, from *wrāth*, angry, whence *wroth*, cogn with Du *wried*, angry, OHG *wīdan*, to twist, ON *reithr*, angry, and ult with *writhe*

wreak AS *wreccan*, to avenge (q v.), orig to drive, urge Com. Teut, cf. Du *wreken*, Ger *rächen*, ON *reka*, to drive, pursue, Goth. *wrikan*, to persecute; cogn with L *urgere*, G. *drücken*, to shut in To *wreak vengeance* is, compared with ME, pleon Sometimes errone used by mod writers as though it were pres of *wrought* (see *work*) See also *wreck*, *wretch*

He wolde doon so ferforthly his mis;ht

Upon the tiraunt Creon hem to wrel

(Chauc A. 266)

The damage they have wreaked must be repaired
 to the uttermost farthing

(*Sunday Times*, Oct 6, 1918).

wreath. AS *wræth*, fillet, bandage, cogn. with *writhe* Orig. sense of twisting in *wreath* cf

smoke face & rather in smiles uttered
by (Spencer Worthington)

wreck. As most exile misery from an
to drive weak (q.v.). It later assumed sense
of a. n. was & applied to anything driven
ashore by the waves (cf. wreck).

when AS speaks of ON in ill From
Kind's friend one of the wies of (Odn.
Its names in other lan. are usu royal
e.g. L. regius F. royal (er. and n.
app. in allusion to golden etc.

When Members of House of Representatives (D)

wrench. AS *wrenc* article truck whence
wrenn f twist wrench cogn with
wren (q.v.) It is wry us that the fig
sense (stud in cilly *wrenn*) appears first
in f. Lo wal order of enes appears in
Ger *wrden* wren is pl of wren twist cogn
with *wren* to wren b cultivate

If I only were... & that we must...
 (Cha. 6, 18)

wrest As well as to twist come with
 or all will twist Twist n. a lean still
 pronounced in f. sense

The House is bent on wresting 7 things to its pro-
pound they are kept up (Pepys, Oct 2 601)

wrestle AS n 1 a fight from one to (v s)

wretch AS *grasta* outcast, ex. from
writen to expel wr ik f r sen e de
ve pment of Ger stand wreched on
e it OHC *el r t* of alien land OHC
r t are co hant outlaw took in
MHC se e of warrior whence poet. Ger
r e revied by Wieland in 19 cent With
Peppa regular my wife pwr wretch
of jst low The word is still used
somewhat endearingly in dial

I still never let Perdition near my soul.
I still let it see that I'm

wreck, sick. To twist ME with a sign
with my - of Dr. Winkler, Norw Dan
for the Sw. to

wriggle 1 frequ of obs. wrt cgn with
 wrt 4 (v) and with wrt wrt of AS
 wrt wrt to strgle forward

wright Now dial etc in compels. (wheel
or if shipwreck etc.) But very common
is surname AS work worker from
nycan to work. Cf OIG work worker
also surviving in surnames, e.g. Schu kar
st be wri ht.

Se wirtha es wythe d's m lvs
145 long 1/2 x 2.

wring AS wryn an to twist. Com Teut.
cl Du wri gen Ger ringen Norw Dan

even contacted Geth wronged noose
Cogn with ~~arrange~~ ~~arrange~~ etc.

wrinkle AS *ter x k* cogn. with *ter*
ter m k of obs Du *ter kel* Ger *runzel*
dum of OHG *runa* (for *runst*) cogn.
 with L *rua* a terror wrinl and prob
 also with *ruck* in sense of device etc (in
Emphases) as in to g *ru* a *ruin* is arg
 a direct dum from *ter k* (q.v.)

wrist AS wrist also *hand* st sign with
 wrist For sense cf Ger *handgelenk*
 wrist from *lenken* to turn The Teut.
 sense is joint articulation cf LG *arh*,
 Ger *r* wrist and ankle in MHG ON
rist ankle

write AS write *script* a writing, legal document
scripture from write With H

Ge dwelath, and common blage gewritu
(45. Gorp Vall 200: 2)

The Kings writ run in Ireland
(Lord W. Osborne, Nov. 25, 1817)

write AS *wrifan* to gra'e draw write.
 Com. Teut. though *pec* sense orig.
 to scratch runs on bark ('ee-booh') is not
 found in Du & Ger. f Du *wrijven* Ger
reiben to tear ON *rija* to write Goth.
wrifan (inferred from *writ* stroke of
 pen) Orig. sense of L *s* *scrivere* was also to
 scratch (see *scrine*) Cf also *la s br*
winthe 1b *wrifan* to twist Com. Teut. f
 archaic Du *wrijven* OHG *riht* (whence F
riuer to wrinkle) ON *rika* Orig. strong
 as till in poet pp *wrifun*

wrong Late AS *gwa* injustice from
 gwa coon with ON *angr* (if r = *angr*).
 AS adj *stul* means lit bent crooked in
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For a list of other of great, and wrong (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 165th, 166th, 167th, 168th, 169th, 170th, 171st, 172nd, 173rd, 174th, 175th, 176th, 177th, 178th, 179th, 180th, 181st, 182nd, 183rd, 184th, 185th, 186th, 187th, 188th, 189th, 190th, 191st, 192nd, 193rd, 194th, 195th, 196th, 197th, 198th, 199th, 200th, 201st, 202nd, 203rd, 204th, 205th, 206th, 207th, 208th, 209th, 210th, 211st, 212nd, 213th, 214th, 215th, 216th, 217th, 218th, 219th, 220th, 221st, 222nd, 223rd, 224th, 225th, 226th, 227th, 228th, 229th, 230th, 231st, 232nd, 233rd, 234th, 235th, 236th, 237th, 238th, 239th, 240th, 241st, 242nd, 243rd, 244th, 245th, 246th, 247th, 248th, 249th, 250th, 251st, 252nd, 253rd, 254th, 255th, 256th, 257th, 258th, 259th, 260th, 261st, 262nd, 263rd, 264th, 265th, 266th, 267th, 268th, 269th, 270th, 271st, 272nd, 273rd, 274th, 275th, 276th, 277th, 278th, 279th, 280th, 281st, 282nd, 283rd, 284th, 285th, 286th, 287th, 288th, 289th, 290th, 291st, 292nd, 293rd, 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th, 298th, 299th, 300th, 301st, 302nd, 303rd, 304th, 305th, 306th, 307th, 308th, 309th, 310th, 311st, 312nd, 313th, 314th, 315th, 316th, 317th, 318th, 319th, 320th, 321st, 322nd, 323rd, 324th, 325th, 326th, 327th, 328th, 329th, 330th, 331st, 332nd, 333rd, 334th, 335th, 336th, 337th, 338th, 339th, 340th, 341st, 342nd, 343rd, 344th, 345th, 346th, 347th, 348th, 349th, 350th, 351st, 352nd, 353rd, 354th, 355th, 356th, 357th, 358th, 359th, 360th, 361st, 362nd, 363rd, 364th, 365th, 366th, 367th, 368th, 369th, 370th, 371st, 372nd, 373rd, 374th, 375th, 376th, 377th, 378th, 379th, 380th, 381st, 382nd, 383rd, 384th, 385th, 386th, 387th, 388th, 389th, 390th, 391st, 392nd, 393rd, 394th, 395th, 396th, 397th, 398th, 399th, 400th, 401st, 402nd, 403rd, 404th, 405th, 406th, 407th, 408th, 409th, 410th, 411st, 412nd, 413th, 414th, 415th, 416th, 417th, 418th, 419th, 420th, 421st, 422nd, 423rd, 424th, 425th, 426th, 427th, 428th, 429th, 430th, 431st, 432nd, 433rd, 434th, 435th, 436th, 437th, 438th, 439th, 440th, 441st, 442nd, 443rd, 444th, 445th, 446th, 447th, 448th, 449th, 450th, 451st, 452nd, 453rd, 454th, 455th, 456th, 457th, 458th, 459th, 460th, 461st, 462nd, 463rd, 464th, 465th, 466th, 467th, 468th, 469th, 470th, 471st, 472nd, 473rd, 474th, 475th, 476th, 477th, 478th, 479th, 480th, 481st, 482nd, 483rd, 484th, 485th, 486th, 487th, 488th, 489th, 490th, 491st, 492nd, 493rd, 494th, 495th, 496th, 497th, 498th, 499th, 500th, 501st, 502nd, 503rd, 504th, 505th, 506th, 507th, 508th, 509th, 510th, 511st, 512nd, 513th, 514th, 515th, 516th, 517th, 518th, 519th, 520th, 521st, 522nd, 523rd, 524th, 525th, 526th, 527th, 528th, 529th, 530th, 531st, 532nd, 533rd, 534th, 535th, 536th, 537th, 538th, 539th, 540th, 541st, 542nd, 543rd, 544th, 545th, 546th, 547th, 548th, 549th, 550th, 551st, 552nd, 553rd, 554th, 555th, 556th, 557th, 558th, 559th, 560th, 561st, 562nd, 563rd, 564th, 565th, 566th, 567th, 568th, 569th, 570th, 571st, 572nd, 573rd, 574th, 575th, 576th, 577th, 578th, 579th, 580th, 581st, 582nd, 583rd, 584th, 585th, 586th, 587th, 588th, 589th, 590th, 591st, 592nd, 593rd, 594th, 595th, 596th, 597th, 598th, 599th, 600th, 601st, 602nd, 603rd, 604th, 605th, 606th, 607th, 608th, 609th, 610th, 611st, 612nd, 613th, 614th, 615th, 616th, 617th, 618th, 619th, 620th, 621st, 622nd, 623rd, 624th, 625th, 626th, 627th, 628th, 629th, 630th, 631st, 632nd, 633rd, 634th, 635th, 636th, 637th, 638th, 639th, 640th, 641st, 642nd, 643rd, 644th, 645th, 646th, 647th, 648th, 649th, 650th, 651st, 652nd, 653rd, 654th, 655th, 656th, 657th, 658th, 659th, 660th, 661st, 662nd, 663rd, 664th, 665th, 666th, 667th, 668th, 669th, 670th, 671st, 672nd, 673rd, 674th, 675th, 676th, 677th, 678th, 679th, 680th, 681st, 682nd, 683rd, 684th, 685th, 686th, 687th, 688th, 689th, 690th, 691st, 692nd, 693rd, 694th, 695th, 696th, 697th, 698th, 699

Wrong is an French pl. c well Tort because
 wrong is wisted or crooked being contrare to what
 is t and right

{Length Pk in AT Command}

wroth See *aw* 4
wrought See *work*

wrought See work
wry MF bent twisted from wry to
twist et 19 wry glom Ono sense sur
wry in wry See wry etc

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wurrel Ger root (q) \ t a d m but
an one camp OHG wu d for *wus
wals root-stall (see wov waw) of 15.
wivwals root stock wivwals to plant.
See also man d w w l

wyandotte Breed of fowls from N Amer

Name of Red Ind tribe

wych-elm See *witch-elm*

Wykehamist Member of Winchester College, founded (1378) by *William of Wykeham*, bishop of Winchester Recorded from 16 cent

wyvern See *wivern*

x- All words in *x*-, exc *xebec*, are of G origin and learned formation In the abbrevs *Xmas*, *Xtian*, *X*- represents G. *X* (= *ch*), so also XP for G *Χριστός*, Christ

x As symbol for 10 from L In math distortion of earlier crossed *r*, for L *radix* (see *roof*) or *res*, as used by medieval mathematicians for the unknown quantity Hence *x-rays*, from their unknown character (see *Röntgen rays*) On beer-barrels *XX*, *XXX* are said to be for *extra*

Xanthippe Shrew Wife of Socrates

xantho- From G *ξανθός*, yellow

xebec Vessel Cf *F chabec*, *chebec*, It *scia-becco*, *zambecco*, Sp *jabeque*, Turk *sumbaki*, all from Arab *shabbah*

xeno- From G *ξένος*, guest, stranger, foreigner

xero- From G *ξηρός*, dry

xipho- From G *ξίφος*, sword

xylo- From G *ξύλοι*, wood, timber

xyster [*med*] Instrument for scraping bones
G *ξύστηρ*, from *ξύειν*, to scrape

xystus [*antiq*] Covered colonnade for use of athletes in winter G *ξύστρος*, prop adj, scraped (*v s*), from polished floor

Y Of various Y-shaped devices Also *y-moth*, gamma-moth

y- In archaisms for AS *ge-* See *yclept*

yacht Du *yacht*, earlier *jagt*, for *jagtschip*, from *jagen*, to hunt, cf LG *jageschip* Used by Purch (*yacht*) in transl from Du Pepys (from 1659) has many allusions to the king's yacht, built as an improvement on his Du pleasure-boat *Yachting*, like skating (see *skate*), came from Holland with Charles II Also in F (Colbert, 1666)

[We] anchored thwart of Bluis, where came on board us with his yachts [MS. yachthes] the Prince of Orange (Phineas Pett, 1613)

He is building the King's yacht, which will be a pretty thing, and much beyond the Dutchman (Pepys, Jan. 13, 1661)

I sailed this morning with his Majesty in one of his yachts (or pleasure boats), vessels not known

among us till the Dutch East India Company presented that curious piece to the king (Evelyn, Oct. 1, 1661)

yager [*hist*]. Du *jager*, as *jäger* (q.v.). See also *yacht*

yah Natural expression of derision

yahoo Brute in human form Coined by Swift (*Gulliver*), prob from *yah*

Yahveh, Yahvist See *Jehovah*

yak Tibetan *gyak*

yale lock From name of US inventor (19 cent.)

yam, Native WAfr Spelt *namu*, *nam* by Haki, *namo* by Purch, cf F *name* (*Paul et Virginie*), Port *inhame* Senegal *nyami*, to eat, "understood by foreigners as referring to the African 'staff of life'" (James Platt, *Notes & Queries*, March 24, 1900).

Saying in the true Creolian language and style, "No! me no can yam more"

(Hickey's *Memoirs*, II 64)

Yama Hindu judge of the dead Sanskrit

yamen See *Tsung-li-yamen*

yank [US] To jerk abruptly Origin unknown

Yankee Orig (18 cent) of limited application, and perh first used of Du inhabitants of New Amsterdam (New York) Prob a dim of Du *Jan*, John (cf *Jenkin*) It has also been suggested that it is a back-formation, like *Chinee*, *Portugee*, from Du *Jan Kes*, lit John Cornelius, both of which names are used as nicknames in Du *Yankee doodle* was a pop song during the War of Independence (1775-83)

And some be Scot, but the worst, God wot, and the boldest thieves, be Yank!

(Kipling, *Three Sealers*)

yap Imut, cf F. *japper*, to yelp

yard¹ Measure AS *gierd*, rod, wand, measure of land, cf. Du *gaard*, rod, 'Ger gerte', "a rod, switch, or wand" (Ludw.), Goth *gards*, stake, ? ult cogn with L *hasta*, spear For sense of measure cf *rod*, *rood*, *pole*¹, *perch*² Orig sense still in naut *yard*, *yard-arm* Hanging at the *yard-arm* is recorded in Purch.

yard² Enclosure AS *geard* Warvan; cf Du *gaard*, OHG *garto* (cf. *Stuttgart*), ON. *gairth* (see *garth*), Goth *gards*, house, L *hortus*, garden (q.v.), G. *χόπος*, feeding-place, all with ground-sense of hedged enclosure, also OIr *gori*, field, Russ *gorod*, town (as in *Novgorod*), Oslav *gradu* (*Belgrade*, *Petrograd*) For sense-development in other langs cf *town*

yarn AS *gearn* Com Teut cf Du *garen* (cf ON *garn* Thought to come from an Aryan root containing idea of winding which appears in ON *görn* (pl *garner*) entrails and L *haru pex* a diviner or soothsayer by looking in beasts' bowels (Coop) Fig sense from sailors' practice of telling tales while engaged in sedentary work such as yarn twisting, with secondary allusion to length

yarrow AS *gearwe* WGer cf Du *er* Ger *garl* (OHG *giraala*)

yashmak Mosl m woman's veil Arab

yataghan Farh r also *ata hai* (Byron) Turk *yiti kin* from *yak* bed thus a bedside weapon cf F *épée de chambre* lit pillow sword

yaw (naut) ON *yagi* to sway (like a door in its hinges) supposed to be from Ger *jaen* to hunt (see *yacht*) In Shaks (*Hamlet*)

If any lose company and come in so hit again make three yaws and strike the n so three times (Hawkins 1564)

yawl Boat Du *jol* a Jutland boat (Sewell) cf LG *jolle* whence also Norw Dan *jolle* Sv *julle* Ger *jolle jolle* (also *jolle gelte*) F *yole* ult from ON *kyoll* barge hip keel¹ Purch has *joll* in transit from Du *jolly-boat* (q.v.) is unconnected

yawl¹ To yell etc Imit cf Ger *jauln* ON *gaull*

yawn AS *gimian* al o *gimian* ge *man* Com Teut cf Ger *gähnen* (OHG *gimēn* *geimōn*) ON *giia* (cf ON *gim maw*) also without the *n* (orig inflexional) Du *geenen* OHG *gāzen* cogn with L *hiare* to gape G *χε* hole

yaws Tropical Afr disease framboeia Orig from Guiana and prob a Guaraní (Brazil) word

yclept Nov only facet phrase owing to its use by Arnado and Holofemes in *La es Fab Lost* ML (y for AS *ga*) for AS *geclfed* pp of *clifpan* to call (out) cf OFris *klippa* to ring LG *klipfen* to resound

H conq ed the rgn of Fe leay That whl m wa y-cl ped Scith a (Ch ac. A 866)

ye AS *gē* nom pl and as such distinguished from *you* in ME though often confused with it in early mod E eg in *thauke* (thank ye) Aryan cf Du *gi* OHG *r* (ihr) ON *er* Goth *j s* G *vy s* Sanskrit *yam* See *you* y u Bl sed are ye whe m ash ll e l y u a d per secute you (Wat v 11)

ye Archaic printin for the y being substituted for obs symbol þ (= th) Cf the substitution in Sc of s for obs þ (= gh or y) in *Mackay* etc

yea AS *gea* Com Teut cf Du Ger ON *Goth ja* cogn with (y) truly See *yes*

yea ean [archaic & dial] To bring forth (a lamb) whence *yearling* young lamb AS *geanian* and *ðanian* cf Du *oe en* ult cogn with L *a us* lamb cf Welsh *oen* OIr *an* lamb

year AS *gēr* *gēr* Com Teut cf Du *jaar* Ger *jahr* ON *a* Goth *jēr* Also OPers *iar* Orig sen e v as prob spring turn of the year cf corn G *wp* season sprin Slav *jaru* spring The true Aryan word for year appears in G *os gn* with L *etis* old For uninflected neut pl as still in two year-old etc *i suare*

yearn AS *giernan* from *georn* eager desirous Com Teut cf Du *gaerne* Ger *gern* (ad willingly) ON *giarn* Goth *garns* (in *sihug r* a anxious) also Ger *begehren* to desire (from MHG *geren*)

yeast AS *gist* Com Teut cf Du *geit* Ger *gis* lit earthenware (cf *gäh en* to ferment causal from OHG *jesen*) ON *ja* cogn with G *ζ* to boil

yell See *yolk*

yell AS *gellin* Com Teut cf Du *gilen* Ger *jell n* ON *gjalla* cogn with AS *galan* to sing and hence with *nght* *gale* Of imit ori in

yellow AS *geolu* G *olaz* WG r cf Du *geel* Ger *gelb* (OHG *geh* *gela*) cogn with ON *gulr* L *hel* us pale yellow G *gelb* pos green OPers *sa s* yellow *Yelow* *himmer* is for *-an* *er* AS *an* *ore eme* with which cf Ger *goldam r emmerling* (corruptly *kan merling*) applied to various birds perh cogn with OHG *amr* kind of corn (cf hist of lin es) The corrupt may be partly due to the metallic note of the bird The *yellow* *pe* it was first formalized in Germany (cf *gelbe gefahr*) Hence perh also US *yell w press* (1863) sensationally chauvinistic.

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